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150TH ANNIVERSARY

St. John’s celebration continues

By ANGIE STANGE
For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – The 150th anniversary celebration at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church continues this weekend.

The November event is this Sunday, Nov. 2, which is All Souls Day. The event will include praying the rosary at 9:30 a.m. prior to a 10 a.m. Mass.

After mass those attending are encouraged to proceed to St. John’s Cemetery to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and to walk in the cemetery. Cards will be available to help direct your walk.

More 150th anniversary events are scheduled each month through April.

More than 100 guests attended an Oct. 17 organ concert at the Bradford church. Mary McKean played the organ and was accompanied by vocalist Danielle McKean. The concert included traditional church music played on both the organ and clavivona keyboard.

Father Corey Krengiel began the event with a brief welcome and prayer followed by Marian Purscher who spoke about the history and meanings of various stained glass windows in the church. Denny Hickey then shared information concerning the church’s organ, its history and reconstruction.

A well-attended reception at Carmony Centre followed the pro-



Pictured above is the main altar at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford.



Pictured above are Mary and Danielle McKean. Mary performed on the church’s pipe organ and was accompanied by vocalist Danielle During an Oct. 17 concert. At right, the church and its stained-glass windows were lit up for the concert.

gram. Matt Johnston livestreamed the concert so it can be heard and viewed on the Stark County Catholic Facebook page.

St. John’s 150th anniversary ornaments and shirts are available. Call (309) 363-1524.



Election filings

Democratic primaries are crowded

By BEN SZALINSKI and BRENDAN MOORE
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Four years ago, candidates braved a mix of rain and snow. Two years ago, it was bone-chilling cold. But on Monday, the sun was shining with an Autumn crisp in the air as hundreds of candidates gathered in Springfield to file petitions for the primary election.

The once-every-two-year spectacle is the formal kickoff to campaign season, with candidates for state, federal and judicial offices filing hundreds to thousands of signatures to secure their place on the March 17 primary ballot.

While the filing period is open through Nov. 3,

it’s tradition for candidates, their staff and supporters to line up outside of the Illinois State Board of Elections before doors open at 8 a.m. The first candidates arrived on Saturday and several spent Sunday night in line.

But any candidate in line when doors open is technically considered “first,” meaning they will be included in a drawing next month to secure the first spot on the ballot in their respective race, according to State Board of Elections spokesman Matt Dietrich.

The retirement of Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin has set off a political domino effect. Two Democratic incumbents,

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Bradford school board approves staff hirings

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – The Bradford School Board hired new employees and changed the date of its December meeting during its meeting on Tuesday.

After executive session, the board approved hiring Lynzi Mummert as a grade-school paraprofessional, Ed Bauer as a substitute van driver and Julianna Painer as a transportation monitor.

The board also approved moving its December meeting to Dec. 15 and passed a resolution in support of Vision 2030, a statewide initiative that calls for expansion of the countywide facility sales tax across the entire state.

Superintendent Chad Gripp also updated the board on parent-teacher conferences that were held Oct. 7 and 9.

Gripp reported that Christmas concerts this

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ELECTION: Durbin retirement has domino effect

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Rep. Robin Kelly of Lynwood and Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi of Schaumburg, are giving up their congressional seats to run for Durbin’s seat.

Those, along with the retirements of Davis and Democratic Rep. Jan Schakowsky of Evanston, have drawn dozens of hopefuls eager to take advantage of a once-in-a-generation turnover in state politics.

But the ground under-

neath them could still shift. U.S. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-New York, has urged Illinois Democrats to redraw the state’s congressional map to counter mid-decade redistricting efforts in GOP-led states, adding a layer of uncertainty to the races.

At the state level, Gov. JB Pritzker filed petitions Monday to seek a third term, while the Republican primary to take him on remains in flux.

Three Republican gubernatorial candidates filed their petitions as they compete for the right to take on Pritzker, who filed for reelection.

Darren Bailey’s running mate, Cook County Republican Party Chair

Aaron Del Mar, turned in 12,000 signatures for the campaign, but the ticket’s future in the race remains up in the air. Bailey’s son, daughter-in-law and two of his grandchildren died last week in a helicopter crash in Montana.

Del Mar told reporters that Bailey is “taking time to think” about how to proceed. Bailey has at least one influential voice urging him to stay in the race: President Donald Trump. Del Mar confirmed that the president called Bailey on Saturday and offered “strong encouragement” to stay in the race.

Exactly how many candidates will be running will be clearer next Monday after the deadline to turn in petitions. Among them is conservative Ted Dabrowski of Wilmette.

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year will be held on Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. for grades 5-8 and on Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. for grades K-4.

Gripp also recognized Bradford’s cross country runners who have had success in junior high and high school.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

10-20 - to meet with a resident at the Galva Police Department to discuss a civil stalking/no-contact order.

10-20 - to stop a vehicle in the 300 block of SE 2nd St. The suspect vehicle fled and disobeyed several stop signs before coming to a stop in the 400 block of SW 1st Ave. After resisting officers, the driver was taken into custody. As a result, Richard Ortiz, 30, Galva, was arrested for aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude the police, felony driving while license revoked, obstructing a police officer, and two counts of disobeying a stop sign. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

10-21 - to the 300 block of NE 1st Ave. for a criminal damage to property complaint after a baseball was reportedly thrown through a window at a residence.

10-22 - to the east edge of town after a reckless driver was reported on U.S. Route 34 near Black Hawk College. The suspect vehicle did not come to Galva.

10-22 - to the 300 block of Commercial St. for an abandoned-vehicle complaint. The vehicle was tagged with a seven day tow away warning sticker.

10-22 - to the 800 block of NE 3rd St. for a neglected-animal complaint. The owner was contacted and owner advised that the animals were being taken care of and were leaving in the next couple days.

10-23 - to the 500 block of NE 3rd St. for a stalking/suspicious vehicle complaint.

10-24 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of South



Center Ave., Colby Murphy, 30, Galesburg, was arrested for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle, and having expired registration. He was released with a required court date.

10-24 - along with the fire dept. to U.S. Route 34 several miles east of Galva for a vehicle fire.

10-24 - to meet with a subject to retrieve a wallet that was found and turned in. The owner of the wallet was contacted.

10-24 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of S. Center Ave., Mason Senders, 26, Bradford, was arrested for driving while license revoked, operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance. He was released with a required court date.

10-24 - to the 100 block of SE 2nd Ave. for a theft complaint.

10-24 - to assist Henry County serve a civil paper in the 400 block of SW 4th Ave.

10-24 - to the SW 6th Ave. railroad tracks for a crossing-arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

10-25 - to U.S. Route 34 about two miles west of town to assist a

motorist whose vehicle had broken down.

10-25 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a complaint of an abandoned vehicle.

10-25 - to the 300 block of Commercial St. for a complaint involving a subject who locked their keys inside a vehicle. Henry County was able to unlock the vehicle.

10-25 - to the north edge of town to watch for a reckless driver coming towards Galva. Officer located the vehicle, but did not observe any violations.

10-26 - to the 400 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a juvenile complaint involving trespassing.

10-26 - to the north edge of town on County Highway 5 for a suspicious-person complaint.

Peoria County Report

10-12 - A Wyoming driver's blood-alcohol content was almost twice the legal limit after police stopped him in downtown Peoria.

Zack C. Troxel, 36, was behind the wheel of a 2020 Honda Civic a Peoria police officer pulled over shortly before 3 a.m. in the 200 block of SW Jefferson Ave. Troxel was driving the wrong way on a one-way thoroughfare and backed into a parked vehicle, according to a police report.

Troxel's BAC was .159. The legal limit is .08.

Troxel was accused of wrong-way driving and two counts of driving while intoxicated. He was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

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- Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district, may contact President, Peter VanDeVelde, 512 Swank St., Galva, IL 61434.
- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2025 were \$192,079.74. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2026 are \$228,000.00. This represents a 18.7% increase over the previous year.
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2025 were \$0.00. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2026 are \$0.00. This represents a (0%) increase over the previous year.
- IV. The total property taxes extended for 2025 were \$192,079.74.
- The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2026 are \$228,000.00. This represents a 18.7% increase over the previous year.

Laura Nordstrom
Corporate Secretary

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Thanks to **Don Schmidt** of Toulon and all the folks at the historical society for the great job they do providing a comprehensive look back at Stark County.

The displays can now also include signage from The Stark County News created by **James A. Nowlan**. Growing up in the 1880s, Nowlan was unable to farm so he became an apprentice printer in Toulon before buying the paper in 1897. Years later, his grandson **Jim Nowlan** restarted The Stark County New, which became The Prairie News on Aug. 24, 2018. We acquired the paper in 2019.

For those who are curious, Jim Nowlan – now a Princeton resident – says hello, is in good health and has several projects underway. No sur-



prise there.

Kudos to the Galva football team and coaching staff. While playoff berths are old hat at Stark County High School, ending a multi-season losing streak and a 31-year playoff drought for the Wildcats is big news. **Zach Anderson** and his crew believed in their team from day one and, more importantly, made the players believe in themselves. Stories like Galva's this year are what make prep sports enjoyable to follow. ... **Richard Pauli**, who in 1983 shot a 25-point Peoria County buck that measured 267 3/8 inches (pictured above) and was for many years the largest non-typical gun kill in Illinois, passed away at the age of 96. A Dunlap resident, Pauli's obituary said he prided himself on never wearing camouflage or using a stand in order to give deer a fair chance. That's an old-school philosophy you've got to respect. And I bet Richard would have been excited about the cooler northwest winds we are enjoying through the weekend.

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80.72 TAXABLE ACRES ± • 1 TRACT



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The Castle farm is located just outside the city limits east of Abingdon, IL with access along Knox Hwy 5 and Knox Rd 650 N and is further described as being located in Section 33, T10N-R1E, Cedar Township, Knox County, Illinois.

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Nov. 19, 2025

at 9AM

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—Collin Farm—

FOR SALE – Online Auction

Location: 5 miles West of Galva, IL on the North side on IL-Rt 34 in Weller Township, Henry County, IL.

Total Acres: Tract 1: 80 Tract 2: 80 Total: 160

FSA Tillable: Tract 1: 79.79 Tract 2: 79.98 Total: 159.79

PI: Tract 1: 130.7 Tract 2: 137.8 Total: 134.3

Includes 2 Wind Turbines

LEASE: No lease in effect for 2026.

OWNER: Collin Family Trust

ATTORNEY FOR SELLER: Mike Massie

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KNOX & WARREN COUNTY, IL

LAND AUCTION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025 AT 10:00 AM^{CT}



382.45 SURVEYED ACRES • 5 TRACTS



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

OPEN HOUSE: THURSDAY, OCT. 30 • 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Tracts 1, 2 & 5 are located a short distance south of Galesburg, IL and are further described as being located in Section 29, T11N-R1E, Galesburg Township, Knox County, IL. Tracts 4 & 5 are located southwest of Galesburg near Cameron, IL and are further described as being located in Section 31, T11N-R1W, Coldbrook Township, Warren County, Illinois. Tracts 1-4 represent highly productive, tillable farmland. Tract 5 represents a beautiful, small acreage improved with 2 homes & a pole building.

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146.43 SURVEYED ACRES • 4 TRACTS



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

OPEN HOUSE: THURSDAY, NOV. 6 • 4:30 - 6:30 PM

The James L. Walker Family Trust real estate is located approximately 2 miles Southeast of Gilson, IL. Tract 1 is located along Knox 1400 E. Tracts 2-4 are located along Knox Rd. 1450 E. These tracts are further described as being located in Section 16, 21, & 28 T10N R3E, Haw Creek Township, Knox County, Illinois.

These tracts represent tillable farmland, pastureland, and recreational land in Knox County, IL. Tract 4 features a beautiful acreage with a brick home and pond.

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Nov. 20, 2025

at 9AM

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—Williamson Farm—

FOR SALE — Online Auction

	Tract 1	Tract 2	Tract 3	Tract 4
Acres:	80 ac.	126 ac.	83 ac.	79 ac.
FSA Tillable:	80.16	122	79.38	77.71
PI:	131.1	128.7	132.2	128.1

LOCATION: Tracts 1 & 2 are 5 miles South of Toulon, IL in the SW corner of West Jersey Blacktop and Wallace Highway. Tracts 3 & 4 are 3 miles West of Toulon, half a mile West of Rt 17 and 78 Junction on the South side of 850N.

LEASE: No lease in effect for 2026.

OWNER: Williamson Family Farms, LLC

ATTORNEY FOR SELLER: Mike Massie; Massie & Quick Galva, IL

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Illinois River Pheasants Forever offers free hunt

PRINCEVILLE – Illinois River Pheasants Forever is holding a free pheasant hunt for youth, women and veterans on Nov. 29-30.

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IRPF will provide two birds per hunter, along with guns and shells, or participants may bring their own. Participants must have successfully completed a hunter-safety course.

Limited slots available. Call Mike Aldrich at (309) 229-4090 to register.

Burns Boosters study DeCrane’s conservation

GALVA – On Oct. 19, the Burns Boosters 4-H club met for a meeting and weiner roast. Local conservationist, Al DeCrane, hosted the club at his pond and cabin.

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Nov. 14, 2025
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Location: Tract 1 is located just East of Buda, IL on the South side of 1250N. Tract 2 is located approx. 3 miles East of Buda, IL on South side of 1200N in Bureau County, IL.

Total Acres:

Tract 1: 78.62

Tract 2: 161.99

Tillable Acres:

Tract 1: 74.11

Tract 2: 147.94

Pl:

Tract 1: 133.2

Tract 2: 131.5

LEASE: No lease in effect for 2026.

OWNER: Estate of Lida Hays Dean

ATTORNEY FOR SELLER: Scott Shore, Hennepin, IL

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OBITUARIES

Linda R. Burnett
HARKER HEIGHTS, Texas – Linda Rae Burnett, 80, of Harker Heights, Texas, passed away on Oct. 22, 2025, peacefully at home with her daughter at her side. Linda was born on June 25, 1945, in Kewanee, Ill. to Frank and Berniece Bloom. Linda graduated from Galva High School. She enjoyed bowling, playing bingo and was leader of the shuffleboard league at the VFW in Harker Heights. She also loved owls and cats. She is survived by her children Jeff (Monica) Robinson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Lori (Lonnie) Pierce of Grand Junction, Colo.; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and her sister, MaryAnn Spiegel (Dale) of Bishop Hill. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Don Bloom and her husband, Jack Burnett. A private graveside service will be held at a later date in Galva. The family would like to thank the staff of Altus Hospice for their compassionate care during Linda's illness.



Burnett

Carolyn J. Foglesong
TOULON – Carolyn Jean Foglesong, 92, of Toulon passed away Monday, Oct. 27, 2025, at 7:15 a.m. at her residence. She was born March 5, 1933, in rural Toulon, the daughter of Robert and Mary (Peterson) Grieve. She married Harry Foglesong on Sept. 16, 1952, in Elmira. He preceded her in death on Aug. 27, 2020. Surviving are two sons, Steven Lee (Linda) Foglesong of Astoria and William Stanton (Lorene) Foglesong of Toulon; one son-in-law, Tony Carlton of Bradford; 10 grandchildren, Nate, Drew, Kaitlin, Kristen, Brett, Ashley, Carla, Michael, Lara, and Molly; 30 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Teresa Lynn



Foglesong

Sally J. Nelson
GALESBURG – Sally J. Nelson, 82, of Galesburg, formerly of Galva, passed away at 10:53 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025, in the emergency room at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg. She was born July 7, 1943, at Saint Mary's Hospital in Galesburg, the daughter of Erwin A. "Rudy" and Alice (Hartman) Pople. She married Robert Finch on June 12, 1966, and he preceded her in death in 1983. She later married Harlan Nelson



Nelson

on July 16, 1988, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 6, 2024. Survivors include her son, Mark (Mindy) Finch; grandchildren, Robert and his fiancé Madalyn Veenstra and Tony and Hailey; two sisters, Suzanne Roberts and Caroline Hoben; and several nieces and nephews she loved dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents. Sally graduated from AlWood High School in 1961, and from Illinois State University in 1965. She retired from teaching in 2000, from the Knoxville School District following 34 years of service and dedication. She also taught at Monmouth College and Carl Sandburg College. Her memberships included the VASA Lodge in Bishop Hill, the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, Beta Sigma Phi, the Galva Rotary Club and the Messiah Lutheran Church in Galva. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 30, at the Dahinda United Methodist Church with Rev. Zoila Marty officiating. The visitation was to be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to the services at the church. Following the services a luncheon was to be held at the church. A private burial will be held in Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens in Galesburg. Memorials may be directed to the Messiah Lutheran Church or to the Dahinda United Methodist Church. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is assisting the family with arrangements.

Steven H. Schindler
PRINCEVILLE – Steven H. "Smiley" Schindler, 71, of Princeville, passed away Oct. 26, 2025, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria. He was born May 6, 1954, in Peoria to Robert and Betty (Donahue) Schindler. He married Connie (Rahn) Schindler on Oct. 8, 1988. She survives. He is also survived by three daughters, Sarah (Ben Burleson) Schindler of Kickapoo, Amber (Casey) Miller of Princeville and Linzy Schindler of Laura; one brother; one sister; and three grandchildren. Online condolences can be left at www.haskellfuneral.com.

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Super Crossword

RINGING-IN TUNE

ACROSS

1 Protestant denon.

6 Command

11 Duel weapon

16 Blind — ball

19 Fiji neighbor

20 Acai, for one

21 Peel remover

22 Scanned ID on a pkg.

23 "Is that something that ought to worry me?"

25 Rembrandt or Rubens

27 Ararat's gp.

28 Thurman of the screen

29 With it, once

30 "I Got a Name" singer Jim

31 Patient information document

38 Be a thespian

39 Discount vouchers

40 ER "PDQ"

41 Wanna — (copycats)

43 Col. dorm overseers

45 Spanish "a"

46 Young miss

48 "I'm stepping away for just a sec"

52 Actress Bingham

55 "... boy — girl?"

58 Gut-punch response

59 On the whole

60 Embarrassed oneself while singing.

63 Rubs clean in a way

64 Spinning, archaically

65 Peru's — Pichu

66 Suffix with 29-Down

67 Fifth-cen. pope

68 What "etc." means

72 City sections

77 Oversee

79 Android, e.g.

80 Some steel girders

81 Wise up

85 Always the wrong way to go about it

89 With 49-Down, miraculous biblical staff

90 Singer Yoko

91 Science advocate Bill

92 Spa treats for feet, for short

93 Felled

96 Tip of a boot

98 Org. for a podiatrist

100 Pig's hangout

101 Female pig

102 Silthery fish

105 Left on one's plate

106 In what way

110 More so

114 Grads

116 Lyricist Kahn

117 Slugger Maris, to pals

118 Actor Stephen

119 Psyching-out activities

122 Time to sing the tune suggested by the starts of 10 long answers in this puzzle

127 Co. name abbr.

128 Lot of politics

129 Highly skilled

130 Sporty car roofs

131 Stretch (out)

132 Threescore

133 Harbors

134 Perception

5 Peruvian city near Lima

6 Horshu

7 Mow again

8 Serious plays

9 Straying

10 Bread type

11 Do a satire of

12 "Where's —?"

13 Muric, law

14 Sleep-stage acronym

15 Storied vampire, for short

16 Dictators

17 Striking thing to behold

18 Unit of area

24 Carrying out the task

26 Span. lady

29 Falling star

31 Prefix with puncture

32 Bend out of shape

33 Bicker

34 Hush-hush govt. org.

35 Hailed ride

36 1993-2020 Supreme Court justice, for short

37 Dr. Oz's first name

42 Over the entire shop, as a sale

44 "The — the limit"

47 Lindsay of "Get a Clue"

49 See

50 Stipulations

51 Youth org. with dens

53 "Permit Me Voyage" author James

54 Food dyes

56 Shipping dept. stamp

57 "Horton Hears —!"

60 Notes after mis

61 Tax evasion agt.

62 Very unusual

66 Analogy part

69 Tooted thing

70 Online auction site

71 Thesaurus compiler

73 Place — (participate on 70-Down)

74 Glow with joy

75 German city

76 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs

78 Final result

81 Chatters idly

82 Alternative to AOL or NetZero

83 Unit equal to about 31 grams

84 Astros, on scoreboards

85 Tacit "yes"

86 Rocker Brian

87 People taking oaths

88 From 1968 on, for tennis

94 A pair of

95 Born, in Nice

97 "Days of — Lives"

99 Parity pest

103 Texas city of song

104 One packing things away

106 Put forth

107 One little bite

109 Nuke, e.g.

111 Intermediary

112 Like hurricanes

113 Cairo's land

114 Lady friend, in Le Havre

115 Mil. bigwigs

120 Mayers of "Dark Horse"

121 Tex. —

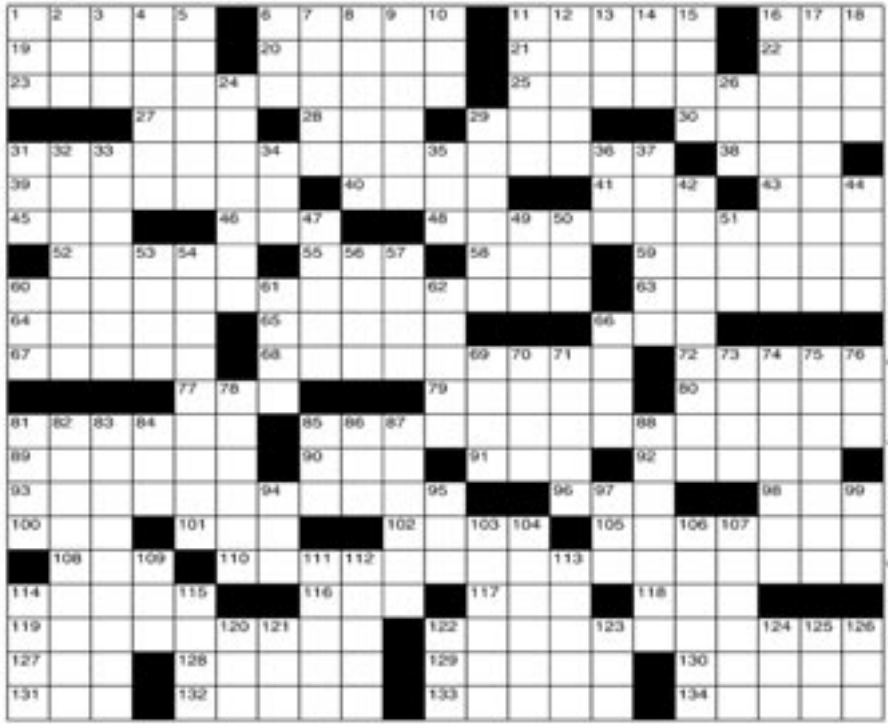
122 Brief sleep

123 Martians, e.g.

124 History unit

125 Corp. execs

126 Suffix with Siam



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Amber Waves

THIS IS SO UNFAIR. I'M REALLY EXPECTED TO WAIT UNTIL THE HOLIDAYS FOR PRESENTS?

YOU KNOW... THERE MAY BE A SIMPLE SOLUTION TO THIS.

SO, DAD, DID YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

GIVE IT UP. TEARING PAGES FROM THE FRIDGE CALENDAR WON'T MOVE UP CHRISTMAS.

The Spats

I'M BATTING A THOUSAND TODAY

...UNFORTUNATELY THEY WERE ALL FOUL BALLS.

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I TOLD THE DOCTOR YOU DIDN'T WANT TO WATCH FOOTBALL. HE SAID IF YOU REFUSE NACHOS TO BRING YOU IN ASAP.

"We can scratch one more sitter from the list. ... Your mother recognized my voice."

by Dave T. Phipps

by Jeff Pickering

by Dave T. Phipps

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states are part of New England?

2. LITERATURE: What district does Katniss Everdeen represent in "The Hunger Games"?

3. ANATOMY: What is the longest nerve in the human body?

4. COMICS: What is Captain America's shield made of?

5. SCIENCE: What is the process called when a solid becomes a gas?

6. HISTORY: In what year did the Three Mile Island nuclear accident happen?

7. MOVIES: What is Edward's last name in the movie "Twilight"?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only marsupial found in North America?

9. TELEVISION: Which character on "The Brady Bunch" is famous for saying, "Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!"

10. ENTERTAINERS: Pop singer Taylor Swift was born in which U.S. state?

Answers

1. Six (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island).

2. District 12.

3. Sciatic nerve.

4. Vibranium.

5. Sublimation.

6. 1979.

7. Cullen.

8. Opossum.

9. Jan.

10. Pennsylvania.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Black Phone 2 (R)

2. Tron: Ares (PG-13)

3. Good Fortune (R)

4. One Battle After Another (R)

5. Roofman (R)

6. Truth & Treason (PG-13)

7. Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie (G)

8. The Conjuring: Last Rites (R)

9. After the Hunt (R)

10. Soul on Fire (PG)

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CryptoQuote

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

KYQU GQB IWUUHU GEU

GDURUHH INZMGQYNQH, RYJU

GHMYEQ GQB GIWUH, NE

XVQU GQB ZNNQ, NE DNNB

MUNMRU GQB QNFRU

OUQSVEUH. — Z.T.J. TYHWUE

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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.

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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
Attorney for Executor
211 W. 2nd St.
Kewanee, IL 61443
(309) 852-5555

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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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STARK COUNTY ASSESSED VALUES 2025

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SPORTS: Galva, Stark County lose in VB regionals

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team.”
Evan Knobloch did that as well, becoming the first boys cross country regional title winner for Stark County and the first overall since Brooke Down in 2017.

“He ran a terrific race, led from the start and the result was never in doubt,” Rennick said. “He was up about 50 meters at the 2-mile mark, dropped a sub-five-minute mile and put it away. Night and day from last year and shows just how much he has developed.”

Jackson Smith also advanced to the sectional for the boys after running a personal record of 17:25. Next up is Saturday’s Nov. 1 sectional on the same Saukie Golf

Course. Girls run at 3 p.m., boys at 4.
The top six teams at the sectional and the top 10 individuals not on those teams will advance to the Nov. 8 Class 1A state meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

– *Jeff Lampe*
• **Galva VB** – Galva (6-23) saw its season end Oct. 28 in the regional opener with a 25-6, 25-13 loss to Peru St. Bede.
The Lady Wildcats also lost 22-25, 25-12, 25-17 to North Fulton on Oct. 23 at home. Caylee Elgin had six kills for the Lady Wildcats. Reese Sumner assisted on six points. Isabelle Wigant had 14 assists and one ace. Charley Chamberlain picked up three assists.

GHS lost 19-25, 25-14, 25-11 at home to Annawan on Oct. 20. Sage Kaiser had six kills. Sumner recorded six assists and six digs. Amber Plummer also had six assists.

– *Phil Johnson*
• **Stark County**– Stark County (9-19) lost to Bureau Valley on Oct. 28 in its regional opener, 25-13, 25-20. The Lady Rebels also lost 25-22, 25-17 on Oct. 21 at home against Lincoln Trail rival West Central. Hallie Newton had a busy night with three kills, four blocks and seven assists. Kenna Sparks had three blocks. Sophie Finnegan played strong at the net with four kills and three blocks. Coley Johnston scored six kills.

FOOTBALL: Stark Co. faces rematch with A-W

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sion game Oct. 3, when A-W won 48-7. That commenced a four-game losing streak for Stark County (5-4). “We have not played well since then,” Stark County Coach Jade Noard said. “It would be a good time for us to right the ship.”

Unfortunately for the Rebels, that ship has lost some of its captains. Starting quarterback Ben Browning injured his knee in a 55-14 LincolnLand crossover loss Oct. 23 at Knoxville. Also injured is running back Jackson Knoblauch. Earlier this week, he was on crutches, according to Noard. Neither is likely to play against A-W, the league champion. Center Aiden Painter sustained a concussion against Knoxville. His status for the postseason opener is uncertain. All of it complicates an already-daunting task against the second seed in the 1A northern bracket and the No. 6 team in The Associated

Press state ratings. “We knew it was a possibility if we got ourselves in a 5-4 situation that they could be a first-round opponent,” Noard said. “We were hoping to be 6-3 and give ourselves a game against a team that’s lost a game or two. You don’t want to play undefeateds in the first round. That’s a tough draw.”

Stark County is seeded 15th. Maddux Heitzler has run for 1,060 yards and 19 touchdowns for A-W; he’s also passed for 523 yards and six scores. Devon Horrie has run for 967 yards and 13 touchdowns. Nic Thurston has run for 10 touchdowns and 591 rushing yards. He has four TD catches and 253 receiving yards. The winner will face Chicago Crane or Deer Creek-Mackinaw in the second round. Against Knoxville, Stark County trailed 15-0 and was driving to about the Blue Bullets’ 20-yard line when

Browning was injured. “If we’re being completely honest, that was it,” Noard said about the game, which made Knoxville 5-4 and playoff eligible. “It takes the complete wind out of our sails. We were worried about playing a team that was 4-4. They needed that win, and they knew they needed it.”

– *Nick Vlahos*
Princeville 47, Monmouth United 8
PRINCEVILLE – Jon Carruthers got what he wanted for his Princeville football team – a home game in the Class 1A state playoffs. Now, Carruthers would like a little bit more. The Princes play Heyworth in the first round, at 1 p.m. Saturday at Tom Bruna Field. Both teams are 7-2.

“It’s always better to play at home. Playing Saturday, you’re already out of your routine, so I think it means a lot,” Carruthers said. “Our community has been great. It’s fun for them.”

SCOREBOARD

**Knoxville 55
Stark County 14**
Stark County 0 7 0 7 – 14
Knoxville 15 26 14 0 – 55

Scoring Summary
First Quarter
K – A.Harshbarger 33 run (Walters pass from A.Harshbarger)
K – Walters 10 run (Long kick)
Second Quarter
K – Walters 26 run (pass failed)
K – Walters 39 run (extra point failed)
K – Long 7 run (kick failed)
SC – Daum 71 kickoff return (Turnbull kick)
K – Walters 52 run (A.Harshbarger run)

Third Quarter
K – Long 56 run (Long kick)
K – McGarry 7 run (Long kick)
Fouth Quarter
SC – Daum 68 pass from Steelman (Turnbull kick)

Team Statistics
SC K
Rushes-yds 21-24 43-515
Yds per carry 1.1 12.0
Comp-Att-Int 5-15-0 3-4-0
Passing yds 114 25

Individual Statistics
Rushing – SC: Browning 3-19, Sparks 2-19, Daum 3-16, Steelman 1-7, Knoblauch 3-(-2), Masters 3-(-3), Holmstrom 1-(-7), Gentle 5-(-25). K: Walters 9-158, Long 8-115, A.Harshbarger 6-105, Smith 5-39, McGarry 2-27, E.Harshbarger 3-24, Johnston 4-22, Woodruff 2-13, Thompson 1-7, Grice 1-3, Cummings 1-2, Bowker 1-0. Passing – SC: Steelman 1-1-0 68, Browning 2-5-0 30, Gentle 2-9-0 16. K: Cummings 2-3-0 22, A.Harshbarger 1-1-0 3. Receiving – SC: Daum 1-68, Holmstrom 2-18, Warner 1-17, Siebenthal 1-11. K: A.Harshbarger 1-11, Long 1-11, Walters 1-3.

Princeville 47, United 8
United 0 0 0 8 – 8
Princeville 12 20 15 0 – 47
Scoring Summary
First Quarter
P – Christianson 17 run (kick failed)
P – Day 40 pass from Sarnes (conversion failed)
Second Quarter
P – Geiger 1 run (kick failed)
P – Sarnes 4 run (Richeson kick)
P – Christianson 47 pass from Sarnes

LincolnLand - Large
Conf. Overall
W L W L
Farmington 7 0 9 0
Macomb 6 1 8 1
West Hancock 4 3 6 3
Knoxville 4 3 5 4
Illini West 3 4 5 4
Elmwood-Brim. 3 4 3 6
Bureau Valley 1 6 1 8
LVC 0 7 0 9
Last Week
Illini West 34, Elmwood-Brimfield 24
Farmington 48, Bureau Valley 0
Knoxville 55, Stark County 14
West Hancock 32, Walther Christian 0
Macomb 1, LVC 0 (forfeit)
Saturday's IHSA playoff games
Pearl City-Eastland at Farmington, 1 p.m.
Knoxville at Clifton Central, 4 p.m.
Illini West at Rockridge, 1 p.m.
West Hancock at Wilmington, 3 p.m.

(Richeson kick)
Third Quarter
P – Geiger 24 run (Christianson run)
P – Johnson 53 pass from Sarnes (Richeson kick)
Fourth Quarter
U – Sperry 29 pass from Jenks (run good)

Team Statistics
U P
Rushes-yds 30-51 27-212
Yds per carry 1.7 7.9
Comp-Att-Int 3-12-0 7-11-0
Passing yds 46 182

Individual Statistics
Rushing – U: Stewart 12-31, Jenks 4-26, Olson 2-(-1), Boone 10-(-2), Clark 2-(-3). P: Geiger 9-104, Sarnes 5-36, Christianson 2-36, Blunier 2-16, Melick 2-15, McGrath 7-5. Passing – U: Jenks 1-3-0 29, Boone 2-9-0 17. P: Sarnes 7-10-0 182, Cox 0-1-0 0. Receiving – U: Sperry 1-29, Jenks 2-17. P: Johnson 2-72, Christianson 1-47, Day 1-40, Benningfield 1-14, Blunier 2-9.

**ROWVA-Williamsfield 38
Abingdon-Avon 16**
ROWVA-W 8 0 22 8 – 38
Abingdon-A 8 0 0 8 – 16
Scoring Summary
First Quarter
R-W – Tamburro 48 pass from De-Jaynes (Triplett run)

LincolnLand - Small
Conf. Overall
W L W L
Annawan-Weth. 8 0 9 0
Rushville-Industry 7 1 7 2
Princeville 6 2 7 2
Stark County 5 3 5 4
Havana 3 5 4 5
Abingdon-Avon 3 5 3 6
ROWVA-Willmsfld 2 6 2 7
South Fulton 1 7 2 7
United 1 7 1 8
Last Week
Princeville 47, United 8
Knoxville 55, Stark County 14
ROWVA-Will. 38, Abingdon-Avon 16
Rushville-Industry 38, Havana 12
Annawan-Weth. 50, South Fulton 7
Saturday's IHSA playoff games
Heyworth at Princeville, 1 p.m.
Stark County at Annawan-Wethersfield, 1 p.m.
Dwight at Rushville-Industry, 2 p.m.

A-A – Rushing touchdown (pass good)
Third Quarter
R-W – Nichols 11 pass from DeJaynes (Nichols pass from DeJaynes)
R-W – Triplett 3 run (Nichols pass from DeJaynes)
R-W – Koepp 37 run (extra point failed)
Fourth Quarter
A-A – Rushing touchdown (conversion good)
R-W – Gerlach 56 interception return

8-man playoffs
First-round games this weekend
• (15) Galva (5-4) at (2) South Fork (9-0)
• (10) West Central (5-4) at (7) West Carroll (7-2)
• (14) Kirkland Hiawatha (5-4) at (3) Polo (8-1)
• (11) Metro-East Lutheran (7-2) at (6) St. Anne (8-1)
• (16) Macon Meridian (4-5) at (1) Milledgeville (8-0)
• (9) Alden-Hebron (7-2) at (8) South Beloit (7-2)
• (13) Flanagan/Woodland (6-3) at (4) Pawnee (8-1)
• (12) Milford/Cissna Park (6-3) at (5) Amboy (7-1)

(Landon run)
Team Statistics
Rushes-yds 31-159
Yds per carry 5.1
Comp-Att-Int 4-9-1
Passing yds 103
Individual Statistics
Rushing – R-W: Koepp 17-100, Triplett 3-14, DeJaynes 1-13, Gerlach 2-12, Nichols 4-12, Soper 2-6, Landon 1-5, Estrada 1-(-3).
Passing – R-W: DeJaynes 4-9-1 103. Receiving – R-W: Tamburro 2-73, Nichols 2-30.
Tackles – R-W: Smith 11.

IHSA football playoff pairings

Class 1A
All games Saturday
(16) Galena (5-4) at (1) Stockton (9-0), 1 p.m.
(9) Heyworth (7-2) at (8) Princeville (7-2), 1 p.m.
(13) Knoxville (5-4) at (4) Clifton Central (8-1), 4 p.m.
(12) Dwight (6-3) at (5) Rushville-Industry (7-2), 2 p.m.
(15) Stark County (5-4) at (2) Annawan-Wethersfield (9-0), 1 p.m.
(10) Deer Creek-Mackinaw (6-3) at (7) Chicago Crane (7-2), 4:30 p.m.
(14) Forreston (5-4) at (3) Lena-Winslow (8-1), 1 p.m.
(11) Ottawa Marquette (6-3) at (6) Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley (7-2), 1 p.m.
(16) Villa Grove (5-4) at (1) Hardin Calhoun (9-0), 1:30 p.m.
(9) Sesser-Valier (6-3) at (8) Greenfield 6-3), 2 p.m.
(13) Bridgeport (5-4) at (4) Casey-Westfield (7-2), 7 p.m.
(12) Nokomis (6-3) at (5) Tuscola (7-2), 3 p.m.
(15) Winchester(5-4) at (2) Camp Point Central (9-0), 1 p.m.,
(10) Athens (6-3) at (7) Brown County (7-2), 1 p.m.
(14) Catlin-Salt Fork (5-4) at (3) Dupo (8-1), 1 p.m.
(11) Carrollton (6-3) at (6) Fithian Oakwood (7-2), 2 p.m.

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Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Galva Planning Commission and the City Council of the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois for a recommendation of the new proposed Comprehensive Plan for the City of Galva. The purpose of this request is to hear the Planning Commission Board and public comments on the proposed comprehensive plan. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said proposal for the Comprehensive Plan will be held before the Galva Planning Commission of the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 18, 2025 at the City Administration Building at which time and place any interested party may appear to be heard on this proposal under the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois. Copies of the proposed plan can be obtained at City Hall.
Chad Morse
Secretary of the Planning Commission of the City of Galva, Illinois
Published 10/31/25



The Stark County girls cross country team won its second straight Class 1A regional title on Oct. 25 at Saukie Golf Course in Rock Island. The girls will compete Saturday, Nov. 1, in the sectional also held at Saukie Golf Course.

Stark Co. girls win XC regional

By The Prairie News

ROCK ISLAND – The Stark County girls won a second straight regional title and Evan Knobloch coasted to the individual win Oct. 25 at Saukie Golf Course.

The Lady Rebels finished with 72 points to easily outdistance Rock Falls (103) on the 3.08-mile layout.

The regional title is the second straight for the Lady Rebels, who were

led by junior Dusti Smith’s second-place finish. Smith’s time of 17:22 placed her behind only Emily Downing of Cambridge (17:17).

Not far back was senior Cheyenh Smith (4th, 18:46). Other scoring runners for Stark County were freshman Norah Rorem (11th, 19:52), sophomore Darilis Knobloch (25th, personal record of 21:09) and senior Paytin Terwilliger (33rd,

21:39).

“Back-to-back regional championships was a goal for us preseason, and to put in all that work and get there, I was incredibly proud of the girls,” Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said. “Every one of them ran extremely well. One of the most satisfying things from the race for me was each and every one of the seven (runners) fulfilled their responsibility to their

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Galva ends 31-year drought

Football team to face unbeaten South Fork in playoffs

By The Prairie News

From the day he was hired, Galva football coach Zach Anderson said he believed in his team. He kept saying this year’s Wildcats were going to surprise people.

Somewhere along the way to a 5-4 season that saw Galva snap a 25-game losing streak and an even longer 31-year playoff drought, Anderson’s team started believing too.

That’s no easy thing after going 1-33 from 2021-2024 and then starting the year with a disappointing 26-22 defeat.

But as the season went on and Galva was competitive in all but a few games, the belief increased. So falling behind 8-0 last week after West Prairie ate up nearly 9 minutes of clock was no big thing.

Speedy senior quarterback MJ Louck just scampered 60 yards for a touchdown on Galva’s first offensive play. From there, the Wildcats never looked

IHSA playoffs
First-round games
Class 1A
• Stark County (5-4) at Annawan-Wethersfield (9-0), 1 p.m. Saturday
• Heyworth at Princeville, 1 p.m. Saturday
8-player
• Galva (5-4) at South Fork (9-0), 6 p.m. Saturday

back, taking a 41-14 half-time lead en route to a 55-22 victory.

Galva got another score from Louck, three touchdowns from Blake Stahl, a TD catch by JP Sloan and fumble returns for TDs from Reid Harris and Cyrus Hurd.

“We tightened up on defense,” Anderson said.

The victory earned Galva its first 8-player playoff berth Saturday at 6 p.m. against South Fork (9-0) in Kincaid.

Galva is the 15th seed and No. 2 seed South Fork is ranked fourth in the state. The winner advances to play the winner between West Central (5-4) and West Carroll (7-2).

Anderson said South Fork is a run-oriented team led by Jordan Bailey, who has racked up 36 TDs and more than 1,800 rushing yards.

“That is their hoss. He is very stout and that’s who they go through,” Anderson said. “He runs the ball hard and with purpose. Offensively, they are very explosive and defensively they are very aggressive.”

Anderson is hoping to make South Fork pay for its aggressive nature with his own talented offense.

– Jeff Lampe
Knoxville 55
Stark County 14

The good news for Stark County is it doesn’t have to do much homework regarding its Class 1A state-playoffs first-round opponent. The bad news? Same thing.

Stark County is to face undefeated host Annawan-Wethersfield at 1 p.m. Saturday in Kewanee. The matchup is a rematch of a LincolnLand small-divi-

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