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TOLO Quest

Completion of yearbook collection realized

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
For The Prairie News

TOULON – On Sept. 25 I put the final Toulon Township (and Toulon-LaFayette) yearbook in place in my bookcase to complete my collection I began in 2010 seeking to have a copy of every TOLO issued.

The 1938 TOLO, which I searched for years to find, came to me through two of my 1970 classmates.

Joel Wright’s father, Joel Sr., graduated from TTHS in 1938.

When Joel Jr. was clearing out his parents’ home, he came across two 1938 TOLOs. Classmate Pat Fisher Cruzan was present looking for possible purchases and mentioned that I would be interested in that edition.

Joel gave Pat one of the two TOLOs to

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Pat Fisher Cruzan holds the 1938 TOLO that now completes John A. Ballentine’s TTHS yearbook collection.

HOMECOMING ROYALTY

Connor Daum, son of Marjorie Butterfield and Phil Daum, and Arianna Gerber, daughter of Jason and Kellie Gerber, were Stark County High School’s 2025 Homecoming king and queen. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

At left is Stark County High School’s class of 1985 on their 40th anniversary float. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

Farquer arrested, placed on leave

Ex-Billtown superintendent faces felony charge of official misconduct

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

ALEDO – A former Williamsfield School District superintendent could face two to five years in state prison, based on charges filed against him last week.

Tim Farquer ordered a school nurse to disclose to him students’ vaccination information, then compiled it and shared it with someone not authorized to have it, according to Mercer County Circuit Court documents. That resulted in the arrest of Farquer, the Mercer County School District superintendent.

Farquer, 53, was released Sept. 25 from the Mercer County Jail. That was one day after his arrest and the same day he first appeared in court, by video conference from jail. In the courtroom, in front of Judge Matthew Durbin, Altona-based attorney Karl Johnson represented Farquer, who resides in Williamsfield.

Farquer was accused of official misconduct, unauthorized access to medical records and computer tampering. The official-misconduct charge is a

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Farquer

Princeville in the running for \$1 million

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville School District could use an extra \$1 million. First, however, the high school could use some internet-based votes.

Princeville is among 25 finalists in a national contest a cellphone company is conducting. The school district already won \$35,000 over the past year or so from T-Mobile through its Friday Night 5G Lights contest, a football-related promotion.

Votes from the public at the Friday Night 5G Lights website are being accepted for each finalist, of which Princeville is the only one in Illinois. Voting ends Oct. 24. School-generated social-media posts on Instagram and X also boost the odds.

The grand-prize winner, to be announced Oct. 30, is to receive \$1 million for a football-field upgrade. Among ancillary prizes are a trip for 16 school representatives to the SEC football championship game this December in Atlanta, as well as an upgraded weight room.

Princeville upgraded its weight room about a year ago, so the contest is a little late for that. But School Superintendent Tony Shinnall isn’t about to complain.

“We’re super excited,” he said. “The kids absolutely deserve this. Even if we don’t win, this is doing wonders for school spirit and the community. We’re going to go down swinging.”

Princeville was in 11th place in the voting as of early this week, with Dexter (Maine) Regional High School at the top. Still, that isn’t shabby for Princeville, which is one

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Ballots can be cast for Princeville in the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights contest at www.t-mobile.com/brand/friday-night-5g-lights. One vote per email account per day. Voting ends Oct. 24. The district Instagram account is @princevillecusd and the X account is @PrincevilleCUSD.

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PRINCEVILLE: \$25,000 T-Mobile check Friday

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of the smallest schools remaining in the competition. More than 2,000 schools nationwide participated.

The genesis of Princeville’s contest involvement lies with a friend of Shinall’s wife, Aimee. The friend told her about it last year. Shinall applied and the school won \$5,000, a prize for finishing among the top 450 schools. Princeville applied again this year and won another \$5,000.

After that, area T-Mobile representatives took a closer look at Princeville’s potential. So did Kelly Jenkins, the district technology coordinator, and colleagues Alex Coulter and Summer Rice. They and high school mass-communications students developed social-media posts with T-Mobile hashtags.

“Summer has taken this as a personal challenge, and she has delivered for our kids so much,” Shinall said. “She has been all over this since day one.”

Princeville-produced social-media videos included administrators Jake Lowery and Rich Thole demonstrating how well (or not so well) they know current teenager slang, according to Shinall. A group of grade-school teachers also proved adept at video creation.

All of it helped lead to the top-25 selection, which included a \$25,000 prize. It also led to a raucous, early-morning pep assembly last week, where Princeville students celebrated the achievement. Among the congratulations was a personalized Instagram video from retired NFL player Rob Gronkowski.

“I’d never done a morning pep assembly before,” Shinall said. “It was a lot louder than I thought it was going to be.”

Another gathering that’s likely to be loud is set for halftime of today’s homecoming game against ROWVA-Williamsfield. That’s when Princeville is to be presented the \$25,000 T-Mobile check.

Last year, the T-Mobile money funded the purchase of stencils for on-field logos, according to Shinall. This year’s prizes might go toward field irrigation work. But Princeville always could use a little more. Or maybe a lot more.

“Hopefully we’re have a spending problem here soon and have to figure out how to spend much more money,” Shinall said.

Bradford ups teacher pay for FY27

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – The Bradford School Board approved a \$43,543 minimum teacher salary for Fiscal Year 2027 at its Sept. 23 meeting.

The minimum salary approved includes a 2.67% increase from FY26.

The board also adopted a Fiscal Year 2026 budget during its regular Sept. 23 meeting.

During a budget hearing prior to the regular meeting, there were no comments from the public.

In other business, the board accepted the lone snow removal bid received, which was from DeSmit Lawn & Snow Services.

The board also approved Superintendent Chad Gripp to write a letter of support for the Village of Bradford’s application for a Safe Routes to School grant and accepted the resignation of paraprofessional Tracy Calder.



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Incidents & Accidents
Stark County

9-24 - David S. Lyon, 50, Toulon, was arrested following a traffic stop where he was charged with driving under the influence, two counts of aggravated driving under the influence, illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver, driving on a revoked driver’s license and improper lane usage. Lyon was released with a notice to appear in court, and his truck was towed and impounded. Additionally, he has been charged with a felony count of aggravated DUI.

9-25 - Nishanth Damera, 24, Hawthorn Woods, was ticketed for speeding 70 mph in a 45 zone.

9-26 - Matthew P. Calleros, 50, Wyoming, was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

9-26 - A site supervisor from the Camp Grove Wind Farm reported the discovery of where an unknown individual had cut a lock and stole a few wire spools. The incident remains under investigation.

9-26 - The Wyoming postmaster reported a mail carrier was bitten by a pit bull. The canine owner was identified and the incident remains under investigation.

9-27 - Donald E. Brock Jr., 59, Galva, was cited for operation of an uninsured vehicle. He was issued a court date to appear.

9-27 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on the Modena Road approximately a half mile west of 1100E. The driver was Frank R. Gillan, 23, of Wyoming. No injuries were reported but the 2012 Mazda Hatchback sustained damages estimated at over \$1,500.

9-28 - A 66-year-old Wyoming resident reported tshe was bitten by one of three dogs running loose in the 200 block of S. Main St. The incident remains under investigation, and the authorities contacted the owner of the dogs.

9-28 - Rosalinda E. Francisco-Tomas, 22, Birmingham, Ala., was cited for speeding 90 mph in a 55 zone.

9-28 - Margaret J. Martin, 18, Clinton, was ticketed for speeding 78 mph in a 55 zone.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

9-22 - to the 400 block of NE 1st St. to assist the Kewanee Police Department with an interview.

9-22 - Officer located an abandoned bicycle in the 300 block of N.Center Ave.

9-22 - to the 800 block of NW 5th Ave. for a loose-dog complaint.



The dog was located and returned to its owner.

9-22 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a welfare check. The subject was fine.

9-23 - to the 600 block of SW 2nd Ave. to assist a citizen.

9-23 – to assist the Kewanee Police Department with an interview in the 100 block of NW 8th Ave.

9-23 - to the 400 block of NE 1st St. for a domestic disturbance.

9-24 - to the 600 block of SE 2nd St. for a scam report.

9-24 - to the 100 block of SE 6th St. to assist a motorist.

9-25 - along with the Galva Fire Department to escort the Abilities Plus caravan to Wiley Park for their annual picnic.

9-25 - to the 1200 block of SE 2nd St. for a two-car crash with damage only.

9-25 - to the 600 block of NW 5th St. for a possible violation of an order of protection.

9-25 - to the 00 block of SE 6th St. to assist a citizen.

9-25 - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for a disturbance involving a resident striking the house with a hammer.

9-25 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a civil property dispute.

9-26 - to the north edge of town to watch for a reckless driver coming from Germans corners. The vehicle was located parked at a Galva residence.

9-26 - to the 300 block of NW 4th Ave. for a theft complaint.

9-26 - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. for a solicitor complaint. Officer was not able to locate the suspect vehicle.

9-26 - to the 100 block of NE 6th Ave. for a driving complaint.

9-26 - As the result of an investigation into a bicycle that was stolen and destroyed near Wiley Park last week, four Galva juveniles were given juvenile referrals for Henry County Court Services. The juve-

niles were ages 10, 11, 12 and 14 and were all from Galva. They were given referrals and released to their parents.

9-27 - to the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave. for a loud-music complaint.

9-27 - to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

9-27 - to the 300 block of Front St. for a welfare check. The subject was located in Kewanee.

9-27 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a domestic disturbance.

9-27 - to the 300 block of East Division St. for a juvenile disturbance. Officer did not locate the youths allegedly involved.

9-27 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a domestic disturbance.

9-28 - to the 500 block of East Division St. for a civil standby to retrieve property.

9-28 - along with the fire department, to the 900 block of SE 6th St. for a small field fire.

9-28 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal dispute among residents.

9-28 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a domestic disturbance.

9-28 - to the 400 block of N. Center Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. Officer was not able to locate.

9-28 - to assist the Henry County Sheriff’s Department with a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Route 34 several miles west of town. There were several minor injuries as a result of the crash.

Property Transfers

9-23 - Gary J. and Judy A. Mannon to Mannon Family Farms LLC - Pt. Sect. 6-14-7 NW SW NE - Consideration = \$0

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9-24 - Roy Kraft and Timothy G. Peterson to ELJune Properties LLC and Jeffery W. Walk - Pt. Sect. 24-13-5 SE - W. Thomas St., Toulon - Consideration = \$6,000.

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9-25 - Jonathon Issac Rummerfield, Bradford and Victoria Evelyn Bednar, Williamsfield.

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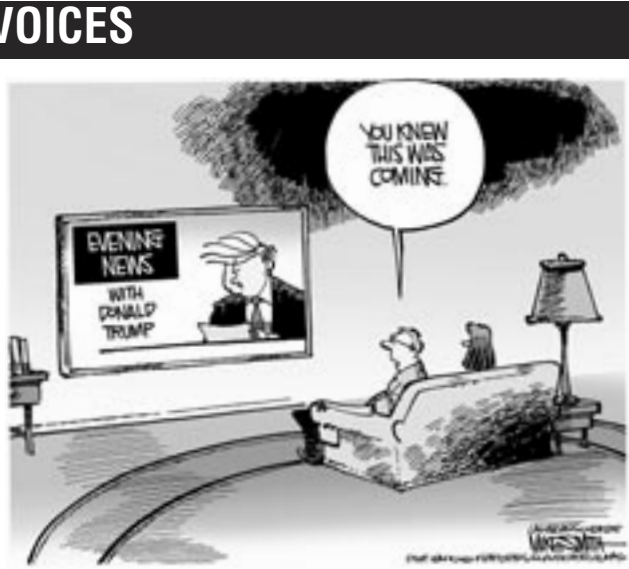
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But news? A.I.-fueled news poses problems.

The first is that news is about reality. A.I. provides tools to bend reality. We're seeing a wave of A.I.-abetted falsehoods and deepfakes online.

No, Ukraine is not sending children, the disabled and the elderly to clear minefields. President Trump does not have a forehead indentation indicating serious illness. Sen. Amy Klobuchar didn't attack Sydney Sweeney and complain that Democrats are "too fat to wear jeans or too ugly to go outside."

It's time to retire "seeing is believing."

A second issue with A.I. is that it

doesn't know what the truth is. Its take on the world will be driven by the data it accesses. Popular but untrue information isn't necessarily filtered out. In contrast to the breathless tone of clickbait, newspapers can seem a little old-school.

Local newspapers embrace the original A.I.: accurate information. How refreshing is that? Newspapers focus on your community, written by neighbors who shop at the same stores and send their kids to the same schools. Most can readily be reached by phone or email, and when they make an error, they correct it.

How quaint. How essential. A.I. isn't magic. When used for search, it offers an analysis and recasting of information about what's already known, drawing on the vast resources of the web.

Any search about your hometown, though, depends on that information being captured and published in the first place. If your local newspaper doesn't report on a new transportation plan for your community, there's nothing for A.I. search to draw upon.

There's an oft-used phrase in data analysis: Garbage in, garbage out. No local news in, no local news out.

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Ken Paulson is the director of the Free Speech Center at Middle Tennessee State University and a former editor-in-chief of USA Today.

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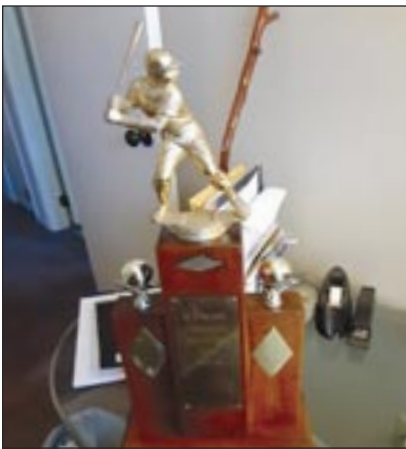
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pass onto me and he kept the other for his family.

I was on the verge of giving up hope of ever fulfilling my quest when Pat texted to let me know she had a 1938 TOLO for me.

My search for TOLOs led me to attend numerous auctions, to run ads in the newspaper and to received many gracious donations to the point where I had all but the 1978 and 1938 yearbooks. They were the hardest to find and thanks for my copy of the 1978 TOLO goes to Kay Jenkins, who donated a copy to me.

Over the years, I've donated duplicate copies to the Toulon Public Library and have also been contacted by a few people who asked



Pictured above is one of several trophies Ballentine has restored in his efforts to preserve TTHS history. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

about the TOLO from their graduation year that they lost and wanted to replace. If I had duplicates, I only

asked for \$5 that begins to cover a small portion of my expenses. Other people ask for information I gladly research for them.

I decided to collect TOLOs when I found out that our TTHS and T-L history had been accosted in 1992 by a superintendent of the newly formed Stark County school district who ordered our trophies “thrown out” in the trash.

I have restored eight or nine trophies that were severely damaged and weathered.

A third 1970 TTHS classmate, Kris Reed McGill, suggested that I indicate where my TOLO collection should go after my death. It's an excellent suggestion and I'll do such with my final directives.

FARQUER: Preliminary hearing set for Oct. 20

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felony, subject to a prison term. The other charges are misdemeanors.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for 9 a.m. Oct. 20 in Aledo. Court documents stated Farquer's alleged misconduct began about Sept. 1 and continued until his arrest.

“Unfortunately I cannot comment but am anxious for the facts to come out soon,” Farquer stated in an email to The Weekly Post.

In a text message, Johnson said he was unavailable. A telephone message was left for Mercer County State's Attorney Grace Simpson.

During a special meeting Sept. 26, the Mercer County School Board voted to place Farquer on paid administrative leave.

Appointed as interim superintendents were Alan Boucher and Scott Petrie. Both are former Mercer County superintendents. Farquer succeeded Petrie in 2024.

A statement School Board President Bill Smock emailed to The Weekly Post read, in part: “As more information becomes available, the

board remains committed to transparency, collaboration and maintaining the high standards of excellence that the community expects from its schools.”

Petrie pleaded guilty in Scott County, Iowa, to drunken driving in 2019. He received probation and served four days of in-home detention, according to KWQC-TV of Davenport, Iowa.

A news release issued Sept. 24 stated the Aledo Police Department had been investigating a complaint regarding school-district employees illegally accessing students' medical records. Electronic devices were seized through a search warrant.

The investigation led to the arrests of two school-district information-technology employees, Andrea Long and Amberly Norton. Both are 41 and from Aledo. They face the same charges as Farquer, whose involvement was discovered during the investigation.

Durbin ordered Farquer not to have contact with Long and Norton, whose preliminary hearings are scheduled for Oct. 7. The school

nurse was not identified and was not charged with a crime. How many students' records were divulged was not revealed.

In a statement Sept. 25, the School Board suggested health records are part of a student's overall school record, as defined under the Illinois School Student Records Act. Medical-privacy laws regarding health-care providers do not apply.

“Their use by teachers, school nurses and support staff is not only common but necessary to meet the educational and developmental needs of our students,” the statement read, in part. “Their use within the school setting is lawful, regulated and essential to the functioning of our educational mission.

“We ask the community to withhold judgment until all facts are reviewed and due process is respected.”

Farquer attended high school in Williamsfield and was its superintendent from 2013 until 2024. He left the district by mutual agreement with its school board.

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Pritzker: Feds set to deploy troops

By **BEN SZALINKSI** and **JERRY NOWICKI**
Capitol News Illinois

The Department of Homeland Security is seeking to send 100 military troops to Chicago, according to Gov. JB Pritzker, who assailed the move as the Trump administration’s latest – yet not unforeseen – push to consolidate power.

“What he plans to do with that power now or during the 2026 elections should worry all of us,” Pritzker said at a Monday afternoon news conference, adding, “You cannot call this anything except an attack on the Constitution of the United States.”

In the days leading up

to the news conference, armed Customs and Border Patrol officers paraded through the streets of Chicago arresting people and shot chemical projectiles at protesters in Broadview, including allegedly at a TV news reporter’s car.

As of Monday, the Chicago Tribune reported that federal prosecutors had charged five people in relation to recent protests, including two who were apparently armed, according to federal authorities.

The Tribune reported that federal Judge Gabriel Fuentes noted there has been “a tendency for ICE to be very aggressive,” in response to the Broad-

view protests, and it was “not a surprise that there was a confrontation.”

Pritzker said the Illinois National Guard learned that the Department of Homeland Security sent a memo to the Department of War, formerly the Department of Defense, seeking 100 troops. He said the stated reason was to protect ICE facilities and other DHS agents working in Illinois. He said Oregon’s National Guard received a similar notice on Sunday.

“The mobilization of the military isn’t just an ineffective strategy to address crime. It is illegal,” Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said.

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OBITUARIES

Sayra F. Johnson

PRINCEVILLE – Sayra Foster Johnson, 88, of Princeville, passed away peacefully surrounded by all three of her children at Apostolic Christian Restmor in Morton on Aug. 6, 2025.

She was born on Aug. 26, 1936, in Princeville, the daughter of Armond T. And Myra (Selfridge) Foster. Sayra attended Princeville High School before graduating from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1958. That same year she married her high school sweetheart, Philip “Phil” Johnson, on July 27, 1958. They resided in Wyoming for one year before moving to Princeville, where they lived for the next 54 years. They relocated to Morton in 2014. He preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 2017.

Sayra (“Sal”) briefly held administrative-assistant jobs in Wyoming and Princeville before devoting herself and dedicating her life to full-time wife, homemaker, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a 79-year member of Princeville United Methodist Church. She was a 70-year member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

At the age of 14, Sal was dia-



Johnson

gnosed with transverse myelitis, a neurological condition where inflammation occurs in the spinal cord, causing paralysis. This was a devastating turning point, with consequences that compounded and became increasingly difficult throughout her life. Despite her physical disabilities, Sal did not ever want that to define her.

Sal was also preceded in death by her parents, Armond and Myra Foster, and her brothers, Tom Foster and Capt. Dick Foster.

She is survived by her three children, Justin (Alissa) Johnson of Harrington Park, N.J., Whitney (Mark) Pfeifer of Morton and Adrienne Martens of Morton; eight grandchildren, Hannah (Frank) Favata, Jillian (fiancé Kevin Palacio) Johnson, Alexandra “Ally” (Jack) Ansell, Kylie, Jacqueline and John Pfeifer; Meredith and Luke Martens; and one great-granddaughter, Vivienne “Vivi” Favata.

Cremation was accorded. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025, at Princeville United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Pyell will officiate. Inurnment will be in Princeville Township Cemetery, followed by a reception at the church. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

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

Robert L. Nordstrom

BISHOP HILL – Robert L. Nordstrom, 85, of Bishop Hill, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025, in rural Altona. Arrangements are pending at Rux Funeral Home in Galva.

Eugene E. Wallace

DAVENPORT, Iowa – Eugene E. “Gene” Wallace, 94, passed away peacefully on Sept. 28, 2025 in Davenport, Iowa. He was born on May 19, 1931, to Russell and Elizabeth (Walker) Wallace and Gene grew up in Toulon. He attended Toulon High School, before serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-53.

After returning from active duty, Gene began his career at Ratliff Brothers in Kewanee, where he worked for 46 years.

In June 1954, he married the love of his life, Wanda, and together they began farming in May 1960.

He is survived by his son, Randy, and daughter-in-law, Gayle; three grandsons, Michael (Amanda), Mark (Melissa) and Blake (Kaleigh); and four great-grandchildren, Braden, Jameson, Aaron and Sloane. He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda; son Gary; his parents; and brothers Harry, Eddie, Mervin and Bob.

The family will hold a private graveside service with military rites accorded by the Kewanee Veterans Council. A celebration of Gene’s life will follow from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, October 18 at the family farm.

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

ESTATE OF
PATTI J. STREITMATTER, DECEASED
Case No. 2025PR

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of PATTI J. STREITMATTER, de-
ceased, 204 East Agard Street, Wyoming, Stark County, Illinois.
Letters of Office were issued on September 12, 2025, to Ross A.
Streitmatter, 204 East Agard Street, Wyoming, Illinois, 61491,
whose attorney is Ryan J. Anderson, 611 Second Street, P.O. Box
174, Henry, IL 61537.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of
said Court at the Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main St., Tou-
lon, IL 61483, on or before March 25, 2026, or, if mailing or deliv-
ery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS
5/18-3, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or be-
fore said date is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered
by the claimant to the representative within 10 days after it has been
filed and proof of such mailing must be filed with the Court.

Ross A. Streitmatter
Independent Executor of the Estate of
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT-
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF:
EVALIENA E. HIER, Deceased
No. 2025PR92

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Evaliena E. Hier. Letters of Office
were issued on September 11, 2025, to Mark A. Hier as Executor
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 March 11, 2025.

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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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Answers on Page 10

Super Crossword

CAPITAL-GRAMS

ACROSS

1 Slogan
6 Like horses
offered for
breeding
12 "You played
well!"
20 Knot on a
tree branch
21 Like Lowell's
"day in
June"
22 Anomalous
23 Creature in the Philip-
pines' capital?
25 Former
British prime
minister
Benjamin
26 Geronimo or
Cochise
27 Voting "no"
29 Final inning,
usually
30 Best Picture
of 2012
32 "El —" (1961
epic film)
33 Horse-drawn
carriage in
Angola's
capital?
37 Sobieski of
Angola?
39 — Plaines
40 Olympic
swimmer
Tom
41 Skating
couples in
France's
capital?

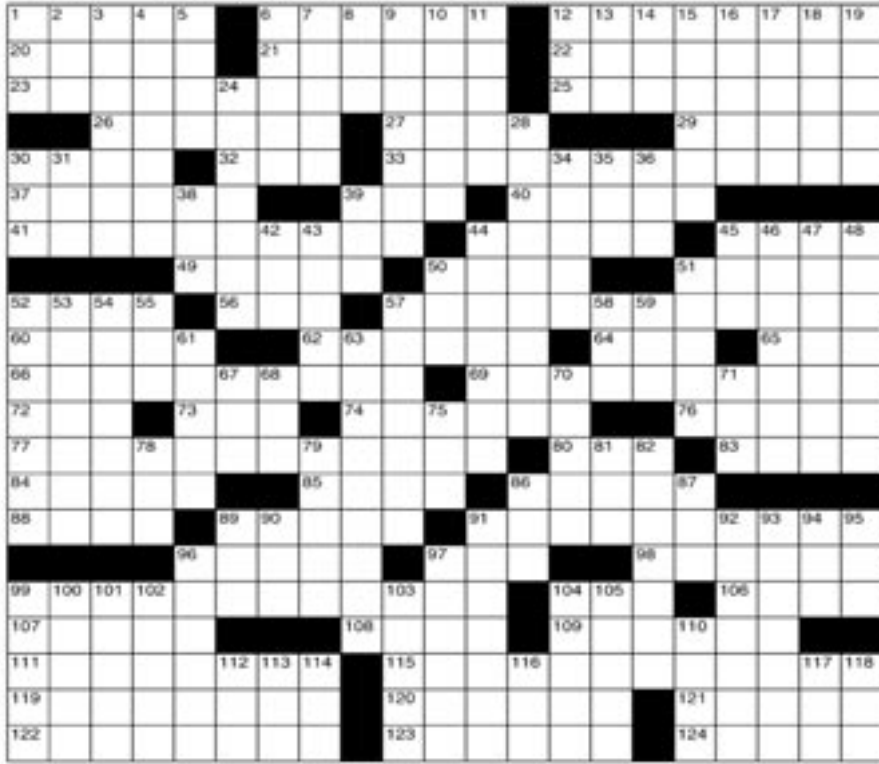
44 Like charged
atoms
45 Pear variety
49 Melodramatic
50 Privy to
51 Massey of
old movies
52 Affliction
for some
war vets
56 Mineo of old
movies
57 Pollen-
bearing organ
from a flower
in Iran's
capital?
60 Goller Hale
62 Insect's egg
capsule
64 Boise loc
65 "State Fair"
actor Ayres
66 Ring thrown
at a peg in
Ecuador's
capital?
69 Public square
in Bolivia's
capital?
72 Abbr. on a
navy vessel
73 Website ID
74 Showed up at
76 Narratives
77 Feudal lords
in Greece's
capital?
80 TV captain
Jean- —
Picard
83 Big shindig
84 Has to have
85 Like a desert

86 Workforce
newcomer
88 Harper of "No
Country for
Old Men"
89 Doughnut-
shaped
91 Small
parasite
in South
Korea's
capital?
96 Primitive-
based kind of
diet
97 "OB-viously!"
98 Striped
stinkers
99 Comedian
in Lesotho's
capital?
104 — Fridays
(eatery chain)
106 "Fancy —!"
107 Flared dress
108 Feudal toiler
109 "Who —
think it?"
111 Said "OK" to
silently
115 Gym sweat-
boxes in the
Bahamas'
capital?
119 Intimate chat
120 The second
"S" of KISS
121 Prez
Roosevelt
122 Back spot for
a rider
123 Madrid's
land, to its
natives

124 "It's nobody
— business"
DOWN
1 "Gigi" studio
2 — roll (hot)
3 Scarlet bird
4 Libyan port
5 Carina port
6 Popular beer
from Japan
7 Not flabby
8 — Lanka
9 Mexican
meat dishes
10 Ariel's planet
11 Letter before
epsilon
12 Rove
(about)
13 Kimono sash
14 Clip- —
(some ties)
15 1996
presidential
hopeful Bob
16 Bit of salt
17 Modfly
18 Island south
of Sicily
19 Nobelist
Rooft
24 Says "OK" to
28 Tabby not
leaving the
house
30 Swiss peak
31 Singer Chris
34 Part of
DKNY
35 — flaba
36 Fond du —,
Wisconsin
38 Kin of -ette

39 Like a desert
42 Drivers' org.
43 Brand of
coolers
44 Fills the
lungs
45 Dill staple
46 "So chic!"
47 Allergic
outbursts
48 Hot wax may
be a part of it
50 Pluralized -y,
often
51 Ill-suited
52 Pleasantly
pungent
53 Fiduciary
figure
54 Moves with
a rustling
sound
55 Morse click
57 Best Picture
of 1997
58 Actress Long
59 Timber tool
61 They often
precede
verbs
63 Experienced
via another
person
67 Spring after P
68 Final. Abbr.
70 Target of the
Salk vaccine
anchor
71 Petri dish site
75 Doc's Rx
78 Paper VIPs
79 Palace area
for women
81 Country
south of Brazil

82 Fahrenheit
alternative
86 Snarky laugh
87 Deer relative
89 Letter before
upsilon
90 Ending for
schnozz
91 "Time to ride
the waves!"
92 Beat in a
mano-a-
mano
93 Releases
from one's
grasp
94 Jamaican
music genre
figure
95 N.J. hours
96 Gusses up
97 Removes
some rodents
99 Stately home
100 Solitary
101 Album's
first half
102 Ewok's forest
moon
103 Detect
104 Creator of
Tom Sawyer
105 Dutch
cheese
110 Past due
112 Female goat
113 MSNBC
anchor
Cabrera
114 Vietnamese
holiday
116 Mud bath site
117 Lime drink
118 Method.
Abbr.



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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs

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Weekly SUDOKU

7				6	1	4	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way
that each row across, each column down and each
small 9-box square contains all of the
numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FOR ANSWERS
SEE PAGE 10

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used
for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters,
apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all
hints. Each week the code letters are different.

ANH ZTNG, ANH YNT'W
OSXJ WN MJ ESPNHI, ANH
CHIW OSXJ WN PSZJ ANHD
PNWOJD STY ESWOJD VDNHY
NE ANH. — PJDAQ IWDJJV

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? Trivia
test
by Fifi
Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What was the name of the dog on "The Brady Bunch"?
- U.S. CITIES: Which major U.S. city was called Yerba Buena until 1847?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is Bryce Canyon National Park located?
- HISTORY: Where did the Renaissance begin?
- MOVIES: What is the nickname of the serial killer in "The Silence of the Lambs"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the 20th president of the United States?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many amendments are in the United States' Bill of Rights?
- ASTRONOMY: What type of galaxy is the Milky Way?
- MUSIC: Which rock band sings the theme song to "The Big Bang Theory"?
- LITERATURE: What is the last name of the family in "Little Women"?

Answers

- Tiger.
- San Francisco.
- Utah.
- Florence, Italy.
- Buffalo Bill.
- James A. Garfield.
- The first 10 amendments (of 27 to date).
- Spiral.
- Barenaked Ladies.
- March.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba - The Movie - Infinity Castle (R)
- The Conjuring: Last Rites (R)
- Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG)
- The Long Walk (R)
- Toy Story (G)
- Weapons (R)
- Hamilton (PG-13)
- Freakier Friday (PG)
- Spinal Tap II: The End Continues (R)
- The Sound of Music (G)

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SPORTS: Smith, Knobloch run 2nd in Kewanee

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medalist and Kaden Dewitt matching him in his career-best round. Both players made three birdies. Trent Stiers shot 86 and Cash Courson had 100 to round out R-W’s 336 team score.

Ridgewood won the team title with a 309 score, Bureau Valley was second with 314 and United was third at 315. Bureau Valley’s Wyatt Novotny was the conference champ after a carding a 2-under 68.

West Central (353), Abingdon-Avon (354), Knoxville (360) and Princeville (371) rounded out the top eight. The Princes’ scorers were Logan Reuber (82), Landin Senn (92), Gavin Carroll (95) and Nick Lehmann (102).

Stark County was 11th with a total of 425 strokes. The Rebels’ scorers were Toby Williams (93),

Creighton Stahl (107), Jackson Smith (109) and Peyton Hime-garner (116).

• **Galva VB** – Galva (5-6) fell to Lincoln Trail opponent West Central 25-22, 25-18 On Sept. 24 at home.

Scoring, passing and defense were balanced for the Lady Wildcats but it wasn’t enough. Sage Kaiser recorded four kills and one block, Reese Sumner had three assists and two aces and Kayln Gale came up with three assists and one block.

Charley Chamberlain scored two aces, Isabelle Wigant recorded four digs and Caylee Elgin defended with one block.

GHS was bested 25-12, 25-14 by Kewanee Wethersfield last Monday in Kewanee in an LTC matchup.

Arabella Porsche scored on two

kills, McKenna Anderson had two aces and Wigant had seven digs. Elgin defended with two blocks.

• **Stark County VB** – The Lady Rebels (4-15) fell 29-27, 25-11 at Lincoln Trail opponent ROWVA-Williamsfield on Sept. 24.

Coley Johnston battled for seven kills. Hallie Newton had five assists.

Stark County also lost on Monday to Annawan, 20-25, 25-22 and 25-22.

On Sept. 22, the Lady Rebels fought back for a 25-27, 25-22, 25-14 Lincoln Trail victory over Princeville at home.

Johnston paced SCHS in kills with 13 and in digs with 14. Sophie Finnegan scored six kills and two blocks. Newton recorded five kills and two blocks. Cambri Holmstrom had 21 digs.

FOOTBALL: Galva has another hurdle to clear

Continued from Page 12
help gain momentum.

“The third quarter was kind of a disaster,” Noard said. “I don’t have a reason for it.”

Slight adjustments on defense and big plays on offense helped save Stark County. Less than a minute after Stewart’s score, Ben Browning hit Connor Daum with a 51-yard touchdown pass. Two minutes later, Browning’s 32-yard scoring run gave Stark County a 20-point lead.

“Connor’s been amazing, and Ben’s been great at getting him the ball,” Noard said.

– Nick Vlahos

Amboy 66, Galva 6

GALVA – Ending the losing streak was the first big hurdle this year’s Wildcats team overcame. The next is still to be cleared

“We have to figure out how to beat the teams we’re not supposed to beat,” Coach Zach Anderson said.

That definitely did not happen last Saturday, as two-time 8-player champion Amboy (4-1, 3-0 8-Player West conference) rumbled to a 58-6 half-time lead. Galva’s lone score came on a run by Blake Stahl, who ran for over 100 yards on 16 carries and had three catches for 75 yards according to Anderson.

Another chance to compete with a favored team comes today at Biggs-ville, as Galva (2-3, 2-2) travels to face West Central (4-1, 3-0).

“This is a big week. If we can take this one from West Central, and I think we can, it will let us roll right

into Peoria Heights,” Anderson said.

Galva’s final three foes have a combined record of 3-12.

Annawan-Wethersfield 35 Rushville-Industry 14

MANLIUS – Maddux Heitzler ran for touchdowns of 76, 62 and 24 yards as the Titans remained unbeaten heading into a matchup with Stark County.

Heitzler carried 11 times for 205 yards to lead all rushers. A-W racked up 465 yards on the ground on 42 carries. Devon Horrie also ran for 149 yards and scored on a 37-yard run. Nic Thurston had A-W’s other TD, on a 10-yard scamper.

A-W led 14-0 after one quarter and 21-6 at halftime.

Princeville 21 Abingdon-Avon 20

PRINCEVILLE – Travon Richeson accomplished quite a feat last week. So did Jett Benningfield, with his hands.

Richeson’s extra-point kick following Eli Christianson’s touchdown run with 4:12 left in the game Sept. 26 sealed’s Princeville victory.

Benningfield’s share of the heroics came with 5:03 left in the third quarter, when A-Town (1-4, 1-3) scored to take a 20-14 lead. He blocked the ensuing extra-point kick. That helped put Princeville (4-1, 3-1) in position to win, if it scored again.

That also put Richeson, a senior and a first-year varsity kicker, in position to show what he’s learned.

“Earlier in the year, he was probably 50-50,” Princeville Coach Jon

Carruthers said about Richeson’s extra-point percentage. “Early in the year, we went for two a lot. The last couple of weeks, he’s really been improving.”

Princeville had to grind out this one. Carruthers lamented the Princes’ mistakes – too many of them, in his view. Among them were two fumbles and penalties for offsides, holding and face masks. The Tornadoes recovered an onside kick and converted a fake-punt attempt.

The Princeville defense was key to the win, according to Carruthers. He singled out his son Collin Carruthers and Kaiden Sarnes, each of whom reached double digits in tackles. The Princeville defense handled 70 snaps, compared to 44 for the offense.

“They took us out of our rhythm offensively and we had to step it up on defense,” Coach Carruthers said. “Our defense definitely bailed us out of that game.

“I said if you’re going to be a good team, you’ve got to find ways to win, and we accomplished that.”

Havana 28, ROWVA-Williamsfield 0

HAVANA – The host team held the Cougars (1-4, 1-4) to 91 yards of total offense as they were shut out for the second consecutive week.

Havana (2-3, 2-3) led 14-0 at intermission and put away the game with a 14-point third quarter. Jack Turner passed to Carter Brooks for two TDs, including a 51-yarder with 9:36 to play in the first period. Havana scored again in the final 30 seconds of the first half.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

MOTTO		ATSTUD		GOODGAME
GNARL		SORARE		ABNORMAL
MANILA	ANIMAL			DISRAELI
	APACHE		ANTI	NINTH
ARGO	CID	LUANDALANDAU		
LEELEE		DES	DOLAN	
PARISPAIRS		IONIC	BOSC	
	STAGY	INON	ILONA	
PTSD	SAL	TEHRAN	ANTHER	
IRWIN		OVISAC	IDA	LEW
QUITOQUOIT		LAPAZPLAZA		
USS	URL	CAMETO	TALES	
ATHENSTHANES		LUC	BASH	
NEEDS		ARID	HIREE	
TESS		TORIC	SEOULLOUSE	
	PALEO	DUH	SKUNKS	
MASERUAMUSER		TGI	THAT	
ALINE		SERF	WOULDA	
NODDEDAT		NASSAUSAUNAS		
ONEONONE		STUPID	TEDDY	
REARSEAT		ESPAÑA	ELSE	

CryptoQuote

answer

You know, you don't have to be famous, you just have to make your mother and father proud of you. — Meryl Streep

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

7	3	5	2	8	6	1	4	9
9	6	2	1	4	7	8	3	5
8	1	4	3	9	5	2	6	7
5	2	9	6	1	4	7	8	3
6	4	7	8	3	2	9	5	1
3	8	1	7	5	9	4	2	6
1	7	8	4	6	3	5	9	2
4	5	3	9	2	1	6	7	8
2	9	6	5	7	8	3	1	4

GARAGE SALES

• **Huge Indoor Garage Sale** - Friday, Oct. 10, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 3967 Duncan Road, Toulon, IL - 2 miles South of West Jersey, IL on Rt. 78. Turn left on Duncan Rd.. One mile down on the left. Lots of clothing all sizes: girls, boys, jr's, misses and some men's (all kinds of name brands), shoes. Authentic purses: Michel Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, etc. Pink lotions, Bath & Body soaps, Barbies, Disney, Rainbow High, Nickelodeon, Fisher Price, Monster High etc., Pioneer Woman, lots of décor, Hearth and Hand, Jewelry, Tupperware, Candles, lots of Longaberger, and much more. Way too much to mention. Don't miss this sale! Best one ever! It's well worth the drive! Lot of new and used items. Come do some early Christmas shopping. Not responsible for accidents.

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SCOREBOARD

Stark County 49 Monmouth United 22				
United	0	0	16	6 – 22
Stark County	6	14	7	22 – 49
Scoring Summary				
First Quarter				
SC - Daum	36	pass	from	Browning (kick failed)
Second Quarter				
SC - Holmstrom	10	pass	from	Browning (Turnbull kick)
SC - Daum	8	run	(Turnbull kick)	
Third Quarter				
U - Boone	20	run	(Stewart run)	
U - Boone	67	run	(Jenks run)	
SC - Daum	26	run	(Turnbull kick)	
Fourth Quarter				
U - Stewart	2	run	(run failed)	
SC - Daum	51	pass	from	Browning (Warner pass from Daum)
SC - Browning	32	run	(Turnbull kick)	
SC - Daum	13	pass	from	Browning (Turnbull kick)
Team Statistics				
U	SC			
Rushes-yds	45-189	28-207		
Yds per carry	4.2	7.4		

Comp-Att-Int	8-16-1	11-19-0
Passing yds	74	226
Individual Statistics		
Rushing - U:	Boone 17-140, Stewart 21-89, Jenks 3-14, Blockelman 4-(-54).	SC: Browning 7-74, Knoblauch 7-36, Daum 3-34, Masters 6-31, Sparks 3-23, Holmstrom 2-9.
Passing - U:	Boone 8-16-1	74. SC: Browning 11-19-0 226.
Receiving - U:	Jenks 5-44, Stockdale 2-20, Scott 1-10.	SC: Daum 6-157, Down 1-17, Warner 1-15, Knoblauch 1-14, Snider 1-13, Holmstrom 1-10.
Tackles - U:	Jenks 8, Blockelman 7.	
SC: Knoblauch 12, Holmstrom 10.		
Princeville 21 Abingdon-Avon 20		
A-A.	7	7
Princeville	14	0
	6	0
	7	– 21
Scoring Summary		
First Quarter		
P - Geiger	47	run (Richeson kick)
A-A - Kennon	26	pass from Johnson (kick good)

P - Johnson	13	pass	from	Sarnes (Richeson kick)
Second Quarter				
A-A - Johnson	1	run	(kick good)	
Third Quarter				
A-A - Johnson	6	run	(kick blocked)	
Fourth Quarter				
P - Christianson	18	run	(Richeson kick)	
Team Statistics				
A-A	P			
Rushes-yds	37-51	23-182		
Yds per carry	1.4	7.9		
Comp-Att-Int	10-23-0	4-11-0		
Passing yds	158	94		
Individual Statistics				
Rushing - A-A:	Johnson 19-33, Stenger 12-12, Darst 5-6, Hook 1-0.			
P: Geiger	15-160, Christianson 7-27, Sarnes 1-(-5).			
Passing - A-A:	Johnson 9-22-0			
126, McCann 1-1-0	32. P: Sarnes 4-11-0 94.			
Receiving - A-A:	Hook 5-80, Kennon 3-45, Darst 1-32, Andrews 1-1.			
P: Johnson	2-69, Palmer 1-21, Blu-			

nier 1-4.

Havana 28					
ROWVA-Williamsfield 0					
ROWVA-Will.	0	0	0	0	0
Havana	6	8	14	0	28
Scoring Summary					
First Quarter					
H - Brooks 51 pass from Turner (kick failed)					
Second Quarter					
H - Green 4 run (Stephens pass from Turner)					
Third Quarter					
H - Brooks 18 pass from Turner (kick good)					
H - Green 1 run (kick good)					
Team Statistics					
	R-W			H	
Rushes-yds	27-29			37-162	
Yds per carry	1.1			4.4	
Comp-Att-Int	7-21-1			8-10-0	
Passing yds	62			143	
Individual Statistics					
Rushing - R-W: Koepp 14-24, Gerlach 4-18, Soper 4-13, Sornberger 1-(-7), DeJaynes 4-(-19), H: Green 20-80, Tyler 7-52, Brooks 2-16, Ellet 3-12, Turner 5-2.					
Passing - R-W: DeJaynes 7-21-1 62.					
H: Turner 8-10-0 143.					

LincolnLand - Large				
	Conf.	Overall		
	W	L	W	L
Farmington	4	0	5	0
Macomb	3	0	5	0
Elmwood-Brim.	3	1	3	2
Knoxville	3	2	3	2
Illini West	1	3	2	3
West Hancock	1	3	2	3
LVC	0	3	0	5
Bureau Valley	0	3	0	5
Last Week				
Elmwood-Brim.	38,	Bureau Valley 22		
Farmington 54,	Knoxville 23			
Macomb 41,	Breese Mater Dei 35			
West Hancock 18,	Illini West 14			
South Fulton 49,	LVC 0			
Friday, Oct. 3				
Elmwood-Brimfield	at	West Hancock		
Farmington	at	Macomb		
Bureau Valley	at	LVC		
Illini West	at	Knoxville		

LincolnLand - Small				
	Conf.	Overall		
	W	L	W	L
Stark County	5	0	5	0
Annawan-Weth.	4	0	5	0
Princeville	3	1	4	1
Rushville-Industry	3	1	3	2
Havana	2	3	2	3
South Fulton	1	3	2	3
Abingdon-Avon	1	3	1	4
ROWVA-Willmsfld	1	4	1	4
United	0	5	0	5
Last Week				
Princeville 21,	Abingdon-Avon 20			
Stark County 49,	United 22			
Annawan-Weth.	35, Rushville-Ind. 14			
Havana 28,	ROWVA-Williamsfield 0			
South Fulton 49,	LVC 0			
Friday, Oct. 3				
Annawan-Weth.	at	Stark County		
ROWVA-Williamsfield	at	Princeville		
Rushville-Industry	at	United		
Havana	at	Westmont		
South Fulton	at	Abingdon-Avon		

Receiving - R-W: Nichols 3-38, Co.Smith 1-12, Skala 1-10, Gerlach 2-2. H: Brooks 5-115, McDaniel 2-28,

Ellet 1-0. Tackles – R-W: Goff 8.5. H: Green, Miller, Velazquez 5.



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Rebels rolling

Stark County rolls past United, 49-22 to set up battle of unbeatens with A-W

By The Prairie News

WYOMING – Stark County football passed a pretty big test last week. It has three more big tests ahead.

A 49-22 home victory Sept. 26 over Monmouth United kept Stark County in first place in the LincolnLand small division. It also all but assured the Rebels (5-0, 5-0) a state-playoffs berth, which would be their 17th in Coach Jade Noard's 21-season tenure.

This impending postseason appearance might be among Noard's most satisfying. Stark County returned almost no regulars from a team that went 8-2 in 2024. The current underclassmen hadn't had much success until now.

“What they’ve been able to do five Fridays in a row ... that was a big question mark for us,” Noard said. “We thought we could have some high notes, but could we do it week after

week? The fact that they've been able to do that has been really fun to be a part of."

Things become tougher beginning Friday at Anna-wan-Wethersfield, which also is undefeated but has played one fewer conference games. A 35-14 victory last week against Rushville-Industry was the only game so far in which A-W has had fewer than 42 points.

In consecutive weeks after this one, Stark County plays R-I and Princeville. Those two teams and A-W were considered the top ones in the league headed into the season. With a playoff berth probable, Stark County players can have clearer minds headed into this stretch, according to Noard.

“Now you’re playing with house money. You’re in,” he said. “You shouldn’t feel like there’s a lot of pressure, just because there weren’t a ton of expecta-



Ben Browning, shown here vs. ROWVA-Williamsfield, passed for four touchdowns and ran for another in Stark County's 49-22 win over Monmouth United last week. Browning passed for 226 yards and ran for 74 in the Homecoming win. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

tions to start. I hope we're starting to have some confidence in our abilities.

“Now we’re going to see how we stack up with the top side of the conference.”

Winless United didn't make things easy for Stark County. The hosts led 20-0 at intermission, but Kellen Boone had two long scor-

ing runs in the third quarter to shave the Red Storm's deficit to four points. It was a 27-22 Stark County lead after Chance Stewart scored for United at 11:04 of the fourth quarter.

Among other things, United recovered an onside kick in the third quarter to

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Stark Co. girls XC wins Boiler Invite

For The Prairie News

KEWANEE – Placing four runners in the top 20, the Stark County girls cross country team won the six-team Boiler Invite at Baker Park on Sept. 27.

Dusti Smith led the Lady Rebels, finishing second overall with a time of 19:39 behind Princeville's Bethany Sennett (19:23).

Stark County's Cheyenne Smith was close behind, placing third in 19:47. She was followed in the 57-runner field by Norah Rorem (ninth, 21:41), Darilis Knobloch (20th, 23:22) and Paytin Terwilliger (29th, 25:47).

"It was a great test to compete hard on a tough course in difficult circumstances, which is a great run through for LTC Finals" on Oct. 9 at Midland Golf Course, Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said.

Evan Knobloch led the fourth-place boys team by running second in 16:20

behind Aiden Duhs of
Chillicothe IVC (15:56).

Jackson Smith (20th, 18:22) also earned a trophy for the Stark County boys, whose other scoring runners in the 90-runner field were Hunter Ely (36th, 19:54), Will Denton (39th, 20:05) and Ethan Grinnell (47th, 21:03).

Stark County attended the El Paso-Gridley Invite on Tuesday but treated that unique event as training for Saturday's Elmwood Invite at Maple Lane Country Club. Varsity girls run at 10 a.m., varsity boys at 10:40 and the frosh-soph race is at 9:30.

• **Golf** – The ROWA-Williamsfield boys golf team finished fourth in the Lincoln Trail Conference tournament at Hidden Lake Golf Course in Sheffield on Sept. 25.

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