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Reality returns?

COVID restrictions to ease starting Friday

By GRACE BARBICK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Some regions of the state could see loosened COVID-19 restrictions Friday and some counties have already transitioned to the next phase of vaccine distribution, Gov. JB Pritzker announced.

Friday marks one incubation period from New Year's Day and, at that point, any region that has met requirements for a reduction of mitigations can move out of the Tier 3 mitigation plan.

"I'm cautiously optimistic as there are some early signs indicating that some regions have made real progress and won't reverse that progress this week or next," Pritzker said.

Among the areas poised to see restrictions ease is Region 2, which includes Peoria, Knox, Fulton, Stark and Henry counties.

"Right now, where we sit does allow us to go back to Tier 2," said Monica Hen-

drickson, Peoria City/County Health Administrator. "Our levels of positivity are below that 12 percent value, our hospital capacity is well within control."

Hendrickson said there is a chance Region 2 could move back to Tier 1 mitigations after Friday, under which restaurants and bars would be open to limited indoor service. But that is still uncertain.

The entire state has been under Tier 3 restrictions since Nov. 20.

Tier 2 mitigations don't mean everything is opening back up. At bars and restaurants, indoor service is still closed. One major change is in recreational activities, where up to 25 guests or 25 percent of overall capacity is allowed both indoors and outdoors. This could include sporting events, though the IHSA and IESA are still uncertain about their plans for sports (See story, Page 16).

After Jan. 15, regions will
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Local communities still waiting on grant money

By BILL KNIGHT

For The Weekly Post

COVID-19 relief is on the way – at least for some local communities.

While six area municipalities have all completed the initial steps in applying for federal grant money administered through the state Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), only three have submitted necessary details for the

Town	Eligible allotment	Amount submitted	Amount approved
Brimfield	\$35,808	0.9%	0
Elmwood	\$86,508	8.4%	0
Farmington	\$100,987	100%	100%
Princeville	\$71,698	100%	0
Williamsfield	\$23,844	0	0
Yates City	\$28,588	100%	100%

Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (CURE) funding. As a result, just two of

those communities have had amounts approved. (See box.)

"We submitted the survey ma-

terials to secure a portion of those funds that we felt we could reasonably justify," said Williamsfield Village President Matt Tonkin, "but we won't submit the actual paperwork for a few days."

The state is trying to accommodate communities, particularly those with small staffs, and the DCEO wants to extend the Jan. 31 deadline to the end of this year.

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REALITY: Counties moving to vaccine Phase 1B

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be able proceed past Tier 2, which would allow restaurants and bars to reopen for indoor service, depending on their future infection and hospitalization rates.

As to vaccines, although the state remains in Phase 1A of its vaccine distribution plan, some communities which have substantially completed Phase 1A have moved to the early stages of Phase 1B. About 3.2 million people throughout the state would be eligible for vaccination in Phase 1B, including residents over age 65. Also eligible are essential workers, including first responders, education workers, manufacturing, distribution and agriculture workers, grocery store workers, U.S. Postal service workers, public transit employees, corrections workers and incarcerated people, among others.

“We want to make sure any available vaccine is administered quickly to the priority groups that we’ve laid out,” Pritzker said. “Let’s get those out to Phase 1B people. ... Even though we haven’t moved everybody into the next phase, we don’t want any of these vaccines sitting around.”

Those in Phase 1A, who are receiving vaccines, include health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities. Phase 1B would extend vaccine priority to non-health-care essential workers and residents age 65 or older.

This early transition has been authorized by the Illinois Department of Public Health, but local health departments determine the phase transition on a county-by-county basis, depending on Phase 1A progress. It

is not clear which counties have already started Phase 1B.

Pritzker said he expects to make a formal announcement later this week regarding when the entire state will move into Phase 1B.

“But I want to urge patience,” Pritzker said. “Phase 1B will take many weeks to complete.”

If the next phase is not yet available in certain areas, it is because many counties have not administered enough vaccines in Phase 1A to move forward with the current pace of the national vaccine development pipeline, Pritzker said.

Even when the entire state transitions into Phase 1B, those who were eligible for Phase 1A who have not yet been vaccinated, are still authorized to receive the vaccine in its next phase.

As of Monday, 638,159 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines had been delivered to the state in addition to 231,475 doses that had been allocated to the federally mandated Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care program aimed at vaccinating people in congregate settings in Illinois.

A total 353,791 doses had been reported administered as of Friday, including 41,075 as part of the pharmacy partnership.

Yet, Pritzker said the state is still not receiving enough vaccine doses. “We don’t even have a million doses and there are 12.7 million people in the state of Illinois,” he said.

Pritzker recently joined eight other governors in urging President-elect Joe Biden to release more available

vaccine doses, noting that the federal government, under President Donald Trump’s administration, has been holding back enormous stores of vaccines.

The Biden administration has agreed to release nearly all available vaccines upon taking office.

In order to transition from Tier 3 to Tier 2, a region must experience a positivity rate below 12 percent for three consecutive days. It must also have greater than 20 percent available intensive care unit and hospital bed availability and declining COVID hospitalizations for 7 of the 10 days.

The statewide seven-day rolling COVID-19 case positivity rate remained below 8 percent for a third consecutive day Tuesday after decreasing for a fourth straight day. Tuesday’s seven-day rolling positivity rate was 7.5 percent, a decrease of one-tenth of a percentage point.

The state reported 6,642 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 Tuesday, with an additional 117 deaths recorded over the previous 24 hours.

The state has reported 1,040,168 cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began, and the death toll climbed to 17,743 across the state’s 102 counties.

As of Monday night, 3,554 COVID-19 patients were reported to be in the hospital, an increase of 14 from the day prior, and 757 patients were in intensive care unit beds, a decrease of two from the day prior. There were 409 patients reported to be on ventilators, an increase of eight from the day prior.

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CURE: Extra year to access funds

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“DCEO has confirmed that all reallocations have been halted,” said Brad Cole, executive director of the Illinois Municipal League, “and – pending a statutory change to the law authorizing the Local CURE program – all communities that still have Local CURE funds available will be able to utilize those funds on eligible expenses incurred through Dec. 31, 2021, providing an additional year to access these funds.”

In Princeville, Village President Jeff Troutman is unsure of the delay. “The haven’t sent us anything,” he said. “I check every day. We’re just waiting to see what’s going on.”

The Illinois Local CURE program lets municipalities be reimbursed for all payroll expendi-

tures for public-health and public-safety employees in accordance with federal guidelines, and some costs related to public spaces and public facilities.

The funds are only available to municipalities in the state’s 97 counties that didn’t receive direct federal aid. DCEO also lists other local governments for Local CURES assistance, including Peoria, Knox and Fulton Counties, some library districts, fire protection districts, health departments, a few townships, one building commission and a forest preserve.

“This week we plan on requesting reimbursement for our officers’ pay from March through the end of the year,” said Elmwood Economic Development Director Amy Davis. “The request already made was for the iWave

[purifying] units put into the school and city hall.”

Other aid has been approved or received, she said.

“We have also been approved for the CURES Economic Support grant,” Davis said. “We were able to set \$30,000 aside for reimbursement, I only had one business apply, but I am still glad we were able to do something.”

“The next round of the Paycheck Protection Program is happening soon,” she continued. “That has been a huge resource for our businesses. We have also had \$100,000 awarded to Elmwood businesses from the BIG [Business Interruption Grant] program.”

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Of pols actually working & young pups

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get in a room, all bets are off.

smooth a receiver as you'll ever see. Seeing him running in space reminds me of the way **Prince** moved with a guitar in hand. Nice to see little dudes getting their due.

It is hard to imagine a session of the Illinois General Assembly generating excitement, but that's where I'm at in this world of COVID cancellations. After taking most of 2020 off for various weak reasons, Illinois politicians actually show signs of working in 2021. Huzzah! Then again, by the time this legislative session is all over, I'm sure I'll be back



Jeff LAMPE

to cursing our legislators after they rubber-stamp tax increases and bow to the powers of Chi-Town. For now, though, it's nice to have our elected officials at work and keeping our governor slightly honest. ... Speaking of politics, there is rumbling of interest in Elmwood about the city's four-headed race for Mayor. Here at TWP HQ, we plan to have a mayoral preview heading into the spring election, with questions posed to each of the candidates. We'd be willing to help organize a debate if the candidates are so inclined. Not on Zoom, though. If we're still in a weird COVID world by then and we can't

Once again, we have stumbled across actual proof that kids are worth having (which is often harder to find than **Bigfoot** prints). And no, this is not because of the stimulus money, which paid for new tires and deer jerky from Elmwood Locker. No, my latest proof came last Friday when we brought home our long-awaited Labrador pup, **Buck**. Without kids in the house, Buck would probably have died by now. Wait, wait. Don't call the animal rights folks. I'm joking. But the wife and I are getting old. "Have you heard him whining?" she asked, the other morning. My response of "No" had the kids incredulous. "Dad, he whined all night." Hmm. I guess dealing with whimpers at 2 a.m. is not realistic any longer given my advanced age. But for kids? No big deal. Hey, that's why young people have kids.

Many football players who compete for Ohio State are named with a football career in mind. Read the roster: **Master Teague. Gunnar Hoak. Steele Chambers. Trey Sermon. Tuf Borland. Lejond Cavazos.** But I think **Tyler Friday** was named for his high school career. ... As for Alabama players, they leave high school with agents already signed. And Tide Heisman winner **DeVonta Smith** is as

Changes are coming to Lampe Publications LLC. This edition probably doesn't look much changed, but our Stark County product The Prairie News is going to look radically different. So if you notice something looking different this week, it's because we're changing computers, production methods etc. - one last time before old age makes it impossible. I handle change about as well as a cat. ... Parting shot: Leaving the IHSA and the IESA twisting in the wind regarding what direction to take with sports is a sad sign of how the Pritzker administration operates. Sure, the governor is in a tough spot dealing with COVID. But to not make basic information available in a timely fashion is either a sign of incompetence or disinterest. But as columnist **Jim Nowlan** points out on the facing page, while Pritzker will be vulnerable in the next election, it's doubtful any Republican candidate can mount a challenge.

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Dumb smart phones

A few years ago, I decided I wanted a smart phone. My wife said, "Are you sure you are smart enough for a smart phone?"

Since I know nothing about smart phones, it was decided she would go with me. I thought that was a good idea, at first.

Upon arrival at the "smart phone store," immediately a well-dressed young gentleman asked my wife if he could help her. My wife explained that her husband wanted a smart phone.

Without speaking he looked up and down at me for a few seconds, as if I was a piece of fruit in a grocery store. This would be the last time that he would acknowledge my existence. It would also be the last time that someone in a "smart phone store" waited on me without me taking a nap or two.

After the two of them solved all the questions that I didn't get a chance to ask, we were on the way home with my first smart phone.

The smart phone came in a well-taped box. My wife was driving, and I guess that they did not want me to break it until I got home. We were sitting in our respective recliners with her catching up on "Facebook" and me opening the box.

When I opened the box, I was expecting a phone and a charger. I was not expecting ear attachments and a half mile of wires and stuff that was

completely unidentifiable.

Since there were no directions, I decided to start with something easy and charge my new smart phone. No matter how I tried, I could not get the charger wire to fit into that smart phone. I did not want to ask my wife for help, but after seven or eight minutes I was getting flustered. I did notice that she had a smirk on her face that I had figured out was not coming from Facebook.

Finally, I said "I can't believe this stupid phone comes without directions."

"You are trying to hook it to the TV remote," she said.

She is right I am too stupid for a smart phone.

The next day, bless her soul, my wife printed instructions for my smart phone. One hundred and eighty-five pages! I could read "Grapes of Wrath" quicker. It would be obsolete before I read that much.

I skipped the page on how to charge your phone and concentrated on turning it on and off and even making and receiving a phone call. My grandson, Ben, set up "apps" for me. He had to explain "app" to me.

The first feature that I learned to hate was the "leave your message at the tone." I don't leave messages, but apparently the tape goes on for about two weeks or until your battery wears down.

From the bar I called my wife and got her answering machine. When I got home my wife said, "There is something I want you to listen to."

Somebody, obviously trying to imitate my voice said, "I didn't want to talk to her anyway."

I learned to hate Google next. I am a sports nerd and used to be able to pick up a little change on sports trivia.

If somebody at the bar said, "When Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points, how many free throws did he make?"

Before I can get a bet down the bar maid said, "Twenty-eight."

After pausing she added, "Was he a basketball player or a football player?"

Maybe I can get a bet on how many he missed. Four.

Google can tell me what Reggie Jackson ate for breakfast the morning before he hit three home runs in the World Series against the Dodgers, but it plays dumb when I ask it, "what is my password."

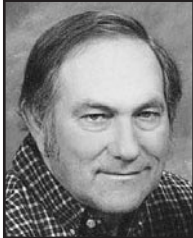
If I don't need to make a phone call the phone app is on the first page, but if I need to make a call it disappears like "Harry the Rabbit."

The sound on my smart phone turns itself up and down depending on which way would irritate me the most.

I have learned a few things about my smart phone. I have learned that a waterproof case works well as long as you do not get it wet. I learned also that if you do get it wet, all the rice in China will not fix it.

My wife is right: I am too dumb to use a smart phone. I was just getting used to two longs and a short.

Terry "T-Bone" Farquer is a Williamsfield-based hunter and writer.



T-Bone FARQUER

Whither the GOP in Illinois?

Written in quill pen (not literally; it was 1965), my master's thesis was about "Leaderless Politics: The Illinois Republican Party." Not much has changed.

That was an era when party organization mattered. My thesis was that when Republicans lost control of the governorship, the party became leaderless. Not much has changed.

Back then, political patronage provided party leaders with influence over elections. My research showed that under GOP Gov. Bill Stratton (1953-60), 83 of the state's 102 Republican county chairmen held state jobs. Guess who ran the party? Without a governor and jobs, the party was rudderless.

First, TV in the 1960s and now billionaire self-funders and donors

have replaced political party organizations as the primary conduits to the voters. Patronage is mostly gone, by Supreme Court dictum.

Political parties have traditionally had three basic functions:

- Set forth a platform of values and policies for voters to consider;
- Recruit attractive candidates, and
- Work to nominate the candidates in the primary and then get them elected, so they can implement the platform inside government.

The Illinois Republican Party does little of this anymore.

The role of party platforms has been underappreciated. Party leaders used to wrestle over platform planks at their conventions. The platforms, by a kind of osmosis and over time, provided helpful cues for voters. That is, the GOP favors small business, while the Dems are for the working stiffs.

Most of that is gone today, and voters are adrift, captivated yet confused by a Tower of Babel issuing

relentlessly from the internet.

The Illinois state GOP is a paper tiger. It has no money nor clout over county parties. The county parties are mostly toothless as well.

There are exceptions. For example, county GOP chairs Jan Weber in Henry and Aren Hansen in Grundy have in recent years almost singlehandedly turned local offices from Dem to GOP.

Mary Brookhart in McDonough County also has a strong county party; her team knows how to get out the vote.

The Illinois GOP is at present recruiting a new statewide party chair. Different from a number of states that have large, professional staff and paid chairs, the Illinois party has but one staffer (very sharp Derek Murphy) and a volunteer chair. With megabucks ex-Governor Bruce Rauner gone, the state party has barely two nickels to rub together.

The struggle for party control, as

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if it mattered, is apparently between a Trump-thumping faction versus an “establishment” faction, neither with a clear platform.

The old adage that “all politics is local” is no longer true. Successful local candidates in small town and rural Illinois tend to feel they must pay more than lip service to the Trump brand of nativist populism. This effectively leaves lifestyle tolerant, pro-choice, balanced budget, free market, business-friendly folks like me outside the party, or so I feel.

What does the future hold for the Illinois GOP? I expect to see Trump 2024 signs soon replacing the thousands of the 2020 versions on lawns and farmyards across mid-America; however, insiders I talk with predict the Trump brand will fade rather quickly, as he likely becomes enshrined in nasty tax and legal prob-

lems. Over the past half century, Republican leaders have also seen their base slip away, literally. Since about 1970, two million or so whites have departed the state in net terms, replaced largely by Latinos and, to a lesser extent, Asian-Americans.

When I was a state legislator in 1970, 12 percent of Illinois residents were of a minority group; today, it is 36 percent. From 1977 to 2003, the Illinois GOP enjoyed a 26-year, unbroken string of Republican governors. In contrast, this year Joe Biden clobbered Trump in Illinois 57-40 percent, in what pundits call a firmly Blue state.

The big prize in 2022 will be the governor’s mansion, not that anyone lives there anymore. Gov. JB Pritzker is considered vulnerable, following his botched, disastrous campaign for increased taxes on high earners, and

because of the unenviable role he has in trying to corral COVID-19.

In a district on the edges of metropolitan Chicago, GOP Congressman Adam Kinzinger has been critical of Trump while supportive of his policies. He appears to be positioning himself for a run for higher office – governor, close observers report.

I also find state Senators Jason Barickman of Bloomington and Sue Rezin of Morris attractive. Both are smart and capable, and might have some appeal in the suburbs. But they and other aspirants from the political ranks must nowadays almost expect outsider megabucks sorts to crash into the GOP’s party. The race will be wide open, and the leaderless state GOP will be but a bystander.

JIM NOWLAN voted for the new Illinois income tax in 1969, as a freshman House member, and has worked for three unindicted Illinois governors.

PUBLIC RECORD

NOTE: Charges are merely an accusation. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police reports

• FARMINGTON – A Canton man, who was the subject of a reckless driving complaint, accrued drug charges when Farmington police pulled him over on Jan. 5, according to a report. In a search of Dante Sokolowski’s vehicle, police found over 252 grams of cannabis and \$3,520 in cash. Sokolowski, 22, was charged with delivery and manufacture of

cannabis, possession of cannabis and possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle. He was transported to Fulton County Jail.

• FARMINGTON – Josh Ehrhart, 40, of Fort Madison, Iowa, was charged on Jan. 5 for driving while license is suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle, according to a Farmington police report. Passenger Lindsey Ehrhart, 42, also of Fort Madison was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol.

• FARMINGTON – Several

charges were levied against a Peoria woman on Jan. 9 after her car rolled over in an accident at the intersection of Main and Fort Streets in Farmington, according to a Farmington police report. The woman, who at first gave police a false name, was later identified as Cara Brooks, 36, of Peoria. She was charged with DUI, failure to reduce speed, improper lane usage, disobeying a stop sign and obstructing identification. She was taken by Life Flight to OSF St. Francis Hospital for treatment.



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ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, PLAINTIFF

vs. LESLIE B. HARLAND; THE GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS
NO. 19-CH-00477

Judge Mark A. Brown
Address: 1208 West Willow Lane Peoria, IL 61614

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 26, 2020, I, Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois, will on February 10, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 PM at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Rm B-20, Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

COMMON ADDRESS: 1208 West Willow Lane, Peoria, IL 61614
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The real estate is improved with a

single family residence.

THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$97,577.05

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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matically forfeited to the State without further notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC PLAINTIFF

Vs. Samuel A. Gorham; et. al. DEFENDANTS
No. 20-CH-00167

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Williamsfield sticks with remote learning

By **JEFF LAMPE**
Weekly Post Staff Writer

WILLIAMSFIELD – Faced with a marked increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases, Williamsfield schools will stick with remote learning only through the end of January, according to Superintendent Tim Farquer.

That's a change from what was discussed at Monday's school board meeting, when the board had discussed shifting to a hybrid model of in-person and remote learning on Jan. 19.

Farquer said the Williamsfield zip code has increased from 49 positive cases at the end of 2020 to a total of 78 currently.

"And those are just the ones that were reported," Farquer said.

In addition to the move to remote learning for the second semester, which is already underway, several Williamsfield businesses that had been open are now closed temporarily.

Other COVID news dis-

cussed at the meeting offered a mixed bag. In regards to vaccinations, Farquer said there is not yet a firm timeline for when teachers will be immunized as part of Group 1B in the Illinois Immunization Plan.

"I am not optimistic teachers will be immunized by the end of January," Farquer said.

On a more positive note, the school district expects to receive about \$210,000 from the recently passed federal COVID-19 relief package.

Farquer told the board he plans to spend the money on technological upgrades and to "fill FY22 & FY23 state funding gaps."

Farquer said he anticipates as much as a 20 percent reduction in state funding, which would be \$100,000 for FY22.

Sports were also a topic of discussion for the board, which approved a two-year extension of the Mid-County football coop. No action was taken on the

idea of an all-sports coop with ROWVA and Galva. Farquer said coop extensions will be on the docket for the February board meeting for high school golf and volleyball and middle school baseball and softball.

The board also awarded a bid to Zobrist Construction for repair of a south wall. Replacing the old glass windows covered with paneling will cost \$151,900 and work is scheduled to take place this summer.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the resignation of Chelsea Minor, effective at the end of the school year.

- Approved a high school graduation ceremony for Sunday, May 16, at 2 p.m.

- Approved annual membership renewals and inter-governmental agreements for the Illinois Elementary School Association, Illinois High School Association, Illinois Association of School Boards, the Dela-

bar CTE cooperative (career and technical education training) and the KWSED special education cooperative.

- Heard that initial negotiations with the Williamsfield Education Association were to start Tuesday. The district is in the last year of its current contract with the WEA.

- Heard that four people are running for four school board seats that will be on the ballot this spring: incumbents April Bouchez and Lisa Hanson, along with Gina Strom and Wes Wrage.



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Elmwood passes MFT measure

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood City Council only had one action item on its agenda for a Jan. 7 meeting and unanimously passed it.

The Motor Fuel tax (MFT) 2021 general maintenance-day labor item provides for the sealcoating of Elmwood's streets for the year. Approximately \$25,000 from the Lilac Street project that was remaining will be transferred to and utilized for the upcoming sealcoating project.

The normal amount for the yearly sealcoating cost is around \$30,000. The remaining MFT funds will be utilized for other projects such as sidewalks, for example, and for next year's projects.

City Treasurer Bonnie Beal reported that expenditures are below 50 percent on every fund so far this fiscal year. She said that all the real estate tax revenue has been collected and the totals came in right in line with what was budgeted.

"Everything is looking great," Beal said.

Councilman Andrew Almasi reported that the city's new part-time po-

lice officer Christopher Greene will not be available for the next two months because Greene is currently going through training with the Knox County Sheriff's department.

Economic Development Director Amy Davis stated that only one busi-

ness applied for Elmwood's grant program and that there has been no response for the city's revolving loan program. The council speculated that Elmwood businesses may have already received grants and therefore did not apply for additional money.

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Answers on Page 10 **Super Crossword** **MULTITUDINOUS**

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| 1 Little rascal | 47 "Siddhartha" author | 99 Arthurian wife | 1 Walk heavily | 41 Club game | 86 Friendly relationship |
| 6 Mosque officials | 52 Gotten larger | 101 Add- (annexes) | 2 Paramecium hairs | 43 Assuage | 87 Letter before beth |
| 11 Go for a dip | 54 UNLV part | 103 Reviewer of tax returns | 3 Huge gulf | 44 Bygone | 88 — colada |
| 15 Spill the secret | 56 1977 Triple Crown horse | 107 Disney World roller coaster | 4 Cocktail at brunch | 46 Smiley's opposites | 90 "21 Grams" actor Sean |
| 19 Shinbone | 58 "— & Stitch" theaters, in slang | 113 Moniker for a 1970s sitcom family | 5 Dad, in dialect | 48 Inherent natures | 93 Cage, to his pals |
| 20 Local | 59 Stinging hits | 115 Go up | 6 Disguised, in brief | 49 Slimy garden pest | 95 City WNW of Paris |
| 21 Had on | 61 TV's Amaz | 116 With | 7 Gold-medal skier Phil | 50 Dried up, old-style | 98 R2-D2 and others |
| 22 Go very fast | 62 Not iffy | 118 Across, bite-size | 8 On a plane or train | 51 Rams' partners | 100 Skin-related |
| 23 City in which quadrennial games take place | 63 Whitewater transport | 119 Across, Nabisco cookie | 9 Month, in Spain | 53 Some babes in the woods | 102 "Our Lady" of churches |
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| 26 R&B singer | 70 See | 70 Across, Taj Mahal locale | 11 Cutlass, e.g. | 57 Purple blooms | 104 Beseeches |
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| 28 Fit — queen | 72 Unit of pressure | 116 Across | 13 Thorns in one's side | 60 Mail status | 106 Boise setting |
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| 35 Threatens to topple | 81 Secy., e.g. | 123 Ball field coverer | 16 Starbucks offering | 68 "Sands of — Jima" | 109 Port of Japan |
| 36 Brouhaha | 83 Oozes | 124 Candid | 17 Many a Tony winner | 71 Big African beast, briefly | 111 Words after two or hole |
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| 39 Fleecy boot brand | 89 Enervate | 127 Gin flavorer | 29 Artificial | 74 Gilbert of "The Talk" | 119 Provisos |
| 42 Guesses at LGA | 90 Sacred song | 128 Burrito topper | 30 Two-gender pronoun | 75 Fire remains | 120 Refrain bit |
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| | 92 Arthurian wizard | | 33 Email giggle | 77 Zest | |
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Sam Deppermann

Sam Deppermann was selected as Farmington Central High School's January Senior of the Month. He is the son of Todd and Amy Deppermann of Trivoli. Sam excels academically as he is in the top 15% of his class and is a member of the National Honor Society. Along with his studies, Sam is involved in various extracurricular activities including: FFA, Marching, Concert, and Pep Band. In addition to his involvement in school, Sam finds time to give back as he volunteers within the community.

He is in charge of the Farmers Feeding Farmers program that helps students in need within our school district, has brightened the days of many by planting flowers at Farmington Country Manor and the Farmington Baptist Church every spring, and he has volunteered for The Linus Project where he tied fleece blankets and donated them to places such as the Cancer Center for their patients. He plans on attending OSF College of Nursing in the fall where he will pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Congratulations, Sam! Good luck in all that you do.

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Farmington OK's payment for solar-array

By **BILL KNIGHT**
 For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Dissatisfaction with a delay in the new solar array going online caused some disagreement with fulfilling a lease-agreement payment at the Board of Education's meeting Monday, but Board members ultimately approved paying \$261,360 to Primergy Solar.

"Primergy Solar is the actual company that we have the lease agreement with for the solar array," said Superintendent Zac Chatterton. "The \$261,360 is a rebate from Ameren for putting in solar, and by terms of the lease agreement owed to Primergy Solar."

Some board members expressed frustration that the solar project was supposed to be completed in November of 2019, but is still not fully

operational.

"We are waiting on a special transformer to come in and be installed so that both the roof-mounted solar panels and the ground-mounted array can operate at the same time," Chatterton said. "We are hoping that we will be fully operational by the end of the month."

The measure passed 5-2 with Travis Mahr and Dustin Blunier voting not to pay the required bill.

In other news:

- The board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Local No. 3764 of the Illinois Federation of Teachers addressing compensation for internal substitutes during the pandemic.

- Gorenz and Associates presented its Fiscal Year 2020 audit report, which showed the District

receiving a "Recognized" designation, the highest rating.

- In personnel, the board approved leaves of absence for Café workers Ramona Ball and Stacie Wilcoxon and OK'd Ryan Wessling as a long-term substitute teacher in the high school.

- The Junior High recognized Amelia Webel and Blake Melz (6th grade), Alina Mowen and Caleb Showalter (7th grade), and Meaghan Carpenter and Jacob Gilles (8th grade); the High School recognized Sam Deppermann Senior of the month, David Parr (junior), Grace Berry (sophomore), and Ashlyn Slayton (freshman); and January's Orange Frog recipients were Junior High facilitator Kim Ashley and Junior High teacher Caitlyn Clayton.

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Billtown improves farmland, access

By **BILL KNIGHT**
 For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – LaFollette Earthmoving recently finished regrading and drainage work on Village-owned acreage next to Doubet-Benjamin Park, land that's been leased for

farming, the Village Board heard at its Jan. 4 meeting.

"Additional work was also completed by LaFollette in the Cottonwood Crescent subdivision to prepare the right-of-way in front of properties recently sold by the Village for res-

idential development," Village President Mat Tonkin said.

Tonkin also informed Trustees that he would soon present three options for the Board to consider for the next water infrastructure project, ranging from a minimal amount of timely treatment-plant upgrades to more extensive treatment and conveyance improvements and replacements.

In other news:

- The survey recently prepared by the Williamsfield Veterans Memorial Park Committee to seek community input on the future of the park will be distributed to residents within days.

- A new plan from contractors to repair the damaged KP Hall may result in increased usable floor space, and a formal proposal is expected soon, Tonkin said.

- Trustees Julie Van Dran and Mick Gray and Treasurer Mary Rice have been working on materials to be submitted consistent with the CURES funds allotted to the Village.



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