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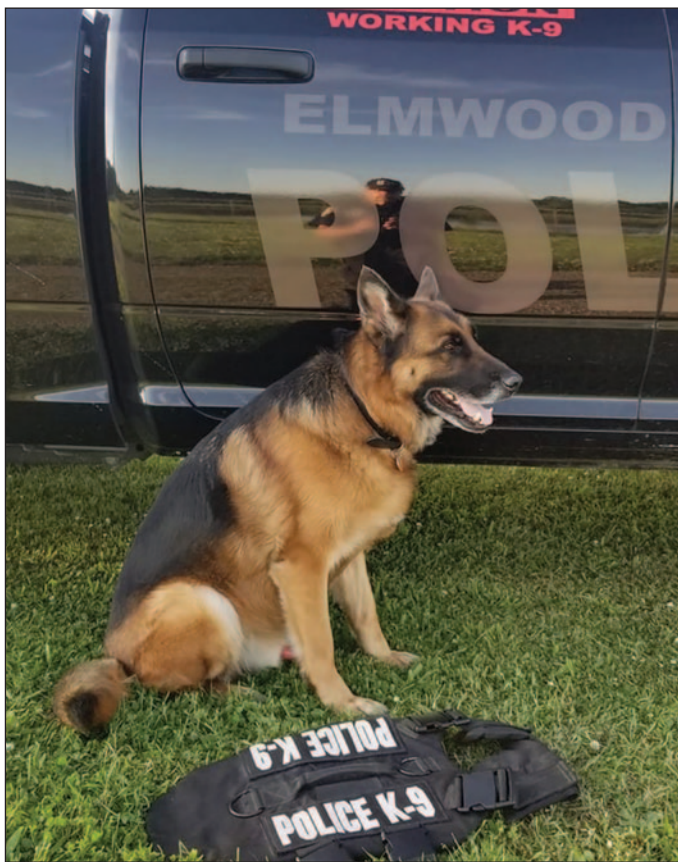
Elmwood K9 fund gets boost

By JEFF LAMPE
Weekly Post Staff Writer

ELMWOOD – Lindsay Gilles thinks Elmwood is a better place with a K9 dog helping patrol the streets. So she has helped organize a fundraiser this Saturday for the Elmwood K9 fund, which in the past year has been running at a deficit.

"I feel safer knowing we're in a community that has a crime dog," said Gilles, who along with Danielle Veytia has organized a pet-oriented event Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at Elmwood's Central Park. "I wanted to offer the community an option to support the K9 fund."

Outside funding has kept Elmwood's K9 operation afloat since the program was started in 2012. Recently,



Elmwood's K9 Rebel poses in front of the specially equipped police truck he shares with Officer Mike Darrah.

though, the combination of reduced funding and unintended spending has pushed the fund into the red.

Elmwood Mayor Bryan

Davis said he recently became aware that money from the K9 fund was being used to pay for gas for the squad

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Early voting ahead

Cast ballots for Nov. 3 election starting Sept. 24

By BILL KNIGHT

For The Weekly Post

Early voting starts next week, offering another choice for people to cast ballots for the Nov. 3 General Election.

Voting begins Sept. 24 at Fulton and Knox County Courthouses, and at the Peoria Election Commission; and starting Oct. 19 at various satellite locations for Peoria County residents.

"Early voting will start at the Fulton County Courthouse on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 8 a.m.," Fulton County Clerk Jennifer Bankert said. "This is the only facility that we hold early voting at. We are here Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and then we will also be open the two Saturdays prior to Election Day 8 a.m. to 4 p.m."

Likewise, Knox County residents voting early will have to go to Galesburg.

"We will not have any other Early Voting sites other than the Courthouse," said Knox County Clerk Scott Erickson. Also, "we will be open on the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon: Sept. 26,

Oct. 3, Oct. 17 and Oct. 31."

Expanding voting options isn't new; dozens of states offer early voting and Illinois added it about 15 years ago. This year, some Illinois counties may also have more polling places to better accommodate turnout without requiring voters to stand in line for hours.

However, the contagious pandemic this year has added a reason beyond making participation easier: safety.

President Trump on Aug. 13 criticized vote-by-mail, saying, "They need that money in order to make the Post Office work. If we don't make a deal, that means they don't get the money. That means they can't have universal mail-in voting."

Nevertheless, almost one in five Illinois voters could cast ballots by mail this fall, and Republican officials in some states – including Arizona, Iowa, North Carolina, Ohio

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Bankert

Work continues on new Brimfield eatery

By LORI HEROLD

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Ice cream, pie, sloppy Joes, hot dogs and soup will be on the menu at Joe's ala Mode and Pie, set to open in December or January at 124 W. Knoxville in Brimfield.

That's the word according to thrice "retired" Dave Donaldson, who is working with Rita Kress on the new eatery. More food choices may be added later.

As for the sloppy Joes, customers can expect to keep their laps clean from saucy meat. Donaldson said it should stay in the bun.

"It took 100 pounds of meat to come up with the recipe," he laughed. "I tried three different meats. It was quite a learning experience."

Drivers yawning their way to work or dropping kids off at school can get a caffeine fix at a

convenient drive-through at the west side of the building. Though the supplier hasn't yet been chosen, Donaldson, who learned about the coffee industry during time spent in Africa, promises it will be of good quality. Pastries and snacks will be available, too.

In addition to providing another choice of eatery to enhance the town's amenities, Donaldson and Kress are focusing on empowerment

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Dave Donaldson stands by the new counter of Joe's ala Mode and Pie in Brimfield which is scheduled to open in December or January. Photo by Lori Herold.

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VOTING: Several early voting locations in area

Continued from Page 1 and Pennsylvania – are urging people to vote by mail.

More than 1 million Illinoisans have requested mail ballots, compared to four years ago, when about 420,000 asked for them. Then, some 370,000 opted to vote that way (an 88 percent return).

In 2018, 430,000 votes were cast by mail in Illinois, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

“We are encouraged by the strong response to the ongoing vote-by-mail effort,” said Board of Elections director Steve Sandvoss. “Voting by mail provides a safe, secure and convenient voting option for those concerned about COVID-19.”

If you’re concerned that an already-struggling Post Office won’t be able to handle an increased load of

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mailed-in ballots, or you don’t trust the process, or if it’s not realistic because of problems with vision, language or a traditional address, early voting might be a better choice.

Election and health officials say it can be more

flexible and less congested than Election Day, and less risky to your health.

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said, “Voting is a right and a privilege. While the safest way to cast a ballot this year is voting by mail, we are and will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure that Illinoisans can exercise their right to vote in person, in the safest possible environments during this COVID-19 pandemic.”

The non-partisan Brennan Center for Justice and the Infectious Diseases Society of America together

have offered suggestions for safe voting. For voters, they’re urged to wear face coverings, but masks are not required (and voters can’t be prohibited from voting because they aren’t wearing one).

Early voting requires voters to have valid IDs. As on Election Day, electioneering is forbidden at polling places, but “poll watchers” are permitted. And ballots cast during early voting will be counted along with other ballots after polls close on Election Day.

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HOT PICKS This Month

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▲ **K9 Fundraiser** – A pet-oriented farmer’s market will be held in Elmwood’s Central Park Saturday, Sept. 19, to raise money for the city’s K9 dog, Rebel. Vendors on hand, including several pet-oriented. Local photographers will take pet portraits, with proceeds going to the K9 fund. Masks and social distancing encouraged.

This Week’s Events

▲ **Free Bread** – Free bread is distributed every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Harrison Hall in Brimfield. Call (309) 696-4542.

Future Events

▲ **Virtual Library** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood has a variety of upcoming virtual programs on its YouTube channel (Elmwood Public Library). Arts and crafts programs will be at 10 a.m. Sept. 22 and 29. Book talks with chapters from “Prince Caspian” will be at 10 a.m. on Sept. 23 and 30.

▲ **Golf Outing** – A golf outing to support the Aaron Miller Memorial Scholarship at

Brimfield High School will be held Oct. 4 at Soangetaha Golf Course near Galesburg at 1 p.m. Cost \$90 per golfer, hole sponsorship \$50. Contact Scott Carlson at (309) 645-5684 or Brandon Porter at (309) 231-9643.

▲ **Suicide Support** – Support for families who have lost loved ones is offered at Farmington Family YMCA at 6 p.m.

on the third Wednesday each month thanks to the Beau Grant Foundation.

▲ **Outdoor Yoga** – Yoga classes at Brimfield Village Park every Monday from 6-7 p.m. Bring a mat.

▲ **Food for Needy** – Food for needy in food pantry in the northeast corner of the lot next to St. Patrick’s Church.

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GUEST VOICES



Big Tomato winners are final

Rambling through central Illinois, wondering how an NFL opener can get better?



We have our winners in this year's annual big tomato contests. Champion at The Weekly Post is **Jerry Stewart** of Brimfield (pictured at right), whose entry weighed 2 pounds, 13.6 ounces and easily outdistanced the rest of the field in the TWP area. New this year, we also have a winner at our sister paper, The Prairie News out of Toulon. Big 'mater there went to **Peg Gray** (at far right), whose winner for that circulation area was 2 pounds, 11 ounces. Gray's tomato was grown from "Fred seeds," which came from the **Largent Family** and were likely collected in the Hanna City area. Kudos to both winners and to Stewart, our first Champion of Champions. ... Unfortunately, we've lost the addresses of both winners. So if they want checks, they need to call me at (309) 231-6040. Otherwise, we will donate the top prizes to a worthy cause (aka bet it all on **Standfortheanthem** to win in the last race Friday at Arlington Heights). ... Speaking of winners, it was so sad to see **Tom Brady** on the wrong end of a score Sunday. Ha. Hey, if Tampa Bay wanted a QB who would throw pick-sixes, they could have saved a lot of money and just kept **Jameis Winston**.



Illinois House Bill 4783 should be on the radar of any school official whose sports teams have a Native American mascot or logo. HB4783 was introduced this winter by Rep. **Maurice A. West** of Rockford and would prohibit schools from participating in playoffs if they use a Native American logo or mascot unless they: 1. get written consent of a tribe based within 500 miles of the school; 2. conduct a school-wide program on Native American culture twice per school year; 3. offer a course on Native American contributions to society; 4. file an annual report detailing the Native American academic programs a school offers. At present, HB4783 has been reassigned to the rules committee (usually a place bills



go to die). But this is an unusual year, in that legislators have not had much time to meddle in Springfield. Given the current socially aware climate, I'm betting similar bills will arise in the future if HB4783 does not advance, even though there are many more pressing matters that should be occupying the time of our elected officials. ... Through Sunday just 2 percent of Illinois corn was harvested. That will change quickly, as combines were rolling Tuesday and this week promises to be warm and dry. ... Parting shot: Read a report in which **Bill Gates** predicts an end to COVID-19 in the U.S. in 2021. Even smart guys are wrong sometimes, right? This pandemic needs to end in 2020.

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GUEST VOICES

Vote 'No' on Judge Thomas Kilbride

I respectfully ask voters to cast a No vote against Thomas Kilbride in this election. Kilbride has already been a state Supreme Court judge for 20 years. He is seeking another 10 years, or 30 years total on the bench. Enough is enough.

Worse, Tom Kilbride is on the bench almost solely because of nearly \$4 million in campaign cash provided by Mike Madigan, the corruption-tainted speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives and longtime head of the Chicago Democratic Party.



Ray LaHOOD

Kilbride has returned the favor to Mike Madigan, by always deciding cases the way Mike Madigan wants. Let me explain.

Illinois and Chicago in particular are known for political corruption. It hurts our state. Now Madigan is again embroiled in scandal. The huge electric utility Commonwealth Edison recently admitted in court that for 10 years (!) it has been bribing close associates of Mike Madigan, including the best man at Madigan's wedding, in order to get Madigan's okay to pass its legislation.

It is time to send a message to corrupt politicians, by rejecting judges

and elected officials who are tied to Madigan.

One court decision really rankles me. In 2016, 600,000 voters signed petitions to put on the ballot the question, for you and me to decide, of whether our legislative and congressional district lines should be drawn by an independent commission, or by Madigan, who has drawn gerrymandered maps for decades.

Kilbride wrote the 4-3 decision that, on a technicality, denied the voters their constitutional right to vote on the issue.

And, get this, a lead plaintiff in the case against independent maps was a former CEO of ComEd, the company guilty of bribing Madigan's cronies. This corruption has to stop.

Kilbride and the court, which has had a Chicago Democrat-dominated majority continuously since 1964, have also rejected efforts to trim public employee pension benefits a bit.

I want decent pensions for public employees, of course. Yet, the state legislature, led by Madigan, has decreed, for example, that cities must increase pension benefits by a minimum of 3 percent, compounded, every year. Does your pension go up 3 percent every year, compounded? And Kilbride and the court have sided with Madigan.

Yet cities in my central Illinois area are going broke trying to pay pension benefits to retired employees. For ex-

ample, I am told my hometown of Peoria is spending the equivalent of all its property tax revenue to pay retiree pension costs. The city has even cut active duty police and fire jobs to shift money to pay pensions!

You and I can reshape the Illinois Supreme Court.

The question this election, way down at the bottom of the ballot, will be, simply: Shall Tom Kilbride be retained as a supreme court justice? Yes or No.

Kilbride needs 60 percent of the vote to stay for 30 years on the court. If Kilbride is not retained, the court would be 3-3, Democrat and Republican. It would lose its Chicago-dominated majority for the first time in more than half a century. At 3-3, Democrats would be unable to protect a gerrymandered redistricting map to be drawn in 2021 by Madigan, if he hasn't been forced out of office before then. An election to replace Kilbride would be held in 2022.

Enough is enough. It is long past time for change on the Illinois Supreme Court. Vote No on Tom Kilbride. Send a message that we want to end the Madigan corruption in Illinois.

RAY LAHOOD of Peoria was a Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995-2009. In 2009, President Barack Obama asked LaHood to become his secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, where LaHood served from 2009-2013.

Don't play politics with unemployment dollars

To the Editor:

Unemployed Illinoisans are at a disadvantage when it comes to federal unemployment dollars, and they have Gov. JB Pritzker to blame for it, simply because he decided to play politics with the federal government rather than secure funds through the Lost Wages Act. This new federal program provides an additional \$300 a week to those who have experienced a COVID-19 related job loss.

There is up to \$44 billion available in the program, which is up for grabs by the states on a first-come-first-served basis. However, amid the bickering, the governor's administration failed to promptly apply to the program and as a result, Illinois was only approved last week. Not only did the governor's procrastination put Illinoisans behind those in other states who are receiving payments, but they are now left to also wait for an undetermined amount of time on the troubled Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) to issue these payments. Even then, it is unknown how long these payments will last.

For someone who often says he is looking out for our most vulnerable, this is quite the contradiction.

While in the midst of the governor's feud with the federal government over this program, in Illinois we continue to see our own unemployment system in shambles and unable to meet our constituents' needs.

We are six months into the pandemic and "call backs" at IDES either aren't happening or take several weeks, staff isn't properly trained to handle the issues, or the calls that do get answered are unproductive and solve little to nothing, leaving families wondering how to pay the bills

and put food on the table.

Despite months of pleas from legislators all around the state, things have yet to improve and our constituents are fed up. The lack of response by the administration is unacceptable.

While all these issues within IDES remain, it seems quite hypocritical for the governor to poke holes and critique the federal government. Illinois hasn't even been able to properly handle getting the first-round of federal benefits out of the door, yet the governor has the audacity to complain about the way the federal government is providing the second round of benefits.

The irony of it all may seem comical, but we can assure you it isn't for the thousands of Illinoisans who are relying on these benefits to make it from day to day.

Enough of the political games, governor. Real lives are being impacted.

– State Sen. **Don DeWitte**, 33rd District

– State Sen. **Jil Tracy**, 47th District

– State Sen. **Brian Stewart**, 45th District

– State Sen. **Chuck Weaver**, 37th District

Take off blinders for presidential election

To the Editor:

Horses wear blinders because their owners and riders want them to have only tunnel vision. Many of us have tunnel vision because we have been duped by some of our government officials since the 1960s, plus we don't want to see the evil around us.

Psalm 119:18 states, "Open our eyes to see the wonderful truths in your law." We need to have our eyes wide open as we prepare to vote in

the upcoming presidential election.

In the Aug. 27 issue of The Weekly Post, Erin Totosz referred to the Supreme court decision of Roe v. Wade in 1973. I respect Totosz's opinion as she respected mine when she referred to an article I had in the July 16 edition. It is obvious that she put a lot of thought into her article. I do empathize with her as she suggested.

However, in my opinion Roe v. Wade is an example of our government playing God. Another example is the fact our government took God out of our schools, indicating that it has better foresight than He does.

Our human "blinders" have prevented us from seeing a plan to destroy the America that our forefathers so carefully planned with our U.S. Constitution.

Roe v. Wade stated it is the woman's right to decide for herself when and if she wants to become a mother. I totally agree! However, the decision should be made before conception not after.

Totosz stated that she is glad to have the option of an abortion if needed. Needed is the key word here. An abortion to save someone's life is a lot different than taking a life simply because it's convenient.

Taking a baby's life before birth is called an abortion. Taking a baby's life after birth is murder. I don't see the difference.

Many may call me old-fashioned, but I am a 73-year-old man who believes that babies should come after a marriage between a man and woman. Yes, I understand mistakes happen too. I just hope and pray that we take off our "blinders" before the next election and vote for the only party that is concerned about keeping America free to make the right choices. Let's not be duped again.

– **Gene Vaughan**, Elmwood



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Knife, not gun, alleged on Brimfield school grounds

BRIMFIELD – A pocket knife, not a gun, was the weapon allegedly brought to Brimfield Grade School grounds on Sept. 3, according to Brimfield school administrators.

K9 FUND: K9 fund paid for squad car gas

Continued from Page 1 vehicle in which current K9 Rebel rides. While that is not technically illegal, it's not what the fund was intended for, Alderman Andrew Almasi said Tuesday at an Elmwood City Council meeting.

"There really aren't any legal requirements [for the K9 fund]," Almasi said. "But it's kind of a goodwill thing with the community that if they're donating then it should go to [the dog]. So we're going to rectify that."

Davis explained that gasoline for the K9 squad vehicle was routinely paid by the crime dog fund when the program first started. At that time, he

A headline in the Sept. 10 issue of The Weekly Post was incorrect. The newspaper erred.

Police reports

- FARMINGTON – James Best, 39, from Sparland was charged on Sept. 9 with a DUI, according to a Farmington police report. His vehicle was impounded.

- FARMINGTON – Bradley Smith, 47, from Norris posted bond

for a Johnson County warrant on Sept. 9, according to a Farmington report. The warrant was for failure to appear in court on a charge of illegal possession of cannabis. He was given a new court date.

- FARMINGTON – Police are investigating the theft of two lawn chairs in the 300 block of N. West St. on Sept. 12, according to a Farmington report. The chairs were valued at approximately \$50.

said, former officer Harry McFall and the city's first K9, Bullet, were used almost exclusively when called to a crime scene or a traffic stop.

"It was more of a call-out situation then. And I think that's how far back it goes," Davis said, noting the procedure should have changed when Rebel joined the force in 2017 and began riding regularly with officer Mike Darrah. Almasi said the city will pay back what it can this year. The remainder, he said, will be accounted for next year by increasing the police budget or by adding a line item to the general fund.

Still to be determined is

how much the fund is owed. According to City Clerk Bethany Lovingood, gas for the K9 vehicles last year cost \$5,200.

In the mean time, various fundraisers have helped shrink the K9 deficit. Uptown Cafe held a fundraiser dinner last Friday that generated \$457. And a portion of the proceeds from Saturday's event at Central Park will also go to the K9 fund, Gilles said, thanks to a group of 10 vendors who will set up in the park. Gilles and Veytia are also taking pet pictures and will donate 100 percent of what they raise to Rebel.

Bean's Family Market plans to grill Saturday and will also make a donation, Gilles said. In addition, there will be several pet-related items raffled off.

"I feel Elmwood is a much stronger community having a crime dog," Gilles said.

Police Chief Aaron Bean agrees.

"I think we need to keep it going. I'm fearful if we get rid of it we might be

drug-ridden again," Bean said. "When we first got a dog, it was pretty busy. But it seems like everybody knows if the dog is here and they don't come through with their junk. The word has got out.

"I'm not saying we're drug-free. I'm not saying that at all. But I think we need to keep going with it as long as we can afford it."

Bean said Rebel often receives praise from other K9 officers in Peoria County.

Darrah, Rebel's handler, has worked to raise money since the K9 fund deficit first came to light earlier this year. Darrah said he has received donations from businesses and private individuals who support the crime dog.

"We will be self-sufficient," Darrah said. "Now the understanding is, if it's not food or medical [for Rebel] or something else he needs, then it doesn't get paid out of the K9 fund.

"It was just a mistake. And shame on Aaron and I for not watching it closer."

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AUCTIONS/REAL ESTATE SALES

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TAX NO. 14-21-176-006
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 Description of Improvements: Yellow vinyl siding, single family home, no garage
 The Judgment amount was \$95,108.11.
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Princeville board OKs sale of house, lot

PRINCEVILLE – The Village Board on Sept. 8 approved an ordinance authorizing the sale by sealed bid of real estate at 217 W. Evans St. The Village was recently awarded the title and deed after the residential structure there was turned over to a lender and fell into disrepair, said Village President Jeff Troutman. Bids will be received starting this week and will be opened at the Board's second meeting in October, he said.

In other action, the Board:

- Declined to enact a higher water/sewer deposit, and instead passed an ordinance establishing a \$30 sign-up fee.
- Updated language in the Village's peddler and vendor provisions, set-



Elmwood Locker and Farmers State Bank teamed up to donate a portion of the processing cost of 12 hogs, the meat from which will be provided for free to 32 veterans in west-central Illinois by Deborah Whitaker of Warsaw. Pictured at left after loading the meat Saturday are (clockwise from bottom left) Dan Powers of Elmwood, Whitaker, locker owner John Powers, Jerry Powers of Yates City, Medal of Honor winner Hal Fritz of Peoria and Brett Powers of Elmwood.

ting a \$250 fee for a 90-day license.
 – Bill Knight

Students of Month

FARMINGTON – High School Principal Dennis McMillin announced students of the month at

Farmington: senior Makenna Hintz, junior Emma Evans, sophomore Addison Littrel and freshman Jaden Fauser, and 8th graders Isabelle Lynn and Calvin Rudd, 7th graders Lucas Guterrez, and 6th graders Adrienne Bolton and Eddie O'Brian.

Pages From The Past Compiled by Walter Lampe

5 Years Ago
 U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan's five-day "Ready for Success" bus tour through six states stopped at Williamsfield schools to look at the use of educational technology in general and Internet-related work in particular.

History mixed with art when award-winning sculptor John McClarey spent a few hours during Saturday's Elmwood Township Cemetery Walk demonstrating his work with a Lorado Taft piece.

10 Years Ago
 On Sept. 9, fire departments from Dunlap, Akron Princeville, Brimfield, Peoria Heights and Peoria all headed to the Monica Elevator Company in Dunlap, as corn caught

fire due to spontaneous combustion. After the fire was put out employees from the elevator helped empty the bin. Corn at the top of the bin was ruined but the rest was salvageable.

20 Years Ago
 Brittany Schmitt, a Brimfield High School junior, received an Honorable Mention Award in the 2000 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest. Over 90 entries were received in Illinois, but only 20 awards were given.

50 Years Ago
 The first customer in the new Farmers State Bank drive-up window in Elmwood was Mr. George McKinty in his black Model T.

80 Years Ago
 Jimmie McDonnell of Laura dis-

located the bones in his forearm when he fell from a horse.

90 Years Ago
 The Labor Day celebration in Farmington was a huge success. At the morning Baby Clinic, Larry Bengston won the loving cup and Dorothy McKoun and Margaret Ann Greer tied for first place among girl babies.

95 Years Ago
 The hard road between Elmwood and Yates City was completed.

120 Years Ago
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Farmington schools still undecided on trail

By **BILL KNIGHT**
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Despite popular support and the possibility of boosting its revenue, the Farmington Board of Education on Monday took no action on sharing costs of the City of Farmington’s involvement in the proposed Hanna City Trail.

After a brief presentation by Mayor Kent Kowal, Board members Kelly Brewer, Kay Faralli and B.J. Oldfield all said they were leaning against it, and Travis Mahr and Alex Slack both said they were no longer opposed to the idea, with Slack saying, “It isn’t a whole lot of money.”

With a possible state grant, the money would be \$22,750, Kowal said – half of the initial commitment, which is itself half of Farmington’s \$91,147 share of the \$416,200 local purchase price of the unused 24.7-mile Union Pacific line between Bellevue and Middle Grove.

The full price based on its appraised value of \$2,081,000, but a federal grant would cover 80 percent.

“It’s an investment for future education costs,” said Kowal, who said the trail could help attract new residents and development, and therefore more property taxes for the school district.

“One home with \$100,000 assessed valuation means \$4,500 every year in real estate taxes to District 2665,” he said. “Certainly, that could be spent

on education.

“If only one new home per year is built over a four-year period, the new taxes generated on just those four homes is \$45,000,” he continued. “The original investment [even without the state grant would be] recaptured in four years, [and] the return on investment for each year after that is 40 percent.”

However, Brewer said she supported the concept but didn’t see the justification for spending tax dollars; Faralli questioned how the trail could enforce a prohibition on motorized vehicles, and Oldfield repeated his preference for landowners along the Union Pacific right of way buying acreage – which the railroad has said it will not do.

The five Board members present – Eric Stanley having resigned – by consensus agreed they’d consider re-visiting the question at some point.

As the Board resisted investing between \$22,000 and \$45,000, Steve Smith from Clean Energy Design Group said the Springfield-based developer is estimating the school district will save between \$81,500 and \$82,000 from rooftop solar panels and a free-standing solar array.

“The new [free-standing] system is up and activated,” he said.

The school’s savings, Smith said, are “a good, clean estimate,” and the company plans to present a \$5,000

check to the District this fall for its academic foundation.

In other financial matters, the Board held a two-minute budget hearing with no comments from the public, and unanimously passed its Fiscal Year 2021 budget with no comments.

Revised from last month, the budget is still forecast to show deficits in six key funds: Educational (-\$80,278), Operations & Maintenance (-\$223,565), Debt Service (-\$151,391), Transportation (-\$670,849), Capital Projects (-\$335,376), and Tort (-\$17,583).

In other news, the board:
• Appointed former member Ron Zessin to the vacancy left by former board president Chad Johnson, leaving Stanley’s position open. Both positions are planned to be filled through April’s election.

• Approved renewing its agreement with Mobex, Inc. of Peoria for random drug testing for \$38.75 per test.

• Hired Laken Slack as Food Service Director, approved Curtt Stevens as a Music Boosters volunteer, re-assigned McKenzie Skaggs from a part-time substitute to a full-time sub, approved Meghan Krusa, Amara Burdess, and Paige Burklund for extended leaves of absence, and acknowledged Clint Mathewson’s resignation as high school Scholastic Bowl sponsor.



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BRIMFIELD: Input sought on ice cream type

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In fact, those interested in working at Joe’s can apply now. The eatery will hire a manager, a few leads and about 15 part-time associates.

For now, there is still equipment to arrive, install and be inspected, which will take a few months. Before

that, there is a decision of whether to serve hard or soft-serve ice cream.

“There are pros and cons to each,” Donaldson said.

Brimfield residents can email Donaldson with their preference at daveasan@gmail.com.

Renovations are nearly done on the building, which at one time was the location of a gas station, a laundromat and a dog grooming and boarding facility.

For now, there is nothing in the front of the building to indicate what it will become. And Donaldson

wouldn’t say what the sign will look like. “It will be a surprise.”

Donaldson is optimistic Joe’s will not only be an asset to the Brimfield community, but to people traveling in the 3,750 vehicles that pass by on a normal day. He expects the eatery to seat 16-20 people inside and up to 25 outside. Joe’s will be open year around. Operational hours are still to be determined.

Readers can check back for news of Joe’s ala Mode and Pie grand opening. Joe’s will also have a Facebook page and a website.

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Harrison L. Gilkeson

PRINCEVILLE – Harrison Lee Gilkeson, 61, of Dunlap, formerly of Princeville passed away at his daughter's home on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020, at 3:33 a.m. He was born on Nov. 10, 1958, to parents Donald Franklin and Mary Elizabeth (Harnish) Gilkeson. They both preceded him in death.



Gilkeson

Surviving are one son, Kyle (Nicole) Gilkeson of Dunlap; and one daughter, Krista (Steven) Gress of Peoria; seven grandchildren, Atlas, Arya, Sophia, Hannah, Olivia, Lilliana and Zachariah; five siblings, Frank (Holly) Gilkeson of Georgia, Barbara (Gary Sloan) Gilkeson of California, Ruth (Terry) Nelsen of North Carolina, John (Barbara) Gilkeson of Peoria, and Jeff Gilkeson of Virginia.

Harrison graduated from Princeville High School and was a mechanic, who previously worked for Greenview Nursery, Hoerr Nursery and Ideal Turf. He loved landscaping, gardening, riding ATV's and dirt bikes. He enjoyed using a chainsaw and being outdoors. There wasn't anything he couldn't fix, he was hardworking, and always helpful to friends and family.

A private burial will be at Jubilee Churchyard Cemetery. Pastor Chris Carpenter will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may

This Week's Obituaries

- Harrison L. Gilkeson, 61, Princeville
- Ronald J. Groeper, 56, Brimfield
- Sally Hickerson, 86, Knoxville
- Viola M. Messner, 90, Peoria
- Glenn D. Oertley, 100, Chillicothe
- Robert E. Perdelwitz Jr., 65, Princeville
- Ruth L. Stickling, 99, Princeville

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be made to: Memorial Fund for Harrison Gilkeson, at Better Banks. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

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

Ronald J. Groeper

BRIMFIELD – Ronald J. Groeper, 56, of Brimfield passed away Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020, at UnityPoint Health Methodist in Peoria. He was born May 10, 1964, in Peoria, to Jack and Roberta (Schoenbein) Groeper.

He married Donella Forney on Sept. 3, 1983. She passed away on Sept. 20, 2011. He recently married Tien Nguyen on Aug. 6, 2019 in Peoria; she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Caleb Groeper of Brim-

field; two step-daughters, Ethan and Jessica Nguyen of Brimfield; and one step-son, Harrison Nguyen of Brimfield; one sister, Robin (Robert) Forney of Brimfield; and two brothers, Roy Groeper of Brimfield and Russell (Teresa) Groeper of Laura. He is also preceded in death by both of his parents; and an infant sister, Rhonda Groeper.

Ron worked at Caterpillar for over 20 years and previously was employed at Alcoa. He loved hunting and farming, and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Fan. He currently attended Northwoods Community Church.

A visitation for Ron was Sept. 13, 2020, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. His funeral was private for family only on Sept. 14, 2020. Burial was in Brimfield Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Illinois CancerCare or JDRF (for juvenile diabetes).

To leave online condolences, please visit Ron's tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Glenn D. Oertley

CHILLICOTHE – Glenn D. Oertley, 100, of Chillicothe, passed away at 1:42 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at Heritage Health in Chillicothe.

He was born on March 28, 1920, in rural Stark County to Charles and Emma (Fritz) Oertley. He married Ethel Cheesman on Jan. 21, 1945, in Princeville. They were married for 62 years before her death in 2007.

He is survived by two children, Charles (Karen) Oertley of



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Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion.
— Martha Graham

Weekly SUDOKU

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Nashville, Tenn., and Nancy (Harvey) Varness of Chillicothe; four grandchildren, Erik (Kate) Varness of Peoria, Kristin (Nick) Pretasky of Appleton, Wis., Ann (John) Kantz of Chillicothe, and Jennifer (Jay) LeDuc of Nashville; grand daughter-in-law, Dierdre (Tim) Stringenz of Bozeman, Mont.; 11 great-grandchildren, Emma, Max and Samantha Varness of Peoria, Quinn Varness of Bozeman, Anika and Naomi Pretasky of Appleton, Wis., Bobby and Charlie Kantz of Chillicothe, Evelyn and Grace Stringenz of Bozeman, and Remy LeDuc of Nashville; 4 nieces; and a foreign exchange student, Ludo Claussens of Antwerp, Belgium. He was also preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Mabel (Ralph) Streitmatter and Verna (Rollin) Streitmatter; one brother, Charles (Darlene) Oertley; one grandson, Todd Varness; and son, G. David Oertley.



Oertley

Glenn attended schools near and in Wyoming, Ill., and the University of Illinois at Champaign, earning a Bachelor's of Science in Agriculture in 1941. After farming for five years, he became a professional farm manager and a rural appraiser. He was self-employed from 1951-1998 at Oertley Farm Management Service in Peoria.

He lived a long, active and gener-

ous life. He was a member of Alpha Zeta Agriculture Honorary, and was a lifetime member of the President's Council at the U of I. He was a member of the Illinois Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers for 72 years, a leader and supporter of 4-H programs, a board of directors member for the Heart of Illinois fair for 41 years, a lifetime member (76 years) of Masonic Blue Lodge #479 in Wyoming and a 50 plus year member of the Shriner's International, who support the Shriners Hospital for Children in Chicago. He was an active member of Prospect United Methodist Church in Dunlap since 1969.

Glenn always encouraged others to continue their education and provided financial assistance to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren for their schooling, along with gifts to many others. With his wife, he established the Oertley Family Scholarship at Illinois Central College in 1998, which to date has provided financial assistance to more than 200 students.

He most loved his family, and remained interested and involved with all of them. Glenn also loved farming, being outside, gardening, and baking, especially "Grandpa Bread." He freely shared whatever he had and always enjoyed being with people. His many friends were very important to him; so too was his faith, which formed his core of love and service. His motto was "Accept,

adapt, keep moving."

A service and burial in Princeville will be planned at a later date. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oertley Family Scholarship through Illinois Central College Educational Foundation, 1 College Drive, E. Peoria, IL 61635 or Prospect United Methodist Church 300 E. Ash, Dunlap, IL 61625.

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

Sally Hickerson

WILLIAMSFIELD – Sally Hickerson, 86, Knoxville, mother of a Williamsfield man, died Sept. 9, 2020, at her home of gallbladder cancer.

She was born Sept. 3, 1934, in Galesburg, the only child of Gale Edward and June (Cullen) Ward.

She married Dr. Robert Hickerson Jr. on July 30, 1955, in Galesburg, which began a 65-year marriage. They became the parents to three children, Steven (and Leslie) Hickerson of Kissimmee, Florida, Julie (and John) Lencioni of Wheaton and Dr. Stuart (and Angela) Hickerson of Williamsfield. They were also grandparents to seven grandchildren.

A private family memorial service will be held.

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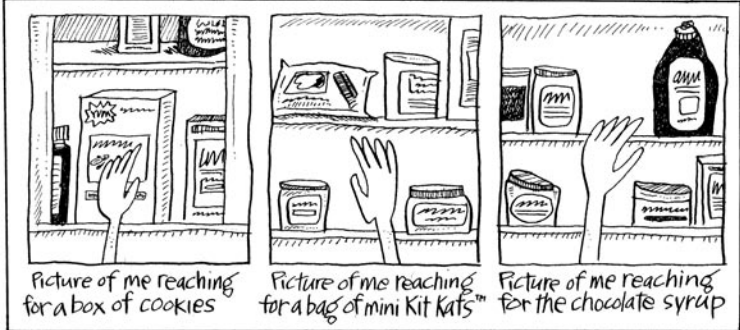
<p>BRIMFIELD Baptist Church of Brimfield Pastor Doug Seeley 321 S. Jefferson St., Brimfield (309) 678-2208 Sun. School: 9:30 am Sun. Worship: 10:40 am Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm</p> <p>St. Joseph Catholic Church Father John Verrier 314 W. Clay, Brimfield (309) 446-3275 stjosephbrimfield.org Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm Sat. Mass: 5 pm Sun. Mass: 10:30 am (10 am in the summer) Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 am</p> <p>St. Paul's Lutheran Church The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod "Preaching Christ Crucified" "Liturgical & Reverential" Pastor Michael Liese 204 W. Clay St., Brimfield (309) 446-3233 Sun. Divine Service: 10 am</p> <p>Brimfield E-Free Church Pastor Donald Blasing 11724 Maher Road Brimfield, IL 61517 (309) 446-3571 brimfieldefree.org Worship: 10:30 am Sunday School: 9:30 am AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm, ages 3-12</p>	<p>Brimfield United Methodist Church Pastor Roland Millington 135 S. Galena St., Brimfield (309) 573-1833 Sun. Worship: 9 am Sun. School: 9 am Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm</p> <p>Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ Pastor Stephen Barch 105 W. Clay Street, Brimfield (309) 446-3811 brimfieldunionchurch.org Sunday Worship: 9 am Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm • First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten-free communion offered) • Youth group meets 2nd Sunday each month, 12:30-2 p.m.</p> <p>DAHINDA Dahinda United Methodist Church Reverend Teresa Shane 1739 Victoria St., P.O. Box 14 Dahinda, IL 61428 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:40-11:30 Church: (309) 639-2768 Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389 Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com</p> <p>DOUGLAS Douglas United Methodist Church Pastor Kristine McMillan</p>	<p>484 3rd St. Yates City, IL 61572 (NOTE: Church is in Douglas) Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. (Maquon worship: 10:30 a.m.) <i>Facebook Live is 10:30 at Maquon UM Church page</i></p> <p>EDWARDS Bethany Baptist Church 7422 N. Heinz Ln., Edwards (309) 692-1755 bethanycentral.org Sun. Worship 8:15 & 11 am Wednesday Awana: 6:15 pm</p> <p>St. Mary's Catholic Church Father Joseph Dondanville 9910 W. Knox St., Edwards (309) 691-2030 stmaryskickapoo.org Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm Sat. Mass: 4 pm Sun. Masses: 7 & 11:00 am Mon. Mass: 5:30 pm Daily Masses: Wed-Fri. 8 am</p> <p>ELMWOOD Crossroads Assembly of God Pastor Tim Cavallo 615 E. Ash St., Elmwood (309) 830-4259 crossroadselmwood.org Wed. Worship: 7 pm Sun. Worship: 10:30 am</p> <p>Elmwood Baptist Church Pastor Bill Cole 701 W. Dearborn St., Elmwood (309) 742-7631, 642-3278 Sunday School: 9:30 am</p>	<p>Sun Worship: 10:30 am, 1:15 pm Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 pm</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood Reverend Marla B. Bauler 201 W. Evergreen, Elmwood (309) 742-2631 firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org Sun. Worship: 10:30 am Sun. School: 9:30 am</p> <p>St. Patrick's Catholic Church Father Joseph Dondanville 802 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-4921 Sat. Mass: 5:30 pm Sun. Mass: 9 am Tues. Mass: 8 am Tues. Confession: After mass</p> <p>United Methodist Church of Elmwood Pastor David Pyell 821 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-7221 elmwoodumc.org Sun. Worship: 9 am, 10:30 am Youth Sun. School: 9 am Adult Sun. School: 8 am</p> <p>FARMINGTON Farmington Bible Church Pastor Tony Severine 497 N. Elmwood Rd. Farmington (309) 245-9870 Sunday School: 9:30 Worship Service: 10:30</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>of Farmington Reverend Andy Sonneborn 83 N. Cone Street, Farmington (309) 245-2914 firstpresfarmington.com Sunday School: 9:15 am Worship: 10:30 am Fellowship: 11:30 am</p> <p>New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God Pastor Tom Wright 1102 N. Illinois Route 78 Farmington (309) 231-8076 Sun. Worship: 10 am Wed. Worship: 7 pm</p> <p>PRINCEVILLE Princeville Presbyterian Church Rev. Chris Carpenter 339 S. Santa Fe Ave. Princeville, IL 61559 (309) 385-4402 office@princevillepc.org Sunday school: 9 a.m. Sun. worship: 10:30 am Office hours: Tuesday to Thursday, 8 am-1 pm</p> <p>Princeville United Methodist Church Pastor Zach Waldis 420 E. Woertz, Princeville (309) 385-4487 princevilleumc@mediacombb.net Sun. Worship: 9 am Sunday School: 10:15 am</p> <p>St. Mary of the Woods</p>	<p>Catholic Church Father Pat Henahan, Pastor Father Andru O'Brien, Vicar 119 Saint Mary St., Princeville (309) 385-2578 Sat. Confession 3-3:45 pm Sat. Mass 4 pm Sun. Mass 9 am Tue.-Fri. Daily Mass 8 am</p> <p>WILLIAMSFIELD St. James Catholic Church Father John Verrier Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N Williamsfield (309) 446-3275 stjameswilliamsfield.org Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 am Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 am in the summer)</p> <p>Williamsfield United Methodist Church Pastor Teresa Shane 430 N. Chicago Ave. Williamsfield (309) 639-2389 Sun. School: 9:30 am Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 am Sun. Worship: 11 am</p> <p>YATES CITY Faith United Presbyterian Church Reverend Marla B. Bauler 107 W. Bishop St., Yates City (309) 358-1170 Worship: 9 am Sun. School: 10:15 am Thurs. Choir: 7 pm</p>
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OBITUARIES

Viola M. Messner
PEORIA – Viola Mae Messner, age 90, of Peoria, mother of Williamsfield and Edwards women, died at UnityPoint Methodist Hospital on Sept. 9, 2020.
A private funeral service was held Sept. 13.
She was born on May 1, 1930, in Kossuth County, Iowa. She married Donald Kenneth Messner on Feb. 14, 1954
Surviving are husband, Donald Messner of Peoria; five children, Philip (Sandi) Messner of Hutchinson, Minn.; Mary (Mark) Rosenak of Pekin; Paul (Jan) Messner of Winthrop; Ruth (Keith) Herrmann of Williamsfield; Carol (Ron) Christ of Edwards; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and five sisters.

Robert E. Perdelwitz Jr.
PRINCEVILLE – Robert E. Perdelwitz Jr., 65, of Seneca, S.C., formerly of Princeville, died Sept. 8, 2020, of glioblastoma brain cancer.
Born Oct. 19, 1954, in Peoria, he grew up in Princeville, where he loved and raised a family before relocating to South Carolina.
He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Heidi (Miller); one son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Lisa Perdelwitz, with one granddaughter; and one daughter, Stacy Perdelwitz, with one grandson.
A funeral service is scheduled for Sept. 26, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Pickens View Wesleyan Church, 744 Bethlehem Ridge Road, Pickens, S.C.
Condolences can be left online at everloved.com/life-of/robert-perdelwitz-jr.

Ruth L. Stickling
PRINCEVILLE – Ruth Lucille Stickling, 99, of Chillicothe, formerly of Princeville, died Sept. 7, 2020, at Heritage Health Senior Care in Chillicothe.
She was born on July 22, 1921, in Princeville. She married Walter Stickling on Oct. 12, 1940, in Nashua, Iowa. They were married 57 years until he passed away in 1997.
Surviving are one daughter, Cheryl (Tim) Placher of Lacon; one son, Terry (Linda) Stickling of Chino Valley, Ariz.; two grandsons; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.
Her funeral service was Sept. 11 at Princeville Cemetery.
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TRIVIA TEST** By Fifi Rodriguez
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 - HISTORY: How many people survived the sinking of the Titanic in 1912?
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 - ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of rhinoceroses called?
- Answers**
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 - Drumsticks
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Billtown board OKs school budget

By JEFF LAMPE

Weekly Post Staff Writer

WILLIAMSFIELD – Budgets, levies and contracts dominated Monday's meeting of the Williamsfield School Board.

The board approved a Fiscal Year 2021 budget that shows a \$105,717 surplus and an ending balance of just over \$2.6 million. To fund that budget, the board also voted in favor of a 2020 school tax levy that features a 5.73 percent increase from last year.

The increase is the second in a five-year plan to pay back Health Life Safety bonds that are being used mostly to pay for new heating and cooling systems and roof work.

According to Superintendent Tim Farquer, if the district sees 2 percent growth in its equalized assessed value (EAV), the average tax rate would be \$4.76.

Farquer was also the subject of a vote, as the board approved a three-year contract extension for the superintendent through June 30, 2024. Farquer is to re-

ceive a 2 percent raise in each of the three years.

The board also approved an updated version of the Williamsfield Schools restart plan as well as several policies regarding meeting procedure, student behavior, student records and other items.

Farquer reported that for September, 32 percent of Williamsfield's 297 enrolled students have chosen the full remote learning option.

HVAC work at the school is nearing completion and Farquer said the

upgrades have "brought climate control into every classroom" and offer a way to "mitigate contaminants in classroom air."

Health Life Safety projects expected in 2021 include replacing the south wall and repairing roof leaks, primarily in Robert P. Anderson Gymnasium.

In a surprising note, Farquer said county sales tax revenues for April and May sales from Knox and Peoria counties were \$29,573.43 – an all-time high.

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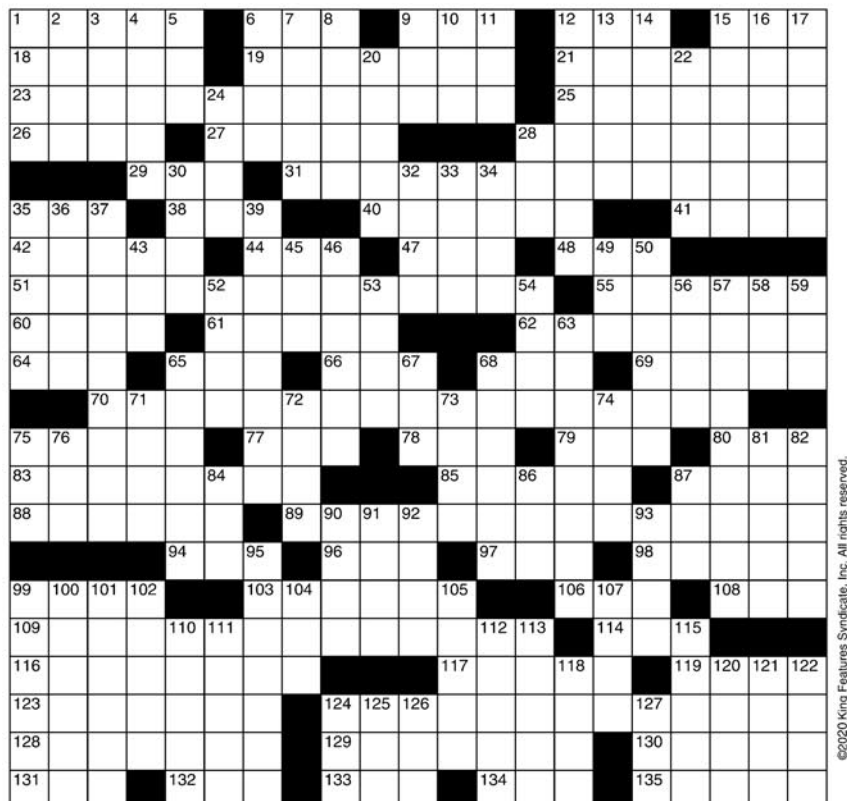
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KP Hall plans firmed up in Williamsfield

By **BILL KNIGHT**
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – The Village Board on Monday decided on a course of action for restoring the KP Hall, which could see improved parking and accessibility for the public and Billtown’s local government located there.

“With a great deal of valuable assistance from local representatives of the USDA, the Village has settled on a plan and will submit a final plan in the coming days,” said Village President Matt Tonkin. “Part of this work will include setting aside a design-

nated parking space outside the KP Hall for accessible parking and for ready access to the improved, accessible facilities at the KP Hall that will be constructed as part of the USDA-facilitated project.”

A request also was made for accessible parking to be designated next to the KP Hall, at the former OSF clinic building, he said.

Meanwhile, the Board is starting to document recent drops in revenue tied to the pandemic in anticipation of applying for Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Assistance through the Local CURE Program, adminis-

tered through the state’s Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Elsewhere, Motor Fuel Tax-funded road work was done “after a little confusion regarding rock supplies,” Tonkin said. “The completed work looks great and is settling in nicely on the most well-used road sections. We are looking forward to a warm week to help the rest settle in.”

In other business:
• The Village OK’d Trick-or-Treating next month, “accompanied by guidance and recommendations for residents who either do or do not wish to participate,” Tonkin said, “so that everyone in the

community can take measures consistent with the Governor’s decrees and with their own personal comfort level at this time of the COVID-19.”

• Trustees unanimously approved the sale of a corner lot on Cottonwood Court, the second lot sale in the neighborhood in less than a year. The Board hopes to see additional residential development in the area, which is close to the park, library and school.

• The Police Department’s Tahoe remains unsold, “sadly,” Tonkin commented. “It is a great missed opportunity by someone, for a great, well-kept vehicle.”

GOLF: Chip-in birdie

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Evans (45). Rounding out the Lady Trojans’ results were Guthrie (49), Endres (51) and Davis (52).

“Claire’s birdie chip-in on the second hole was a big shot,” said coach Diane Burwell, whose team plays today at Madison Golf Course.

Farmington

Evans’ round of 45 on Monday led the Farmington girls at Maple Lane. She was followed by Riley Reed (50), Ella Smith (58) and Faith Wheeler (63).

The boys played Monday, with Riley Embry shooting a 53, followed by a 57 from Jason Chreste and a 63 by Jack Stevens.

Farmington’s girls competed in the quad meet last Wednesday at Maple Lane. Evans was in the battle for the top score, finishing just one stroke off the lead to Elmwood’s Claire Carnes. The Lady Farmers got a 54 from Reed, followed by Smith (59) and Izzy Beolletto (62).

Farmington is at Oak Run today.

Princeville

Princeville’s boys bested Stark County 207-226 at Arrowhead on Monday. Scout Schock shot a 49, followed by Wyatt Pittman (52) and Josiah Christianson (54).

The Lady Princes were

topped by Kewanee and Bureau Valley on Monday. Bridget Gilroy hit a 49, and Grace Dearing scored a 56.

The boys play in Kewanee at Baker Park today.

Williamsfield

Ryan Hagerty scored a 49 to lead the boys at Cambridge last Wednesday on a rough day for golf. Hayden Beard shot a 53, Waylon Courson had a 59 and Lane Trotter shot 68.

The girls play Monday in Kewanee, while both Bomber teams play next Wednesday at Oak Run in the ICAC Tournament.



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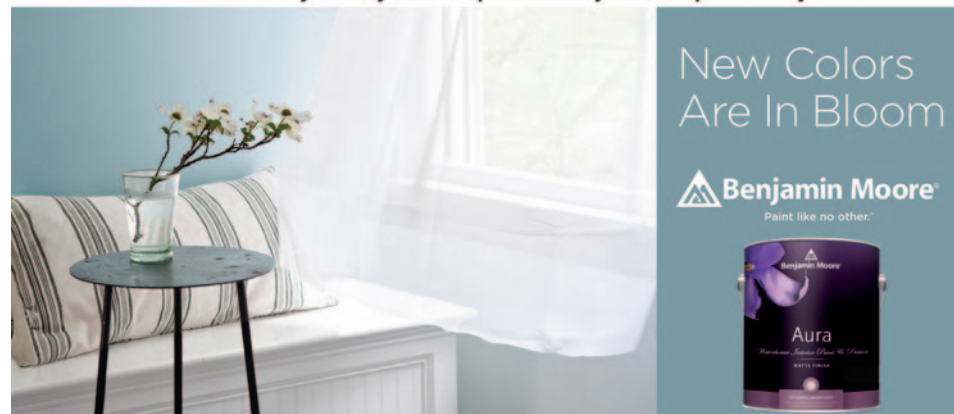
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Mickala graduated from Brimfield HS in 2014. She is the Daughter of Larry and Debra Kreeger of Brimfield and resides with her husband Connor, in Peoria. She is currently employed at OSF in the Diagnostic Radiology and Medical Imaging Department.



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Rain hinders XC races

By JEFF LAMPE
Weekly Post Staff Writer

Rain impacted cross country meets last week, with just Farmington finding a way to race. The Farmers hosted a six-team meet with Prairieland Conference schools on Sept. 9. Adam Bohm of Havana was boys race winner in 16:12, well ahead of runnerup Dawson Hansley of Knoxville (17:49), No. 3 Devin Suggitt of Bushnell-Prairie City (18:13) and No. 4 Adian Basalay of Farmington (18:18). Other top Farmington boys were Brayden Morse (8th, 19:51) and David Pepple (13th, 22:11). Knoxville dominated the girls race, with five of the top six finishers and seven of the top 10. Bryn Bahnks

of Knoxville won in 20:27, just ahead of teammate Mackenzie Rader (20:30). Makenna Hintz (9th, 22:20) led Farmington, placing ahead of teammates Addyson Neal (11th, 22:39) and Annabelle Easley (13th, 24:02). Elsewhere, the historic first Elmwood-Brimfield "home" meet was cancelled Saturday, meaning E-B and Princeville runners both missed a race. The Princes also had a race at Williamsfield cancelled. Princeville was slated to run Wednesday at home. E-B was to run Wednesday at Farmington and on Saturday has its lone visit to Peoria's Detweiller Park in a competitive Peoria Notre Dame Invite. Girls varsity runs at 9 a.m., boys varsity at 10.

PEORIA CHAMP



Ken Coulter of Elmwood won the Peoria Super Senior Men's Golf Tournament recently with a 1-up victory over Bob Polonus in the title match at Peoria's Kellogg Golf Course.

Brimfield boys golfers win pair in rainy week

By PHIL JOHNSON
For The Weekly Post

Rain ruled the week for many golf matches, but the Brimfield boys managed to post two wins. Brimfield shot a 162 last Wednesday at Maple Lane Country Club vs. a limited Farmington squad. "We're not playing our best yet, but we're hoping we can be going strong by our next competition at next week's ICAC Meet," Brimfield coach Trent Trotter said. The team picked up a victory over Peoria Christian, 174-184, at Kellogg Golf Course on Sept. 8. Elmwood's boys were nipped by a strong Mid-County team Sept. 7 at Maple Lane, 186-188. Charlie and Tanner Wake each came in with scores of 40. Charlie Shissler and Michael Coulter shot 54. The Lady Trojans (201) defeated Farmington (215) and Mid-County (221) on Monday at Maple Lane. Emma Endres registered a 48, followed closely by Abi Davis (49) and Claire Carnes (50). Sadie Guthrie finished at 54. The Elmwood girls won a quad match on Sept. 9 at Maple Lane, with a 196, 205, 209, 220 advantage over Olympia, Limestone and Farmington, respectively. Carnes was medalist with a 44, edging Olympia's Erin Turner (45) and Farmington's Emma

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