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AMERICAN INDIAN AGREEMENTS

Treaties helped form Illinois

By TOM EMERY

For The Weekly Post

Like most other states, Illinois gained substantial amounts of land from treaties with American Indians. Some agreements were more honorable than others.

Treaties signed between 1795 and 1833 ceded a total of 35,664,035 acres to the flow of white settlers pouring into Illinois. Many of these treaties were questioned almost from the outset, including one that helped lead to the Black Hawk War.

Though it had limited impact on Illinois acreage, the Treaty of Greenville on Aug. 3, 1795, was the first to recognize the property rights of white men in the Old Northwest.

Named for a fort in present-day Ohio, the treaty was the result of the resounding victory of Revolutionary War hero “Mad Anthony”



American Indians signed away their rights to land east of the Mississippi at the 1833 Treaty of Chicago. The painting above by Lawrence C. Eagle is called “The Last Council of the Potawatomies, 1833.” Photo courtesy of the Chicago History Museum.

Wayne over American Indians at the battle of Fallen Timbers near present-day Toledo in 1794.

One modern-day scholar writes that Wayne “bullied” the Native Americans into signing the treaty. However, another asserts that the tribes “rejoiced” at the compensation. That included \$20,000 onsite and an unending annuity of \$9,500 to be divided among the 13 participating tribes.

Still, the Treaty of Greenville pledged that all land not in white possession belonged to American

Indians, a clause that did not hold up for long.

William Henry Harrison, then-governor of the Northwest Territory, aggressively pursued favorable treaties for settlers, and in June 1803 produced the first Treaty of Fort Wayne, which provided rights to the valuable salt springs along the Saline River in today’s southern Illinois. For the springs and a total of 336,128 acres, the tribes of the Greenville treaty received 150 bushels of salt per year.

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Carbon project?

Companies seeking to inject CO2 underground near Galva

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva City Council heard details about a proposed carbon sequestration project during its monthly meeting on Monday.

Representatives from Texas-based Lapis Carbon-Solutions and Big River Resources, LLC, attended the meeting to discuss their plan to inject carbon dioxide under farmland east of Galva.

The project is designed to reduce CO2 emissions at Galva’s Big River Resources ethanol plant. Lapis has or is seeking permission for the sequestration effort under nearly 1,600 acres of privately owned farm land east of Galva.

Lapis develops, constructs and operates carbon capture, utilization and storage projects for com-

panies seeking to reduce CO2 emissions.

Carbon sequestration involves converting CO2 gas into a liquid and then injecting it into the ground. Representatives said the CO2 would be injected as deep as 1,600 feet, which is lower than Galva’s wells.

Galva gets its water from a well that is 850 feet deep, according to Water Superintendent Greg Thompson.

Carbon capture involves separating CO2 from other gases during processing and then transporting it to a suitable site for geological storage. As part of the proposed plan, CO2 from West Burlington, Iowa, would be trucked to Galva or brought in by train and be injected into the ground near Galva’s ethanol plant.

According to geologists, Illinois is favorable for this

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Illinois legislators pass dozens of new bills

By BRENDEN MOORE

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois lawmakers passed two-dozen bills during an annual fall veto session that ended Oct. 31, including a measure that will empower the state’s Department of Public Health to issue vaccine guidelines amid federal uncertainty.

House Bill 767 would allow IDPH Director Sameer Vohra to issue state-specific guidelines while granting more authority to the Immunization

Advisory Committee – doctors, nurses and public health professionals who offer guidance to the director.

State lawmakers also approved legislation aimed at protecting public officials from threats and harassment by allowing them to shield certain information, like phone numbers and home addresses, from public disclosure. House Bill 576, sponsored by state Rep. Katie Stuart, D-Edwardsville, offers new privacy protections for state lawmakers, constitutional

officers, state’s attorneys, public defenders, county clerks and other elected officials.

A bill aiming to revive the state’s horse racing industry passed the Illinois Senate but did not receive a vote in the House. House Bill 2724 would end Hawthorne Race Course’s ability to veto any harness racetrack development within 35 miles of its track. The bill passed the Senate 49-8. It can be immediately voted on in the House when lawmakers return in January.



Illinois legislators passed more than two dozen new bills during the annual veto session that ended Oct. 31. Capitol News Illinois photo by Jerry Nowicki.

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DEALS: Land of Peoria tribes added in 1818

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 Two months later, Harrison negotiated the first Treaty of Vincennes with the Kaskaskia tribe for the bulk of southern Illinois. The Kaskaskia received an extra thousand dollars of annuity, \$580 in cash, \$300 to help in building a church, \$100 annually for seven years to pay for a priest, a house for a chief and a field for the tribe.

The Illinoisans received 8,608,167 acres. Harrison succeeded again in November 1804 with the first Treaty of St. Louis, in which the Sauk and Fox ceded most of their land north of the Illinois River to the Fox River. In return for 11,146,193 acres, the tribes received an annuity of \$1,000 in goods, the sum of \$2,234.50 at signing and lands for relocation west of the Mississippi.

The Sauk and Fox tribes remained bitter over the agreement, claiming representatives were not legitimate. Some also said Harrison was liberal with promises and whiskey for his counterparts.

As a result, a new treaty was written in 1816 to confirm the original agreement. However, when Black Hawk and other Sauk returned to their village near Rock Island,

Saukenuk, in 1829, they continued to discount the original 1804 agreement. Their defiance, and dismissal of the treaty, is credited as a driving factor that led to the Black Hawk War.

A second Treaty of Vincennes was negotiated by Harrison in 1805 that added 2,616,921 acres between the Wabash and the boundaries of territory ceded by the Kaskaskia. Four years later, another Treaty of Fort Wayne allowed for white settlement along the Wabash River.

Some 7,138,398 acres went to white settlers in the Treaty of Edwardsville in 1818, a confirmation of the 1803 treaty with the Peoria tribes. The Peoria received a 12-year annuity of \$300 and the other five tribes involved split \$2,000 in goods. Another 640 acres for relo-

cation in Missouri were thrown in.

Various treaties were signed until 1833 – 15 years after statehood – when the Potawatomi, Chippewa and Ottawa agreed to the Treaty of Chicago. That agreement ceded all land east of the Mississippi River. Western lands were dangled to entice removal of the tribes.

In 1972, historian Robert P. Howard asserted “white leaders were never scrupulous about making certain they were dealing with the tribe’s actual chiefs and the payments were not generous.”

American Indians also hurt their own cause with tensions among tribes and uneven leadership.

In the end, Illinois gained a significant portion of its land from the treaties.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

10-27 - to speak to a resident in the 300 block of NW 1st Ave. who reported their cat had ran away the previous day. The cat returned home.

10-27 - After a traffic stop in the 800 block of W. Division St., Laura McNeeley, 63, Galesburg, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance.

10-27 - to Galva City Hall to speak to a walk-in complainant about a neighbor dispute. .

10-27 - to the 100 block of NW 7th Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

10-27 - to the 600 block of NE 2nd St. for a verbal domestic disturbance and civil property dispute..

10-27 - to the 400 block of SW 7th St. for a hit-and-run accident involving significant damage.

10-28 - to the 100 block of NE 2nd Street for a civil-property dispute.

10-28 - to assist the Geneseo Police Department deliver a message to in the 200 block of NW 7th Ave.

10-28 - to the 600 block of SE 2nd St. to follow up on the hit-and-run accident that was reported the previous night. As the result, Clair Whiteside III, 29, Galva, was arrested for leaving the scene of a property damage accident, reckless driving and improper lane usage. He was released with a court date.

10-29 - to the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a traffic complaint in-



volving a vehicle driving through the yard. It was a parent giving their children a ride through the yard.

10-29 - to the 300 block of Commercial St. to have an abandoned vehicle towed.

10-29 - to speak to a complainant by telephone in reference to a theft of flowers from the Galva Cemetery.

10-29 - to the Chester St. railroad tracks for an I-phone detected crash. Officer found the phone, which had fallen off the roof of a vehicle.

10-30 - to the 300 block of NW 3rd St. for a crash-detection alert. Officer spoke to the owner of the phone, who was having phone issues. No crash had occurred.

10-30 - to check the welfare of a subject on SE 2nd St. after a subject reportedly made suicidal comments.

10-30 - to check the welfare of a subject on NE 3rd St. after the subject reportedly made possible suicidal comments.

10-30 - to the 400 block of NW 9th

St. for a complaint involving forgery and identity theft.

10-30 - to the 400 block of NW 1st Ave. for a complaint involving a group of juveniles causing a disturbance. They were dispersed.

10-31 - to the 00 block of NW 8th Ave. for a possible domestic disturbance. The subjects had left in a vehicle prior to officer's arrival.

10-31 - to the 200 block of Morgan Road to assist a citizen.

10-31 - to the 500 block of E. Division St. for a loose-dog complaint.

10-31 - to the intersection of James B Young Road and 1950 East for a cellphon crash-detection alert. Officer found a phone in the roadway and returned it to its owner.

10-31 - to meet a resident at the Galva Police Department who had an unknown complaint.

11-1 - to the 200 block of NW 8th Ave. for a trespassing complaint. Officer located the offender and gave him a trespassing warning that he was no longer welcome on the premises.

11-1 - to the 1000 block of SW 2nd St. for a verbal domestic disturbance and child-custody dispute.

11-1 - to the 600 block of NW 1st Ave. for an illegal burning complaint. The resident was burning leaves and was within the ordinance. Complaint unfounded.

11-1 - to the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. for a small field fire. The fire department was able to put the fire out.

GALVA: Council approves dissolution of TIF 2

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process because of porous sandstone areas running under much of the state.

First Ward Alderman Jeff Olson said he did not think Galva would be happy about bringing CO2 in by rail, as drivers already have to wait to cross tracks when they are blocked. Sometimes all crossings are blocked and sometimes only one is open, he said. He added this could create a safety hazard for emergency services.

The plan could also involve 30 to 40 more semi trucks per day bringing the material to Galva.

During crop-hauling season, about 350 trucks per day visit the Galva facility. In the offseason, about 100-150 semis visit the plant in a day.

Permitting for the project is at least a two-year project.

Lapis and Big River representatives say they want to earn and maintain community trust and will invest in local emergency response, economic development and in education. They also want to involve the city and county and hold small-group meetings.

An ongoing CO2 sequestration project started in 2011 by agribusiness giant Archer Daniels Midland near Decatur has encountered CO2 leaks, corrosion at wells and migration of CO2 into areas it was not authorized to enter.

The council also approved dissolving Galva's TIF 2, which is the area around the ethanol plant. This will result in additional property tax money going back to the school and other taxing bodies.

Each alderman received

a copy of the city's audit that was completed by Hoffman & Tranel of Rock Island.

In other business, bids were opened on a 2011 Crown Victoria police car that was awarded to high bidder Sean Bonner for \$650. The unsuccessful bidder was Ringword Motors for \$580.

Residents have one more

yard waste pick-up which will be free on Monday, Nov. 17. All yard waste must be in paper bags and be out by 6 a.m. on the curb. No yard waste will be picked up that is not in paper bags. This is the last pick-up in 2025.

Second Ward Alderman John Wirth reported that there is a new basketball court in Washington Park.

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ICE-land tactics must be stopped in Illinois

To The Editor:

We now have Operation Midway Blitz, a militarized federal deployment in Chicago. Here I offer a glimpse of what we've seen. My sources are local print and broadcast news outlets.

The presence of face-covered, heavily armed personnel has made the Broadview ICE facility a lightning rod for protests. The great majority of protesters have been peaceful.

As I see it, the protests at Broadview are largely a response to the tactics, appearance and demeanor of federal agents. They've made a point of being belligerent, defiant and unpredictably ready to use force when challenged, even verbally. Deployment of tear gas, pepper spray balls and rubber projectiles without warning has been commonplace.

Some protesters threw objects at agents or obstructed them physically. Often, however, it appeared people were thrown to the ground, even handcuffed and detained, because they kept questioning agents' actions or simply annoyed them.

A local pastor was shot in the face and torso with chemical irritant projectiles. Video showed him praying when he was struck. Local journal-



ists chronicling protests have been targeted, even while driving by. The interior of one journalist's car caught fire as a result.

The signature debacle of the federal deployment was a Sept. 30 night raid on a run-down apartment building. Black Hawk helicopters dropped personnel from federal agencies on the rooftop. Others scaled the walls, breaking out windows. The rationale for the raid, according to the Department of Homeland Security, was to apprehend Venezuelan gang members controlling the building.

What did the raid yield? For ICE, a slick video glamorizing the raid for social media. For the purported mission, perhaps one confirmed Venezuelan gang member out of 37 detainees, no updated report on the number of people in custody and one publicly disclosed criminal charge. One detained immigrant's

name was confirmed. He had no known criminal history.

And the yield for building occupants? Apartments with broken-in doors, or no doors. Residents traumatized after being forced outside, some without clothes, including children, some zip-tied together – children, too. Adults herded into U-Haul trucks.

Bystanders asked about the children, reportedly made a derogatory comment about the children, whose whereabouts are now unknown. A black American citizen kept asking why she was detained. She was slammed to the ground, zip-ties replaced by handcuffs cinched tight.

This federal law enforcement is militarized without military discipline or the restraint shown by local and state police. This is not acceptable in Chicago, or Illinois. We Illinoisans must demand its end.

- David McCurdy, Elmhurst

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LIVE AUCTION OF GALESBURG, IL RURAL HOME WITH 2 ACRES AND LG. MORTON SHED

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025 AT 10:00 AM CT

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PI: 142.22

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 OWNER: Clark Mooneyham, Keyth Mooneyham,
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 ATTORNEY FOR SELLER: Mike Massie
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Author to discuss book on killer in Wyoming

WYOMING – Author Troy Taylor will discuss his book “Murder by Gaslight” on H.H. Holmes, America’s first serial killer, during a Nov. 12 appearance.

The event begins with a meet-and-greet and book signing with Taylor from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Rough & Tumbled, 104 N. 7th St. Taylor has written more than 150 books on history, hauntings, true crime and the supernatural.

Taylor will then give a presentation on H.H. Holmes from 7-9 p.m. at the Paramount Theater, 102 S. 7th St. Tickets are \$5 per person and are on sale at Rough & Tumbled.

Guests are invited to learn about H.H. Holmes, his Chicago murder castle and his connection to the local area.

Wyoming library gets \$10,000 donation

WYOMING – Wyoming Public Library will receive a \$10,000 gift from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the foundation established by Andrew Carnegie.

The award is part of Carnegie Libraries 250, a special initiative celebrating the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and honoring the roughly 1,280 Carnegie Libraries still serving communities across the United States.

Andrew Carnegie funded the construction of 1,681 free public libraries nationwide between 1886 and

BRIEFS



Megan Sloan (left) and Sharon Murray provided information about scholarships and memberships in the P.E.O. Chapter BR Sisters of Galva during a recent event at Black Hawk East Campus.

1917. Approximately 750 of them continue to use their original buildings, while others have moved to new locations.

Opened in 1915, the Wyoming Public Library is one of 106 Carnegie libraries in Illinois built through this historic program.

Wyoming Public Library will receive the gift in January 2026 and can use the funds however it wishes to celebrate the 250th anniversary, to further its mission and to benefit the community.

Patrons are invited to share their photos, stories and community celebrations at carnegielibraries.org.

Galva P.E.O. spreads the word on chapter

GALVA – In October, Chapter BR Sisters hosted a free donut and apple cider giveaway at Black Hawk East Campus. More than 50 students and faculty visited the group’s table, which also included information

about scholarships and membership.

Megan Sloan, Katie Rushing Anderson, Sharon Murray, Nancy Anderson and Julie Strandberg helped with the event.

Another free event centered around walking tacos is planned for November at Black Hawk East.

Pheasants Forever offering free hunts

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

The hunt, for ages 9 and up, will be held at Gilles Family Farms, 22025 N. Maher Rd. in Princeville.

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LaFayette Methodist Church

Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449
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LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

West Jersey United Methodist Church

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Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
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Reverend David Graham
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Email fctoulon@gmail.com
website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

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OBITUARIES

Lorraine K. Anderson

CAMBRIDGE – Lorraine Kay Anderson, 85, of Cambridge, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025, at the Hillcrest Home in rural Geneseo.

Lorraine was born on Aug. 28, 1940, in Collinson Maternity Home in Galva, the daughter of George Marcus and Nellie (Blust) Dowell. She graduated Galva High School in 1958. She married Larry R. Anderson on Jan. 24, 1959, in Galva.



Anderson

Surviving is her husband, Larry R. Anderson of Cambridge; children, Lorry Kay (Jerry) Shawgo of Orion and Larry (Kandra) Anderson of Geneseo; grandchildren Ashton (Jarret) Schmoll, Aleesha K. Shawgo, Maddux Anderson, Diavi McDuffy, Lakota Frank and Sienna Frank; great-grandchildren Liam, Evelyn, Bain, Mila and Claire; brothers-in-law Lloyd Anderson and Lanny (Carolyn) Anderson; and many nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Donald and Billy Dowel; sister Helen Ketchem; parents-in-law Earl and Lucille Anderson; step-grandson Julian Pearson; sister-in-law Donna Anderson; and five nephews.

Lorraine worked at Galva Farm Equipment, the Henry County Circuit Clerk's Office, and then for 32 years in the Henry County States Attorney's Office, until retiring in 2003.

She was a former member of the Cambridge Jaycettes and the Cam-

bridge Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday school. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Orion. Lorraine had been a Girl Scout leader and Den Mother for several years.

Lorraine loved bowling and bowled in Galva, Cambridge and Orion for many years. She enjoyed following sports and other events involving her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Not only was she a fan of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she was known by all their teammates and their families. She was affectionately known as Grandma to all that experienced her presence in the stands. She often was known as the person/grandma that had snacks. She cherished and loved all of these moments. She loved all who she watched, they were all her "grand-kids."

A funeral service will be held at noon, on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Stackhouse-Moore Funeral & Cremation Services in Cambridge. Rev. Randy Swanson will officiate. Burial will follow in Rosedale Cemetery in Cambridge. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Lorraine K. Anderson Memorial Fund.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Summit of Betendorf and Hillcrest Home for their care in Lorraine's time of need.

A video tribute may be viewed and condolences expressed by visiting Lorraine's obituary at www.stackhousemoore.com.

Janette L. Dutton

WYOMING – Janette Lee Dutton, 77, of Wyoming, passed away Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, at 9:45 p.m. at her residence, surrounded by her

family.

She was born July 22, 1948, in Kewanee, the daughter of Martin and Helen (Crane) Pyell. She married Bruce Dutton on March 3, 1968, in Toulon; he survives.

Also surviving is one son, Brian Dutton of St. Peters, Mo.; one grandson, Cole Dutton of Wyoming; two sisters, Jill (James) Maloun of Topeka, Kan., and Charlene Ragsdale of Belen, N.M.; one sister-in-law, Karen (Craig) Paul of Tennessee; three nieces, Jacquie Bayer, Tina and Jenny; and two nephews, Chad and Derek.



Dutton

She was preceded in death by her parents and two nieces, Heidi Turner, and Lauren Bayer.

Janette enjoyed watching wildlife, especially, the deer and bears at their home and their cabins in northern Wisconsin. She went on many fishing trips with Bruce, Jill and James. Janette loved to cook and photography – she took pictures of everything. Above all else, she loved her family and the close relationships she had with her longtime friends.

A private burial will take place in Toulon Cemetery with a celebration of life at a later date. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To leave online condolences, please visit Janette's tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

SCHOOL DISTRICT/JOINT AGREEMENT NAME: Bradford Community Unit School District #1
RCDT NUMBER: 28-088-0010-26
ADDRESS: 115 High Street, Bradford IL 61421
COUNTY: Stark
NAME OF NEWSPAPER WHERE PUBLISHED: Prairie News

DISTRICT TYPE
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ASSURANCE

The Annual Statement of Affairs has been posted on the district's website and published in accordance with Section 10-17 of the School Code no later than December 1. (Put "X" in blue box if yes.)

Yes

SIZE OF DISTRICT IN SQUARE MILES	117
NUMBER OF ATTENDANCE CENTERS	2
NUMBER OF CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES	
FULL-TIME	17
PART-TIME	2
NUMBER OF NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES	
FULL-TIME	6
PART-TIME	18

TAX RATE BY FUND (IN %)

EDUCATIONAL	3.130000
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	0.500000
BOND & INTEREST	0.000000
TRANSPORTATION	0.200000
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	0.026500
SOCIAL SECURITY	0.090100
WORKING CASH	0.050000
FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY	0.050000
TORT IMMUNITY	0.254400
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.000000
SPECIAL EDUCATION	0.040000
LEASING	0.037100
OTHER	0.000000
OTHER	0.000000

Data previously included in the Annual Statement of Affairs can be found at:

Payments to certified personnel Posted on district website per 105 ILCS 5/10-20.47
Student Counts Included in district's report card <https://www.illinoisreportcard.com>
Financial Data Included in district's Annual Financial Report posted on ISBE's Cerberus Server <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance-Historical-Reports.aspx>

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$39,999	(CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than \$39,999	(CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$54,999	Salary Range: \$55,000 - \$74,999	(Salary Range: \$75,000 and Over)
BLACK, GARY	FEHRENBACHER, MARY KAY	RISCH, APRIL	ATCHLEY, KRISTIN A	COBB, PAUL J	
BOWEN, SHAUNNA	GENTLE, ROBYN	ROUSE, JANET D	BARRY, PAUL E		
BRUECKS, SARAH M	Holmberg, Brenda	RYAN, DEBRA SUE	STREITMATTER, MEGAN		
CADE, TAYLOUR	HOWELL, KRISTINA L	STAHL, JILL I	SWITZER, RYAN T		
CALDER, TRACY	IODER, KEVIN	WALKER, DAVID ANTHONY			
CARSTENS, TIM	KELLY, DEBORAH	WALL, LANA J			
CHADWICK, BOBBI JO	NULL, CARRIE M.				
CHURCH, ALEXZANDRA	PAINTER, NICOLE KATHERINE				
COLEMAN, MORGAN	PETERSON, BROOKE				

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
ACCELERATE LEARNING	6,126	ENTEC SERVICES INC.	11,026	IRS USA TAXPYMNT F	116,984	PRIMERGY SOLAR ILLINOIS	8,617
AG VIEW FS, INC.	18,550	EXPLORE LEARNING	5,193	IRS USA TXPYMNT M	28,141	PURTSCHER OIL CO.	32,921
AMERICAN CAPITAL FIN SERV	2,968	FARNSWORTH GROUP INC	16,025	IRS USA TXPYMNT S	93,561	REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUC.	5,475
AMERICAN EXPRESS	14,713	FRITZ ASPHALT SERVICE	6,500	JAMES CHADWICK	2,800	RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC	8,754
AXA EQUITABLE LIFE INS CO	14,700	FRONTIER	18,296	JAMES ROBISON	2,520	SANTANDER LEASING LLC	56,067
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	246,061	GORENZ AND ASSOCIATES	19,620	JOHANNES BUS SERVICE, INC	16,060	SKIPPYS SHOP	12,329
BLUUM OF MINNESOTA, LLC	24,991	GREAT MINDS	7,040	KIDDER MUSIC SERVICE	4,125	STARK COUNTY CUSD. NO 100	424,132
BRADFORD REVOLVING FUND	17,018	HD SUPPLY FORMERLY		KOHL WHOLESale	27,122	TARA BLUNDY	6,900
BREEDLOVE'S SPORTING	5,599	HOME DEPOT PRO	4,338	KREILING ROOFING CO.	252,195	TEACHER SYNERGY LLC	4,775
BRIAN SCHWARTZ	2,647	HENRY-STARK SPECIAL	248,718	LEARNING WITHOUT TEARS	2,506	TEACHER'S RETIREMENT-FED	3,998
BUREAU VALLEY COMMUNITY	261,015	HODGES 66 INC	6,760	LEXI CHURCH	3,000	TEACHER'S RETIREMENT-NEC	6,380
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	13,256	HOHULIN FENCE COMPANY	18,305	MARY JANE PETERSON-THORNTON	10,423	TEACHER'S RETIREMENT-REG	98,979
CHEMSEARCH	3,750	HUMANA DENTAL	7,225	MASTERCARD CORPORATE	21,871	TEACHERS HEALTH	17,250
COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN	2,595	HUMANA VISION	2,652	MCGRAW-HILL COMPANIES	3,733	TEACHING STRATEGIES	\$4,789.00
COMMON GOAL SYSTEMS INC	10,822	I.D.E.S.	20,343	MURPHY'S CONTAINER SERV.	2,843	THE MATH LEARNING CENTER	\$4,752.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY	17,415	IEA/NEA - BEO ASSN.	9,774	OFFICE MACHINE CONSULTANT	9,177	THOMPSON ELECTRONICS CO.	\$3,241.72
CORY GREENWOOD SPEAKS	4,500	Illinois Department Of Revenue	74,510	PETRARCA GLEASON		US BANK	\$15,456.78
DOOLEY BROS.	4,844	ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL	49,518	BOYLE IZZO LLC	5,308	VILLAGE OF BRADFORD	\$2,612.50
ENGIE RESOURCES LLC	11,651	ILLINOIS SCHOOL DIST AGEN	70,201	PRAIRIE FARMS PEORIA DIV	8,262	WORKERS COMPENSATION	

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OF \$1,000 TO \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

ADVANTAGE MICRO	1,616	IL ASSOC. OF SCHOOL BOARDS	2,344	MATH IXL LEARNING	1,400	SCHOOL NURSE SUPPLY	1,075
B FRAMED PHOTOGRAPHY	1,740	IL ASSOC. OF SCHOOL ADMINS	1,906	MCKENZIE STAHL	1,600	SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC	2,011
BLICK ART MATERIALS	1,022	INSTITUTE FOR MULTI-SENSORY		MENARDS	1,735	STARK COUNCIL	2,000
EMERGENCY TRAINING PROVIDERS	1,902	EDUCATION	2,351	MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIP.	1,744	STEFFANIE WEAVER	1,250
FSS INC	2,400	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	1,653	PIZZA HUT	2,150	STEVE SASH	2,000
GARY BLACK	1,860	LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEMS LLC	2,000	POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC	2,037	TRS VOYA	1,007
GETZ FIRE EQUIPMENT CO.	1,527	LIMINEX, INC	1,756	QUILL CORPORATION	2,169	VOYAGER SOPRIS LEARNING	1,482
HUMANA LIFE	1,000	LISA BROWN	1,050	RESOURCE SHARING ALLIANCE	2,090		

REPORT ON CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$25,000 AWARDED DURING FY 2025

1. Total number of all contracts awarded by the school district:	1
2. Total value of all contracts awarded:	\$252,194.00
3. Total number of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and locally owned businesses:	1
4. Total value of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and locally owned businesses:	\$252,194.00

LEGAL ADS

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

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

DEATH NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of BARBARA J VANRIPER. Letters of Office were issued on October 15, 2025, to Carol J. Hughes, 9000 N. Glenwood Ave., Kansas City, MO 64157, and Randall J. Finnegan, 54 Gregory Way, Baiting Hollow, NY 11933, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL 61238, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC Attorneys for Estate P.O. Box 205 Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 10/24, 10/31, 11/7/25

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 Published 10/24, 10/31, 11/7/25

WYOMING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Annual Treasurer's Report July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Income (Property Taxes, Stark County Prop Taxes, etc.) and Expenses (Ambulance Service, Insurance Premiums, etc.). Total Income: \$393,743.60; Total Expenses: \$367,782.29.

Respectfully Submitted Trustees of the Wyoming Fire Protection District Ross Elsasser, Keith Knobloch, Kevin Scholl Published 11/7/25

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

ESTATE OF LAWRENCE WARD WHISKER, SR., deceased No. 2025 PR 17

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Lawrence Ward Whisker, Sr. Letters of Office were issued on October 24, 2025, to Laurie A. Horvat, as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 4, 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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Massie & Quick, LLC Attorneys for Estate P.O. Box 205 Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 11/7, 11/14, 11/21/25

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1 JULY 1, 2025 through JUNE 30, 2026 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK AND MARSHALL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Trustees of the WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Stark and Marshall Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The following Annual Budget and Tax Appropriation Ordinance, containing an estimate of receipts, expenditures and appropriations for the FIRE PROTECTION (CORPORATE) FUND, AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, and INSURANCE FUND, is hereby passed, approved, adopted and appropriated for the Corporate uses of and by the WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Stark and Marshall Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026.

SECTION 2: FIRE PROTECTION (CORPORATE) FUND. A. ESTIMATED REVENUES \$473,701 2024 Property Taxes (Fire Protection Tax) \$128,055 Loans \$150,000 Interest \$200 Replacement Tax \$11,000 Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Revenue \$7,000 Miscellaneous Income \$14,000 TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$783,956

B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS / EXPENDITURES Firefighter Expense \$55,000 Building Maintenance & Repairs \$10,000 Truck Maintenance & Repairs \$20,000 Equipment Maintenance & Repairs \$15,000 Utilities \$10,000 Trustee Expenses \$1,500 Secretary / Treasurer Expenses and Stipend \$2,000 Capital Purchases \$500,000 Equipment Purchases \$100,000 Professional Fees \$4,000 Telephone / Internet \$7,500 Dues \$500 Legal Expenses \$3,500 Office Expenses and Misc. \$500 Fuel \$10,000 Miscellaneous Expense \$5,000 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FIRE PROTECTION FUND \$744,500

SECTION 3: AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND. A. ESTIMATED REVENUES

2024 Property Taxes (Ambulance Tax) \$220,016 Interest \$ - Loans \$ - TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$220,016 B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS / EXPENDITURES Contractual Ambulance Service \$235,080 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND: \$235,080

SECTION 4: INSURANCE FUND. A. ESTIMATED REVENUES 2024 Property Taxes \$18,047 TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$18,047 B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS / EXPENDITURES Insurance Premiums \$19,500 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE INSURANCE FUND \$19,500 ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END \$22,939

SECTION 5: SUMMARY. The amount appropriated for the Fire Protection District purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, by fund is as follows:

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FUND: \$744,500 AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND: \$235,080 INSURANCE FUND: \$19,500 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$999,080

SECTION 6: That the total sum of Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Eighty and No/100 Dollars (\$999,080) is hereby appropriated for the FIRE PROTECTION FUND, AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, and INSURANCE FUND for the Corporate uses of and by the WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Stark and Marshall Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026.

SECTION 7: All unexpended balances of any item or items of any general appropriation may be expended in making up a deficiency in any other item or items in the same general appropriation, or for the same general purpose or a like purpose, as herein provided.

SECTION 8: All unexpended balances of appropriations for the fiscal year, which has just been concluded, are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year begun for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

SECTION 9: This Budget and Appropriation Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, ten (10) days after its publication, as required by law.

PASSED September 15, 2025 APPROVED September 15, 2025 WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT By: Ross Elsasser, President ATTEST: Keith Knobloch, Secretary

Published 11/7/25

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1 TOULON COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE TOULON COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR CORPORATE FUND, AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND AND INSURANCE FUND PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2026.

Whereas, there has been prepared in tentative form a budget and appropriation ordinance for the Toulon Community Fire Protections District in Stark County, Illinois and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereupon;

And whereas, a public hearing was held as to such budget and appropriation ordinance on the 28 th day of October, A.D., 2025, at 5:00 o'clock P.M., notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publication in "The Prairie News", a newspaper with general circulation within said Fire Protection District territory, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOULON COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026.

Section 2. That the following, containing an estimate of the receipts expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of the Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date:

Estimated Receipts and Expenditures

1. Balance on hand at beginning of year \$143,035.37 2. Portion of taxes of levy voted in 2024 estimated to be received this fiscal year:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Corporate \$135,000.00, Ambulance \$164,000.00, Insurance \$15,000.00.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Estimated Illinois replacement tax \$8,000.00, Estimated interest income and other revenues \$1,000.00, Foreign Tax \$4,500.00, Miscellaneous income \$2,000.00, Total estimated receipts \$472,535.37, Total estimated expenditures: Corporate \$149,775.00, Ambulance \$205,000.00, Insurance \$15,000.00, Total \$369,775.00, Estimated Balance on hand at end of fiscal year: \$102,760.37

Section 3. That the following sums of money to be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of said Toulon Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025:

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget, and Appropriation. (a) Attorney's fee \$2,000.00 \$2,600.00, (b) Publication expense \$500.00 \$1,000.00, (c) Supplies and expenses \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00, (d) Software subscriptions and dues \$1,500.00 \$2,000.00, (e) Payment to Administrative Assistant \$2,500.00 \$2,500.00

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget, and Appropriation. (a) Repairs and maintenance of firefighting equipment \$2,000.00 \$10,000.00, (b) Repairs and maintenance of fire trucks \$6,000.00 \$20,000.00, (c) Turnout gear & clothing replacement \$6,000.00 \$10,000.00, (d) Fuel and Supplies \$2,000.00 \$3,000.00, (e) Contingency/Incidental Expenses \$2,000.00 \$5,000.00

3. FEE AND REIMBURSEMENT FUND (a) Trustees fees \$525.00 \$975.00 (b) Firefighter training \$750.00 \$5,000.00 (c) Firefighter clothing allowance \$22,000.00 \$25,000.00

4. BUILDING FUND (a) Repairs and maintenance \$10,000.00 \$15,000.00 (b) Telephone and 911 service fees \$3,000.00 \$8,900.00 (c) Utilities and hydrant rental \$12,000.00 \$15,000.00

5. EQUIPMENT (a) Reserve for new equipment \$20,000.00 \$50,000.00 (b) Lease payment for 2017 -Alexis fire truck \$43,500.00 \$60,000.00 (c) Loan payment for 2022 Dodge Rescue truck \$12,500.00 \$25,000.00

Total Estimated Corporate Expenditures \$149,775.00 \$261,975.00 Section 4. That the following sums of money to be and the same or hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of an ambulance service of said Toulon Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026:

1. FUNDS FOR PROVISION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE Total Estimated Ambulance Expenditures \$205,000.00 \$220,000.00

Section 5. That the following sums of money to be and the same or hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of a liability insurance fund of said Toulon Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026:

1. LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND Total Estimated Insurance Expenditures \$15,000.00 \$20,000.00

Section 6. That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this ordinance.

Section 7. That should any clause, sentence, paragraph or a part of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 8. This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance 2025-1. Section 9. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with the law.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Passed: October 28, 2025. Published: November 7, 2025.

/S/William S. Foglesong, President Attest: /S/ Christopher Henderson, Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)) SS. COUNTY OF STARK) I, Christopher Henderson, Secretary of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District of STARK County, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district passed October 28, 2025.

/S/ Christopher Henderson, Secretary Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of October 2025. /S/ Keith Alan Luymes, Notary Public

STATE OF ILLINOIS)) SS. COUNTY OF STARK)

I, John Boarman, Treasurer of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District of Stark County, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district, passed October 28, 2025, includes an estimate of revenues by source anticipated to be received by the taxing district in the following fiscal year.

/S/ John Boarman, Treasurer Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of October 2025. /S/ Keith Alan Luymes, Notary Public

Published 11/7/25

FOOTBALL: Galva falls to South Fork in 8-man

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The season finale appeared to be fun for Noard, who coached Stark County to its 17th playoff appearance in his 21 seasons. Perhaps even more satisfying was achieving the postseason with a group of inexperienced varsity players that hadn't had much success at lower levels.

"To secure that playoff berth and play a 9-0 team really tough, I think in a lot of ways you can say it was successful," Noard said in summarizing the season. "Were there some moments toward the end that didn't have a great feeling to it? Yes, there were.

"Last month wasn't really what we wanted, but what we wanted is what we got (last week)."

For the season, Browning ran for 319 yards and passed for 1,024 yards, both team highs. Knoblauch ran for

XC: Girls hope to improve on 19th

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17:29.7) led Stark County and was followed by her sister, senior Cheyeh Smith (7th, 18:29), and other scoring runners freshman Norah Rorem (39th, 20:26.9), sophomore Darilis Knobloch (75th, 21:34.2) and senior Paytin Terwilliger (85th, 21:56.5).

"Dusti and Cheyeh will both be in the mix for all-state honors. When you compare our performances our returning runners had from last year, most especially Dusti and Cheyeh, it gives us a lot of confidence headed into state finals," Rennick said. "How it falls out you just never know. 1A girls is a very fast place to exist, this season most especially."

Dusti Smith placed 27th last year at state in 17:57.1 – missing by two spots the all-state honor she earned as a freshman when she was 22nd and posted a time of 18:03.82.

171 yards. Daum had a team-high 741 yards receiving. Chase Holmstrom had 87 tackles.

– Nick Vlahos

South Fork 52, Galva 6

KINCAID – After 31 years of waiting, Galva finally played in another playoff game as the Wildcats.

While the end result was not what the players or Coach Zach Anderson hoped for, Galva's 5-5 season in 8-player football still marks a monumental turnaround for a program fresh off two straight winless seasons.

"I told the boys, 'We don't hang our heads on this one,'" Anderson said. "Were they a good team? Yes. Are we a good team? Yes."

Galva trailed just 14-0 with 6:30 left in the second quarter against South Fork (10-0) but was unable to get points off a few long drives. Dynamic quarterback MJ Louck did not play from the midway point of the second quarter after hurting his lower back on a scramble.

From there, South Fork took over, grabbing a 30-0 halftime lead and going up 52-0 after three quarters.

George Bailey ran for 236 yards and three touchdowns for South Fork, which finished with 409 yards on the ground and an average of 14.6 yards per carry.

Galva's leading rusher for the season was Blake Stahl and he scored the only playoff touchdown, taking a screen pass more than 60 yards in the fourth quarter.

Louck led the team in passing and scoring, JP Sloan led in receiving TDs and Stahl led in tackles, followed by Cyrus Hurd.

Galva graduates six seniors, but Anderson vowed to keep building.

"Now that we've woken this beast in me, I don't know that I'll ever sleep again," the first-year head coach said. "After the game, I don't know if there was a dry eye when I was talking to them. A lot of underclassmen

came up afterwards and said, 'We'll be back in the playoffs next year.'"

– Jeff Lampe

Heyworth 21, Princeville 14

PRINCEVILLE – Midway through the fourth quarter of its Class 1A football state-playoffs opener, Princeville appeared to be in solid shape.

But a 12-second span that began with a turnover and ended with a stupendous scoring run changed the trajectory.

A 57-yard slalom by Braydon Laesch with 6:50 remaining in the game gave Heyworth the final touchdown Nov. 1. It sent Heyworth (8-2), the ninth seed in the 1A northern bracket, to a home game Saturday vs. No. 1 Stockton.

It also sent eighth-seeded Princeville (7-3) to its second consecutive first-round home defeat, after Stockton won by 30 points last season. This one left Princeville players almost too stunned and too sad to do anything but sob.

"This is a tough one," Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers said afterward at Tom Bruna Field. "I'm proud of the kids. They battled. It just didn't go our way."

Until the final minutes, the ballgame was pretty much even. What separated Heyworth eventually were its big plays.

One big play, a 60-yard Laesch run 2:22 before halftime, made it 14-14. Most of the second half was a stalemate; the teams combined for six punts. But with 7:02 left in the game, as Princeville drove past the Heyworth 30-yard line, Eli Christianson fumbled. Heyworth recovered.

Hornets quarterback Parker Bell threw an incomplete pass on the next play, but the Princes were called for a personal foul against the receiver. Laesch took the ensuing handoff at midfield, bobbed and weaved toward the visiting sideline, then sprinted into the end zone.

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SCOREBOARD

**Annawan-Wethersfield 31
Stark County 8**
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Annawan-W 0 10 14 7 -- 31

Scoring Summary

Second Quarter
A-W – Torres 21 FG
A-W – Heston 80 punt return (Torres kick)

Third Quarter

A-W – Horrie 42 run (Torres kick)
A-W – Horrie 38 run (Torres kick)

Fourth Quarter

SC – Siebenthal 3 pass from Steelman (Turnbull pass from Steelman)
A-W – Heitzler 5 run (Torres kick)

Team Statistics

	SC	A-W
Rushes-yds	23-74	36-307
Yds per carry	3.2	8.5
Comp-Att-Int	9-25-0	3-8-1
Passing yds	69	26

Individual Statistics

Rushing – SC: Holmstrom 8-24, Daum 6-23, Steelman 2-21, Masters 3-3, Turnbull 3-2, Gentle 1-0. A-W: Horrie 15-207, Heitzler 14-81, N.Thurston 6-12, Heston 1-7.
Passing – SC: Steelman 4-13-0 34, Gentle 3-10-0 25, Daum 2-2-0 10. A-W: Heitzler 3-8-1 26.
Receiving – SC: Daum 4-33, Holmstrom 1-13, Warner 1-12, Turnbull 2-10, Siebenthal 1-1. A-W: Jape 1-22, M.Thurston 2-4.

IHSA football playoff pairings

Class 1A

Last week's first-round results

Stockton 26, Galena 0
Heyworth 21, Princeville 14
Clifton Central 24, Knoxville 6
Dwight 29, Rushville-Industry 26
Annawan-W. 31, Stark County 8
Dee-Mack 52, Chicago Crane 34
Lena-Winslow 48, Forrester 22
Gibson City-M-S 28, Ottawa Marquette 6
Hardin Calhoun 48, Villa Grove 6
Greenfield 42, Sesser-Valier 14
Casey-Westfield 35, Bridgeport 0
Nokomis 28, Tuscola 19
Camp Point Cent. 44, Winchester 0
Brown County 48, Athens 0
Dupo 28, Catlin-Salt Fork 7
Carrollton 28, Fithian Oakwood 14

Heyworth 21 Princeville 14

Heyworth 7 7 0 7 - 21
Princeville 7 7 0 0 - 14

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
H – Troha 31 pass from Bell (Brown kick)
P – Geiger 2 run (Richeson kick)

Second Quarter

Second-round games

(all on Saturday, Nov. 8)

(1) Stockton (10-0) at (9) Heyworth (8-2), 2 p.m.
(4) Clifton Central (9-1) at (12) Dwight (7-3), 4 p.m.
(2) Annawan-Wethersfield (10-0) at (10) Deer Creek-Mackinaw (7-3), 3 p.m.
(6) Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley (8-2) at (3) Lena-Winslow (9-1), 2 p.m.
(8) Greenfield (7-3) at (1) Hardin Calhoun (10-0), 1 p.m.
(4) Casey-Westfield (8-2) at (12) Nokomis (7-3), 3 p.m.
(7) Brown County (8-2) at (2) Camp Point Central (10-0), 1 p.m.
(3) Dupo (9-1) at (11) Carrollton (7-3), 2 p.m.

P – Sarnes 5 run (Richeson kick)
H – Laesch 60 run (Brown kick)

Fourth Quarter

H – Laesch 57 run (Brown kick)

Team Statistics

	H	P
Rushes-yds	25-146	44-306
Yds per carry	5.8	7.0
Comp-Att-Int	9-16-2	3-14-1
Passing yds	140	26

Penalties-yds 3-20 7-85
Fumbles-lost 1-0 1-1

Individual Statistics

Rushing – H: Laesch 18-155, Godfrey 1-3, Bell 6-(-12). P: Sarnes 13-136, Geiger 19-117, Christianson 9-40, Melick 3-13.

Passing – H: Bell 9-16-2 140. P: Sarnes 3-14-1 26.

Receiving – H: Troha 2-39, Godfrey 1-33, Rutledge 1-31, Andrews 2-27, Braden 1-5, Laesch 1-3, Brucker 1-2. P: Johnson 1-11, Blunier 1-10, Christianson 1-5.

Tackles – H: Laesch 10. P: Carruthers, Day, Geiger, Sarnes 5.

8-man playoffs

First-round results last weekend

South Fork 52, Galva 8
West Carroll 42, West Central 8
Polo 36, Kirkland Hiawatha 14
St. Anne 39, Metro-East Luth. 20
Milledgeville 66, Macon Mer. 16
South Beloit 37, Alden-Hebron 6
Pawnee 42, Flanagan/Wood. 30
Amboy 68, Milford/CP 8

Friday's Quarterfinals

- (8) South Beloit (8-2) vs. (1) Milledgeville (9-0)
- (5) Amboy (8-1) vs. (4) Pawnee (9-1)
- (7) West Carroll (8-2) vs. (2) South Fork (10-0)
- (6) St. Anne (9-1) vs. (2) Polo (9-1)

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Knobloch wins sectional title

Girls team third, headed to state XC meet Saturday

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Prairie News

ROCK ISLAND – Sophomore Evan Knobloch continued in a season of firsts last Saturday by becoming the first Stark County boys cross country runner to win a sectional championship.

Knobloch rolled through the Saukie Golf Course layout in 15:01.4, winning by 17 seconds over Byron senior Tim Starwalt and qualifying for Saturday's Class 1A state meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

Also advancing to state was the Stark County girls team, which placed fourth at the sectional with 179 points behind winner Winnebago (46 points), Byron (158) and Cambridge (167).

Girls run at 9 a.m. on Saturday and boys are scheduled for 10 a.m.

Knobloch qualified for state last year and finished 42nd in a time of 15:37.93. He is faster and stronger this year, however, as evidenced by his sectional race.

"He was strong and steady throughout the race, in control of the race from the start. He gradually extended his lead and by the 2-mile the result was certain," Stark County Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said. "We talk about the difference between being a runner and a racer. Evan is certainly rac-



Stark County sophomore Evan Knobloch crosses the finish line at Saukie Golf Course last Saturday in 15:01.4 to become the first Rebels boys runner to win a sectional cross country title.

ing to be sure, which is what you need to be to develop and maintain success."

"Evan will be running up front targeting his first all-state honors and to finish well."

The Lady Rebels return to state as a team for the third straight year with two possible all-state runners and seeking to improve on a school-best 19th-place finish.

"Getting to state once is hard, three times in a row with a 600-student class 1A cut-line is impressive," Rennick said.

"This group has not been complacent and each preseason goal we set we have gotten to at this point."

At Rock Island, junior Dusti Smith (4th,

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Rebels battle to the end

Stark County falls 31-8 to A-W; Galva ousted in 8-man

By The Prairie News

KEWANEE – As might have been expected, Stark County didn't win its Class 1A football state-playoffs opener.

But as far as Stark County Coach Jade Noard is concerned, his team was far from a loser, despite the 31-8 final score Nov. 1 at Annawan-Wethersfield.

For one thing, the result was not as lopsided as a 48-7 A-W regular-season victory Oct. 3 over Stark County (5-5). For another, the 15th seed in the 16-team 1A northern bracket trailed the undefeated No. 2 Titans only 10-0 at half-time in this one.

The way his team played following four consecutive drubbings to end the regular season – a streak that began with the first A-W game – was what mattered most to Noard.

"They came out and did what you're supposed to do in the playoffs – give it everything they had," he said.

"They wore us down a lit-

IHSA playoffs
Second-round games
Class 1A
 • Annawan-Wethersfield (10-0) at Deer Creek-Mackinaw (7-3), 3 p.m. Saturday

tle bit, but the effort didn't stop. We walked away about as happy as you can be after a playoff loss. It leaves a much better taste in your mouth than what we had through the month of October."

Stark County was out-scored 205-47 in its previous four games.

On the first drive of this game, Stark County stopped A-W at the Rebels 15-yard-line. In the second quarter, A-W was at the Stark County 5 on first down but had to settle for a field goal. The only A-W first-half touchdown came on a second-quarter punt return.

"We had 11 dudes just flying around and trying to make plays," Noard said.

On offense, Stark County had to change its plan because of injuries that side-



Stark County football coach Jade Noard has directed Rebels teams to the playoffs in 17 of his 21 seasons at the helm. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

lined quarterback Ben Browning, running back Jackson Knoblauch and center Aiden Painter. Caleb Gentle, Kaeden Steelman and Connor Daum took snaps.

"We did move the ball. I thought the guys that came in did a really good job," Noard said. "We tried to mix it up and have some fun."

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