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This apartment building in Trivoli was home to Trivoli High School until 1929. Below is the senior class picture of 1926.

A high school in Trivoli? Yes there was

By **ROGER HIGGS**

For The Weekly Post

TRIVOLI – One hundred years ago, Trivoli had a thriving high school which existed from 1920-1929. In the nine-year history, there were 55 graduates and approximately 80 other students who attended the school.

The other 80 either dropped out, moved, or later attended other schools.

The birth of the school came



on Dec. 20, 1919, after an election in the public schoolhouse in Trivoli. The election was conducted by Raymond E. Ander-

son, Edwin A. Anderson, and Henry Andrews; all of Trivoli. The election carried by two votes in favor of starting Trivoli High School.

The area in District No. 201 included 22 sections in Logan Township, 24 sections in Trivoli Township and 5 sections in Township. It's worth noting that that a high school had been approved by voters in 1916 for an

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We can eat out!

Regulations eased in Peoria area

By **JEFF LAMPE**

Weekly Post Staff Writer

Residents of Peoria, Knox and Fulton counties can once again legally eat inside a restaurant or bar.

There's no more sneaking through the back door into restaurants whose owners hope they do not get in trouble for feeding customers.

With statewide COVID-19 positivity rates dropping dramatically to 5.7 percent on Tuesday – the lowest rate since Oct. 23 – and other statistical indicators also improving, 9 of 11 regions in the state's COVID mitigation plan have seen restrictions lifted in the past week.

Region 2, which covers north-central counties including Peoria, Knox, Fulton and Stark is now in Tier 1. These regions can open indoor dining with limited capacity. Indoor dining is allowed at a limited 25 percent capacity, indoor tables cannot exceed four people,

reservations are required and establishments must close from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Although indoor bar service is allowed under Tier 1, it remains suspended unless food is also being served in the establishment.

Along with eating out, people can now start resuming many aspects of life that have been on hold since Nov. 20, when Gov. JB Pritzker imposed stricter limits in the face of a COVID positivity rate that peaked at 13.2 percent on Nov. 13.

That means pickleball players can once again play at the Elmwood Township Community Center. Yoga returns to Brimfield Public Library today, Jan. 21., at 6 p.m. in the activity room.

And overall, hope blooms for a return to normalcy in our lives.

Another step in that direction comes Jan. 25, when the

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Rural residents more resistant to COVID vaccine

By **BILL KNIGHT**

For The Weekly Post

Trips to the store show that a majority of Weekly Post-area residents seem to be taking pandemic precautions seriously, from wearing masks to keeping safe distances. But a new study says many rural residents nationally aren't concerned about COVID-19, think the threat is exaggerated, or consider their responses a personal choice instead of a civic respon-

sibility.

About one-third of rural residents are reluctant to get vaccinated, more so than city or suburban dwellers, according to Kaiser Family Foundation. Respondents said they probably wouldn't or definitely wouldn't get the vaccine, even if it's free, safe and effective.

More than 470,000 Illinoisans already have received vaccine doses, and Gov. JB Pritzker said

the state will move to phase 1B of the vaccination schedule on Monday, Jan. 25. However, the country's reserve supply of vaccinations is depleted, according to the Washington Post, so getting doses to states may be delayed.

In the mean time, Illinois health-care systems are stepping up to vaccinate people 65 and older, who will be directly contacted to schedule appointments in coming weeks, according to the Peoria

City/County Health Department. Also, health departments are offering vaccinations to Phase 1B frontline workers: first responders; school, child-care and shelter personnel; food and agriculture workers; manufacturing employees; corrections staff and inmates; U.S. Postal Service workers; and workers in public transit and grocery stores.

Further, there's good news for

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RURAL: Suspicions persist about vaccine

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two areas in Illinois, such as the region including Peoria, Knox and Fulton Counties, which are improving enough that some restrictions are being relaxed, such as permitting limited inside dining for the first time since November, expanding capacities for museums, casinos and large retailers, and bringing back indoor fitness classes and recreation programs.

Nevertheless, suspicions persist about whether vaccines will make a difference. But the vaccines are vital to beating back the pandemic, scientists say.

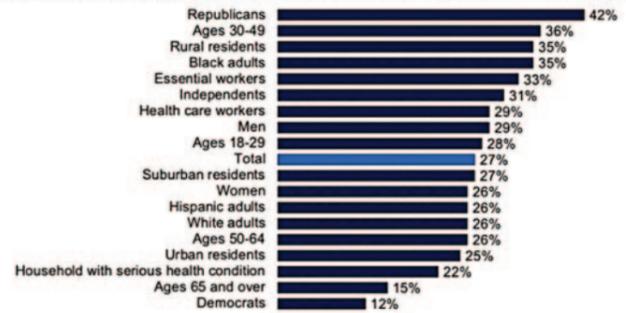
“The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines – the only two approved in the U.S. – are among the best vaccines ever created, with effectiveness rates of about 95 percent after two doses,” reported David Leonhardt in the New York Times. “That’s on par with the vaccines for chickenpox and measles. And a vaccine doesn’t even need to be so effective to reduce cases sharply and crush a pandemic.”

Last week, rural America overall experienced a record number of COVID-19 infections, possibly showing that the surge’s pause over the holidays was due to interruptions in test reporting, not a fading threat. Rural counties reported 232,239 new infections, according to the Center for Rural Strategies (CRS) – up 35 percent from the previous week, when rural COVID-19 deaths also peaked, at 4,084.

The Weekly Post area was largely spared from such a spike.

Which Groups Are Most Likely To Be COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitant?

Percent within each group who say, if a COVID-19 vaccine was determined to be safe by scientists and available for free to everyone who wanted it, they would probably not get it or definitely not get it:



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

In fact, last month, rural residents were twice as likely to die from COVID-19 than residents of the nation’s largest cities, reported Tim Marema of CRS.

“In December, there were 35.1 deaths per 100,000 from COVID-related causes in rural areas, versus 17.7 deaths per 100,000 in metropolitan areas with 1 million or more residents,” he reported. “The rural death rate has been higher than the metropolitan rate since mid-August.”

Experts say several factors could affect the outcome, such as rural hospitals having a greater percentage of COVID-19 patients and comparably limited bed availability, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Meanwhile, another wrinkle in a vaccine rollout is fewer pharmacies with vaccination services available in rural areas.

The Rural Policy Research Institute in Iowa City said, “A significant number of the entities represented in the National Council for Prescription

Area COVID cases

Fulton County (pop. 34,340)
 New Cases, Jan. 3-9: 112
 New Cases, Previous Week: 118
 Test Positivity Rate: 2.5
 Deaths, Jan. 3-9: 10

Knox County (pop. 49,699)
 New Cases, Jan. 3-9: 229
 New Cases, Previous Week: 213
 Test Positivity Rate: 6.7
 Deaths, Jan. 3-9: 4

Peoria County (pop. 179,179)
 New Cases, Jan. 3-9: 801
 New Cases, Previous Week: 710
 Test Positivity Rate: 12.5
 Deaths, Jan. 3-9: 12

Source: usafacts.org via the Center for Rural Strategies

Drug Programs data will be unlikely to provide vaccination resources because of the nature of their business.”

The institute found 62,352 U.S. pharmacies likely to contribute to the administration of vaccines, but 688 rural counties without such capability.

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- **Free Food** – Food for needy available in food pantry in the northeast corner of the grassy lot adjacent to St. Patrick’s Church. Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul and Elmwood churches.

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38 20 W 13 mph	25 10 NW 10 mph	28 26 ESE 8 mph	36 31 SE 7 mph	34 27 WSW 6 mph	33 24 ENE 8 mph	32 23 ENE 10 mph

Farmington city building could get resolved

By **BILL KNIGHT**
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – After about three years and multiple ideas for a City of Farmington building, the City administration plans to determine what’s required and present its findings to the City Council Feb. 1. “I’m going to meet with the five department heads and we’re going to calculate what we need for square footage and storage and come up with a general floor plan for current and future needs,” said City Administrator Rollen Wright. “We want to show [the Council] a usable design, and if aldermen agree,

move on to hire an architect.” Wright’s initiative stemmed in part from D. Joseph Construction’s Jan. 14 response to a City request for a proposal tied to a suggestion to erect a two-story complex on the vacant lot on East Fort Street where a 2015 fire destroyed four businesses. D. Joseph president Bill Joseph estimated such a 11,592-square-foot building there would cost about \$2.4 million. D. Joseph and N. Zobrist Construction both previously reported a new single-story building could run more than \$1.7 million.

At its meeting Monday, the Council approved an ordinance setting Tax Increment Financing (TIF) “surplus revenue” within the district boundaries, and authorizing a \$102,040.87 payment to Fulton County to distribute to 11 taxing districts in the county, such as Fulton County Ambulance, Farmington Library and Farmington Township. The annual Farmington TIF payments from Fulton County this year will range from \$950.97 to Farmington Park to \$48,882.21 to Farmington Central School District 265. As part of the City’s TIF plan, the school will re-

ceive an additional \$72,217.79 in TIF funds directly from the City to compensate for a loss in property tax revenues. In other action: • The Council OK’d updating the City Code on dog and animal regulations, which will make enforcement “more efficient,” said Wright, who added Farmington will work more closely with Fulton County Animal Control Officer Steve Beekman.

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- Mike Lindell

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GUEST VOICES



Consider The Palace when you make plans

COVID-19 is a fickle disease. Some people get hit hard by the virus, some don't even notice. The same variance is present in the business world. Some businesses are benefitting from the pandemic – even more so when those owners can combine extra income with Paycheck Protection grants.

But lucky businesses are the exception. Bars and restaurants have been particularly hard hit due to closures and dining rules that often seem arbitrary, especially when compared to regulations in other states.

How many of those businesses will reopen is in doubt, but experts anticipate widespread business closures in the months to come.

Included among the COVID casualties are movie theaters, which have shuttered their doors or endured crowd limits since last March. When open, it's been a struggle to find decent movies to attract customers, some of whom are leery of congregating in public.

As more and more movies go straight to streaming, prospects for recovery in the industry seem bleak. That's particularly true for single-screen, small-town theaters like The Palace Theatre in Elmwood, which has been showing films for generations. How much longer that can continue is a matter of debate.

In case you hadn't heard, The Palace suffered a minor electrical fire last Saturday night. The issue was solved Monday and the theater is open again.

The timing of the fire was bad, though. One day after being allowed

to reopen and blessed with "News of the World," a film people actually want to see, the theater was forced to close moments before patrons arrived.

Fortunately there were no injuries and no major damage – thanks to fast action by assistant manager Doug Seeley, concession worker Lauren Polen and the combined might of the Elmwood and Elba-Salem fire crews. Moments like Saturday night underline how important volunteer firemen are to small towns. Their sacrifices and sense of commitment to the community are laudable.

In a similar way, so are actions of investors who five years ago purchased The Palace Theatre. Those who bought shares in the Elmwood Theatre Company (ETC) did not expect to make money (or have been sadly disappointed if they did).

The goal was to keep alive one of Elmwood's unique attractions. Look around central Illinois and you won't find many small-town theaters still operating.

The refurbishment of Wyoming's Paramount Theater provided a boost for that downtown, but the Paramount does not show many movies. About the only working theaters outside big cities like Peoria, Morton, Pekin and Galesburg are in Canton and Chillicothe. And the Chillicothe theater is run by a local group that came together because they valued the draw of a theater.

I can't speak for any of those others, but as outgoing treasurer of the Elmwood Theatre Company, I can tell you how daunting our challenge has been. Yes, I am a small investor in The Palace, though most laid out more cash than me.

My investment was made because, as a parent I like having a place for my kids to see movies. And as a business owner, I like seeing people

drawn to town. It brings great pleasure to sit at my desk and watch families stream into the theater. Only by fighting the good fight will small towns avoid fading away.

But my original optimism is waning. While the ETC remodeled the Palace concession stand and completed other renovations that might not have happened under a private owner needing an income, the industry has not helped much.

Big movie studios don't care about small theaters. They demand two- and even three-week showings for popular films, which doesn't work when you have only one screen and a limited population to draw from. More than that, the quality of movies has declined as more projects go to Netflix or other paid streaming sites.

Maybe the writing is on the wall for movie theaters. Maybe The Palace will close its doors for good in the next few years. I hope not. Seeing a crowd gather downtown each night around 7 p.m. is invigorating. It's great to see cars parked up and down Main Street – something sadly missing in many small towns.

So while The Palace has survived a fire and COVID (thanks largely to grants from the PPP, BIGS and Farmers State Bank), the bigger challenge lies ahead. Moving forward, only you can keep the doors open.

No, this is not a plea for handouts. The ETC is not selling seats or panhandling for donations. But if you and the family want to get out of the house for affordable entertainment, give The Palace a chance. Admission is still just \$5 and our popcorn is really good. But be warned, The Palace is currently limited to 50 people per showing, so arrive early!

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A reflection on Illinois' new House speaker

As the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, I don't pay an undue amount of attention to the weather. However, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019, was different. I woke up to a heavy snowstorm barreling across Illinois and was concerned because the Institute had a public event scheduled that evening with state Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch.



John T. SHAW

Mr. Welch planned to make the normally five-and-a-half-hour drive that day from his home near Chicago to southern Illinois. Given that it was already snowing heavily in Chicago, I assumed we would have to cancel our Pizza & Politics event with Mr. Welch.

Our staff contacted him, saying his safety was our primary concern and that we had no problem re-scheduling the event. Mr. Welch said this was not necessary and that,

after he dug himself out of his driveway, he would begin the long car drive down the length of Illinois. He checked in periodically as made slow, but steady, progress down Interstate 57.

Rep. Welch arrived in Carbondale about an hour before our event and graciously visited with me, SIUC's chancellor, and the university's chief of staff.

His presentation to the curious and excited students, staff, and community members who assembled in our lobby was informal and impressive. He spoke candidly about his career in politics, the challenges facing Illinois, and the critical importance of higher education to the future of our state.

After he spoke, answered questions, and the official event ended, Rep. Welch chatted unhurriedly with students who lingered with follow-up questions.

Then he grabbed a piece of pizza, thanked the Institute for our invitation, and headed out for the three-hour drive to Springfield, much of it on dark and daunting two-lane highways.

I later told him that he will offi-

cially be inducted into the Institute's Hall of Fame for his insistence on honoring his commitment to get to Carbondale despite the inclement weather, as well as for his stellar presentation.

I first met Mr. Welch several months earlier when he visited SIUC Carbondale in his capacity as the chairman of the House Higher Education Committee. He had scheduled field hearings in Carbondale and Edwardsville to understand better the challenges facing the SIUC system. He asked if he could stop by the Institute. I eagerly agreed, and we had a wide-ranging conversation about government, politics, and education.

He was serious and thoughtful and also warm and engaging. He listened more than he spoke. We discussed our favorite political books. He was intrigued by a book on my shelf, "American Pharaoh: Mayor Richard J. Daley—His Battle for Chicago and the Nation," by Adam Cohen and Elizabeth Taylor.

As it happened, I had a second copy of the book at home and insisted that he take the one in my of-

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What have we learned from Becket's fate?

"Whenever you put a man on the Supreme Court, he ceases to be your friend." — Harry Truman

Henry II and Thomas a Becket caressed together as young men. They were described as being "of one heart and mind."



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When he ascended to the throne, Henry appointed Becket to be chancellor, the most important advisor. And the two worked diligently to improve English life for everyone.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the most important cleric in England, who often opposed Henry II in

the matter of control of the Church of England by the government, died in 1611. Henry II appointed Becket in an effort to have a man who thought as he did help control the recalcitrant clergy.

Instead, Becket became devout and a thorn in Henry II's side on many topics, the most prominent being the freedom from civil law the Church enjoyed.

Henry was especially exasperated with Archbishop Becket during one period of disagreement and said, "Will no one rid me of this turbulent priest?"

Four loyal knights were among those who heard his words. They took him literally, and set out for Canterbury to confront the Archbishop. They found him attending vespers in the cathedral and one

knight hit him on the shoulder with the flat of his sword as a warning. Becket did not back down, and the four proceeded to do what they thought Henry II wanted done, splitting Becket's skull and spilling his brains on the floor of the sanctuary.

They returned with the news of their deed.

Henry was shocked. He never expected the four would seek his favor by killing the Archbishop and creating an instant martyr, but that did not change the fact that what the King had said prompted their action.

An oft-repeated adage, one equally often scoffed, states, "If we do not pay attention to history, we are doomed to repeat it."

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SHAW: New speaker has humility

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fice.

"Are you sure you want to part with one of your favorite books?" he asked with a broad smile.

I assured him that I was confident that he would provide it with a good home.

The Institute recently asked 25 prominent Illinoisans to recommend five books about the state to provide students a nuanced, well-rounded understanding of our state. We received recommendations from U.S. Sen. Richard Durbin, former Gov. Jim Edgar, former U.S. Congressman and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Rep. Welch, and others. Mr. Welch's intriguing recommendations were "Boss: Richard J. Daley of Chicago" by Mike Royko, "Mayor Harold Washington: Champion of Race and Reform" by Roger Biles, "Dreams from My Father" by Barack Obama, "Our Culture of Pandering" by Paul Simon, and "American Pharaoh," the book I had given him.

After COVID-19 hit last spring, the Institute created a program called Understanding Our New World, an ongoing series of virtual conversations with international, national, and Illinois experts and leaders.

One of our first interviews was with Mr. Welch. He was hopeful, forthcoming, and incisive as he discussed the state budget, higher education, police reform, and economic justice.

He spoke vividly about the political muscle of Richard J. Daley and the inspirational leadership of Harold Washington, Paul Simon, and Barack Obama.

Chris Welch faces monumental challenges as the new speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. Time will tell how he meets the trials and tribulations that await. What I do know is that he will bring to his work an enormous reservoir of decency, intelligence, compassion and humility.

My guess is that Illinoisans will soon feel that they are very lucky to be able to call Chris Welch, "Mr. Speaker."

JOHN T. SHAW is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Peoria area home sales up 18.3 percent

The family home took on new importance in 2020. The year that challenged the Peoria area's health, business and employment in unprecedented ways saw home sales climb by 18.3 percent over 2019.

In 2020, home sales increased by 28 percent in the third quarter and by 29 percent in the fourth quarter compared to the same periods in 2019, according to the Peoria Area Association of REALTORS (PAAR).

A total of 6,778 homes were sold in 2020 compared to 5,729 in 2019. This is the highest amount recorded by PAAR going to back to 2005.

Median sales price rose to \$125,000 in 2020, up from \$118,000 in 2019. The average sales price, according to PAAR statistics, was \$147,490 up from \$138,038 in 2019.

PAAR President Jason Catton cited a number of reasons for the surge.

"Obviously, low interest rates are a factor. Affordability plays a part, as well," he said. "With more people working from home and more remote learning taking place, homeowners are looking for more flex space in their homes."

Look for historically low interest rates to continue this year, note national housing experts. The 30-year mortgage is expected to average 3.075 percent in 2021, down from 3.125 percent in 2020, according to a forecast from the National Association of Realtors and Mortgage Bankers Association.

The biggest challenge for the Peoria housing market is finding enough homes to sell, said Catton.

"We need inventory," he said. "Only a 2.3-month supply of homes was available in this market at year's end compared to 4.7-month supply at the end of 2019."

"Since we've been keeping track, we've never seen a year when the months of supply for homes has been so low."

Such inventory levels make it a great time for sellers if a house is priced correctly, he said.

"I personally have seen

one client who has submitted offers on two different properties. In both cases the client offer was not accepted due to over full price offers from other buyers that had also submitted offers for more

than the list price to acquire the property," Catton said.

Other factors affecting the area's low inventory numbers include the fact that little new construction has occurred in the region.

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Answers on Page 10 **Super Crossword** **O - E VEY!**

ACROSS

1 Much of the Western Hemisphere, with "the"

9 Accuse of misconduct in office

16 Aloe —

20 Base for some dressings

21 Tiny sand bit

22 Kiln, for one

23 Group of shorthand pros throwing dice?

25 "— all been there"

26 Remember

27 Fork out

28 Russian news agency

30 Lip

31 Monet works

32 Besides that

34 Take a hammer to one's Mexican coin?

38 — -Cola

40 Part of LED

41 '60s protest

42 Study every method of seizing defaulters' property?

DOWN

1 "Ad — per aspera"

2 HBO host

3 Pick by ballot

4 — avis

5 Shrine figure

6 Amass

7 Feel malaise

8 Missteps

9 Rapper —

10 Wife's title

11 Butter slice

12 Suffix with benz-

13 Mommy or Daddy's sis

14 Loose coat

15 Novelist

16 Promise

17 Actor Sloane

18 Drop in again

19 Flowerlike sea polyp

24 Scot's denial

29 Vidal of hair care

33 Bert who played a lion

34 Drink a bit of

35 Besides that

36 Ave. crossers

37 Trudeau of Canada

38 Baby beds

39 Beginning

40 Lairs

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TRIVOLI: School closed in 1929

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area of some 20 sections in four townships: Trivoli, Logan, Rosefield and Elmwood. However, the school plan was disbanded because the community decided the area was too small to maintain a high school.

But by July 13, 1927, District 201 was directed to discharge all outstanding obligations and assets to the underlying districts. The assets were 4,678.46.

The following year (1927-28) the school operated as a village high school, albeit there was no senior class in 1928. The next year (1928-29) was the final year for Trivoli High School, which had 13 senior graduates.

The site of the high school was a large community building located south of the Methodist Church. The number of students in Trivoli High School in 1922 was 56; 1923 - 47; 1924 - 47; 1925 - 47; 1926 - 46; 1927 - 33; 1928 - 37; and 1929 - 44.

Trivoli Community High School thrived in many respects before its

Information

This is the first of two stories on the former Trivoli High School. The second story will be in our Jan. 28 issue.

Information sources were 1923-1929 Trivoli High School yearbooks, "The History of Trivoli Township 1830-1988" and the Farmington Historical Society and Museum.

doors were closed.

What caused Trivoli High School to only survive 10 years? Speculation suggests that the financial resources of the 51 sections in Trivoli, Logan and Rosefield Townships struggled to support the faculty, facilities and other necessities of running a school.

Also, construction of a new high school in Farmington in 1925 probably hurt. Much of the Trivoli High School District 201 was absorbed into the Farmington High School District.

There were stories of plans in Trivoli to build a new high school, but that never happened. Also, nearby Elmwood Township was not part of the Trivoli District 201, which reduced tax revenue.

On the other hand, the closing in 1929 may have been fortunate for taxpayers, since the stock market crashed on Oct. 29 which caused the worst economic disaster in American history.

Academics

During the 1920-1929 period, the high school normally had three to five faculty members; including a superintendent of schools who also served as a teacher.

Courses included English I-IV; American Literature; Latin; Algebra; Physics; Science; Biology; Geography; Commercial Geography; American History; Typing I and II; Bookkeeping; Shorthand; Music; and Sewing.

Athletics

Trivoli High School had very competitive men's basketball and track teams. The school was not in an athletic conference, but competed against area towns and played in several tournaments.

Sometimes the team was referred to as the "Railsplitters" or the "Purple and White."

There was even a girls basketball team that played intra-school contests and at halftime of boys games. Basketball at Trivoli was played on the second floor of the community building. In that space, it was said that players had to avoid the hot stove in the corner of the basketball floor.

The boys team played area towns, as well as more distant teams, particularly in tournaments. Those distant teams included Peoria Manual, Kingman, Canton, Knoxville, Terre Haute, Ind., Versailles, Deer Creek, Sherrard, Table Grove, Avon, Good Hope, Averyville (Peoria), and Monmouth.

Team records were 16-2 (1923); 16-9 (1924); 15-10 (1925); 17-9 (1926); 21-8 (1927) 8-13 (1928) and 18-7 (1929). The basketball team had winning records in seven of eight years during 1923-1929 and won the 16-team Macomb Tournament in 1924 and 1927.

The team placed second in the 16-team 1929 District Tournament at Farmington, falling to Canton in the finals in its second game of the day. That was the last game ever for Trivoli High School.

Canton was one of the better teams in Illinois in 1929, having won a state title in 1928.

Track and field was held in the spring. Results of this sport were absent in most yearbooks, as the yearbook went to the printer before the track season. It was reported that Trivoli placed third in the Peoria County track meet in 1924.



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