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Teen dies while flying kite

A rural Portland boy died Sunday after he was electrocuted while flying a kite at his home.

Ryan E. Williams, 13, 642 West 300 North, was pronounced dead at Jay County Hospital. The cause of death was ruled as electrocution, Jay County coroner Mark Barnett said. Jay Emergency Medical Service was called to the rural Portland residence at approximately 3:40 p.m. Sunday.

Williams was flying a kite alone outside his home when the string, fortified with wire, touched a power line.

Schooled at home, he was an avid hunter, trapper, fisherman and rode four-wheelers and horses. He worked for S & L Racing Stables and was a farmer.

Born in Indianapolis on June 30, 1991, he was the son of LaDonna Williams of Portland.

Other survivors include: maternal grandparents, Doyle and Norma Williams, Portland; his mother's companion, Kenny Bullard of Portland and his three daughters, Alana Bullard and Brandy Bullard, both of Hartford City, and Jan Price, Westfield; maternal great-grandmother, Mary Bryan, Portland; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services are Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Darrell Borders officiating. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F Cemetery in Pennville.

Visitation is Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Limberlost Coon Hunters Club or the 4-H Shooting Sports Club.

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