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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: WYOMING



Occupied storefronts are a welcome sight in downtown Wyoming. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

A different downtown

Cooperation, hard work & TIF aid Wyoming businesses

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Every now and then while driving, you pass through a small town that makes you wonder, “This place is nice. I wonder what the secret is?”

Not every town. There are plenty of places that bear familiar scars of lost businesses and tough economic times so prevalent in much of rural Illinois.

But Wyoming is one of those

places where there’s no missing the difference. The downtown looks inviting, with shiny new facades and colorful storefronts – most of which are occupied. When you dig deep enough, you realize there’s no one secret for success in Wyoming, where business owners agree the difference is an investment of time, energy and money and a willingness to work together.

“I don’t know if there is a secret. I just think the businesses

seem to get along and, attitude wise, they are always looking for new things to try,” said Denny Rewerts, Wyoming’s economic development advisor. “When a business comes in, everybody supports them. I think that’s the difference between [Wyoming] and a lot of other towns.”

That was evident this year, as Wyoming welcomed four new businesses during a COVID-19 pandemic that had many other
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Bond refinancing

Elmwood schools will save \$480,000

By **BILL KNIGHT**

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Board of Education for District 322 on Monday unanimously approved issuing \$8.5 million in refunding bonds to refinance its General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017.

The move will save the District \$480,000 in nominal interest, according to Superintendent Chad Wagner.

“In order to realize those savings, the interest rate will need to be at approximately 2 percent when the bonds are issued,” Wagner told The Weekly Post. “If that is not the case, then the District will pull out of the refinancing option.”

The Board’s Finance Committee recommended the action after meeting with Bernardi Securities of Chicago at a Jan. 6 committee meeting. There, Vice President John Vezzetti of Bernardi’s Peru office outlined the company’s background and the refinancing arrangements.

The Board resolution provides for the levy of property taxes to pay the principal and interest on such bonds, and it authorizes the

execution of an escrow agreement approving the sale of the bonds to Bernardi.

Meanwhile, the Board approved promoting Marcy Brugger to become the Elementary School Principal for the 2021-22 school year. Brugger, currently the K-12 Technology Coordinator, will replace Dimitri Almasi, who’s going to be Middle School Principal at Illini Bluffs, where he went to school and still lives.



Brugger

In other news:

- Junior/Senior High School Principal Tony McCoy reported, “After-school activities have started up again as we wait for guidance from IESA and IHSA for season dates,” and Scholastic Bowl contests have begun with Tuesday and Thursday competition nights – with Peoria Area League and Prairieland Conference events held virtually;
- Caroline Colgan will represent

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Mail votes must be requested for April election

By **BILL KNIGHT**

For The Weekly Post

Concerns about exposure to COVID-19 caused many to cast vote-by-mail ballots in last November’s election. But the provision to automatically receive such ballots has expired. So those interested in voting by mail for the up-

coming April 6 Consolidated Election will have to request a mail-in, according to election authorities in Fulton, Knox and Peoria Counties.

“Vote-by-mail applications were mailed to voters for the Nov 2020 election, but just for that election,” said Thomas Bride, Executive Director of the Peoria County Board

of Election Commissioners. Now, “voters must complete a vote-by-mail application for each election.

“They can request one online at www.peoriaelections.org/205/Vote-by-Mail-Online-Request or call the office [(309) 324-2300] to have an application sent to them.”

Likewise, Fulton County offers

various ways to participate in voting by mail.

“There are three ways that a voter can acquire a vote-by-mail application,” said Fulton County Clerk Patrick O’Brian. “One is by calling the County Clerk’s office at (309) 547-3041, Ext. 119 or 120,

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State announces COVID vaccination website

From Weekly Post News Sources

Building on Illinois' progress in the early stages of Phase 1B of the COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Plan, Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Tuesday announced a new portal on coronavirus.illinois.gov to provide easily accessible information about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Coronavirus.illinois.gov will provide eligible residents with nearby vaccination sites, information on how to make an appointment to receive the vaccine, updates on the state's plan and eligibility, and answers to frequently asked questions about the

COVID-19 vaccine.

"Today, as we launch the newest phase of our Vaccine Administration Plan for frontline essential workers and those 65 and over, I'm proud to announce our statewide vaccination site locator, searchable by zip code and city, at coronavirus.illinois.gov," Pritzker said. "As federal supply is currently limited and every state in the nation is facing a shortage, I urge all eligible Illinoisans to check back regularly for available appointments."

This week, Walgreens is providing vaccines at 92 sites, and eligible residents can schedule an appointment at

www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19, and Jewel-Osco also will start vaccinating eligible residents this week. Go online to www.mhealthappointments.com/covidappt.

More than 3.2 million Illinoisans are eligible for Phase 1B. Eligible residents will be able to receive a vaccine at an Illinois National Guard assisted site, at a site operated by a local health department, or at a partner pharmacy. Currently, opportunities are by appointment only. As the supply of vaccines increases, the state will launch walk-in locations.

ELMWOOD: Four student teachers arriving

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sent Elmwood High School as the Lincoln Award winner for the Peoria Regional Office of Education.

• The Junior/Senior High School this semester will host four student teachers: Nicholas Brow (Bradley

University) with Erik Davis (social studies); Danielle Harris (Western Illinois University) with Tiffany Bell (special education); Alyssa Schmidts (Bradley) with Kyle Anderson (Math), and Laura Volpe (Bradley) with Cindy Alcaraz (Science).

• Board members approved maternity leaves for ag teacher Tara Lope-man and K-3 special education teacher Sarah Christy for parts of the 2020-21 school year.

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and requesting an application be mailed to them.

"Two: Stop by the County Clerk's office in Room 105 at the Fulton County Courthouse at 100 N. Main St. [in] Lewistown and fill out an application.

"Lastly, print a vote-by-mail ballot application on Fulton County's website - www.fultonco.org - and mail the application to the

County Clerk's office at P.O. Box 226, Lewistown, IL 61542."

Knox County Clerk Scott Erickson told The Weekly Post, "They will have to send a request to the election office. We will then send them an 'application for absentee ballot' form to sign and return. Once we have their signed application, we can release the ballot materials to them."

The Knox County Clerk's address is in care of the Knox County Courthouse, 200 S. Cherry St., Galesburg, IL 61401.

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Princeville paying off meter loan

By **BILL KNIGHT**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Village Board on Jan. 19 unanimously approved paying off the Morton Community Bank loan that the Village took out to fund the water-meter replacement project.

The balance being paid is about \$182,000 said Village president Jeff Troutman, who said the action will save Princeville considerable interest.

In other news:

- The Village reminds the community

that a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight (Jan. 28) at the Village Hall, and a draft of the plan is available on the Village web site, princeville.org, which also has details on Zoom or teleconference meeting ID numbers for attending the hearing remotely by phone or online.

- The Board’s Pool Committee will be taking applications for both a manager and lifeguards for the Princeville Aquatic Center. Nate Rice, manager for more than 10 years, will help in the transition.

Elmwood approves grant for cafe

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood City Council council discussed and approved a \$3,500 Elmwood Business Sustainability Grant to the Uptown Café at its Jan. 19 meeting. The grant is from the state’s DCEO Local CURE economic stability grant, and Elmwood will be reimbursed for that amount. The grant is for businesses that were shut down due to COVID mitigations or reduced to take-out service.

The council also discussed at length the sale of a 14-foot wide piece of the city’s parking lot that is adjacent to the Masonic Horeb Lodge. The Masons want to add the property to their building because they will be replacing the back of the Lodge, which

was damaged during a wind storm.

The city’s proposed purchase amount is \$3,000. The Masons have indicated that they want to begin construction as soon as possible. Mayor Brian Davis requested that Economic Development Director Amy Davis take the proposal to the Masons and to report back at the next meeting.

During committee reports, Councilman Bob Paige said there has been interest in repairing the fire alarm and noon whistle. The Elmwood Fire Department would pay half of the cost. Davis raised a concern that repairing the system only seems to last two years before repairs are required again. Paige said he would obtain the repair cost and bring it to the next council meeting for further discussion and possible action.

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— **Scott Gottlieb**

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GUEST VOICES



Why are we so angry? What can be done?

At the post office the other day, where all of us in my rural town go to pick up our daily mail, a friend asked: "Why are we so angry, Jim?" By "we" he didn't mean him and me, and I could tell, even with his mask on, that he was concerned.

Anger is not new to America. In April of 1968, as a junior officer in the Army, I was among those ordered hurriedly to assist the Illinois National Guard in staunching the rioting on Chicago's West Side, which was literally ablaze in the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Surreal.

In August of that fateful year, thousands of Vietnam War protesters stormed Chicago. They set upon provoking violence, successfully, from Chicago cops who occupied a different world from the long-haired, liberal provocateurs. Indeed, Days of Rage.

A major difference, to me anyway, between those violent episodes and the recent assault on our U.S. Capitol is that the grievances back then were clear. Today, nobody seems sure why, and thus my friend's question.

I suggest the following as among the underlying resentments of those who protest the present state of our union, whether violence prone or not so:

- The rise of minorities and women; the latter are now far exceeding men in educational achievement. Until recently, white males had both groups under their thumbs.
- Rising income inequality. Since 1966, average family income for those in the bottom two-fifths of the nation has been flat, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In contrast, income for the top fifth has more than

doubled, from 7 times to 14 times more than those in the bottom fifth!

• Rural America is generally struggling, indeed hurting. Many who live in this "flyover country" like their laid-back, small-town way of life, and don't want to leave. Yet they sense they are also being left behind by those in the plugged-in big cities.

• Many who are struggling economically may feel a sense of guilt that they coulda/shoulda done better in school.

But we humans can't blame ourselves, so we project our shortcomings onto others. Over the past century and beyond, blame was pinned onto international bankers. Now, it's the elites, they feel, who are trying to lord over them.

• But the biggest factor in generating anger, or so I contend (with later research to confirm me or not), is the melee of intense, often provocative, sometimes violence-tinted information that comes via social media.

The human brain craves information. The reptilian brain stem at the base of our heads is constantly scanning the horizon for threats and opportunities, that is, information. That is what has kept us alive.

In the center of our squishy, grapefruit-size brain is our limbic system, which for jillions of years has been mediating our emotions and such as our flight-or-fight decisions.

At the front of our brain is the frontal cortex, the thinking part of our noggin, which has been developing over more recent millions of years. The frontal cortex, the various parts of the limbic system and the reptilian brain stem are all in constant communication, neurons caroming hither and yon. The frontal cortex advises the limbic system, you might say, but the latter often ultimately controls our decisions.

Pertinent to all this is the concept of group polarization. As the Harvard scholar Cass Sunstein puts it: "When people find themselves in

groups of like-minded types [read: liberal or conservative, or radical social media echo chambers], they are especially likely to move to extremes."

I contend the constant stream of reinforcing messages within these echo chambers can overload the brain, causing the equivalent of electrical storms in our limbic system. These storms can unleash unthinking passions, even violence, among some of us.

So, what to do? The following is tentative and insufficient, needing much more reflection.

• Freedom of speech is cherished, central to our being as a nation. Yet it has been regulated in the past, via what was called the Fairness Doctrine. In force from 1949 to 1985, the doctrine required that broadcasters present "contrasting viewpoints."

Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms have become, given their incredible popularity, like broadcasters, in the public interest.

So, maybe something along the lines of a fairness doctrine for social media programming that is focused on political discourse.

• Or, related, maybe independent panels of citizens to review the effectiveness of Facebook and other social media in washing hate and violence-inciting content – and certainly that from mischievous foreign sources – from their platforms.

• Finally, and less controversial, we need to beef up civics education from grammar school through post-high school programs. The apparent ignorance of the rule of law and democratic processes reflected in much discourse I see and hear is deeply troubling.

For many years, Jim Nowlan was a senior fellow and political science professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He has worked for three unindicted governors and published a weekly newspaper in central Illinois.

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GUEST VOICES

A vote does not mean you are in a cult

To the Editor:

When did voting for a person for president who would make a better president than the other candidate, make you a cult member?

People who followed Charles Manson were cult members. People who followed George Jones were cult members. People who followed David Koresh were cult members.

Are people who voted for Joe Biden cult members? Of course no. You would have to be a fool, a troublemaker, or a very sick person to even suggest that.

There was no cult voting for President Trump in 2016 and there wasn't a cult voting for him in 2020. It was just the American people exercising their right to vote for whoever they wanted, just as the people who voted for President Biden did.

And neither Trump voters nor Biden voters need to be deprogrammed. People who suggest that have something wrong with them.

President Biden said he is going to be the President to unite the American people. Well, then he better have a fireside chat with his diverse administration, others in Congress, the Senate, the new media and their guests and tell them to quit spewing false rhetoric, since they always accused Trump of doing that.

Trump is gone. Don't worry about

him, start uniting. If we don't, the next four years won't be any better than the last four.

Ralph Whitfield, Farmington

The 'Big C' is a pandemic

When I mention the "Big C," I'm not referring to Covid-19 or cancer. Although Covid and cancer are both very devastating, what I'm referring to is much more dangerous.

This "Big C" creeps into our minds and afflicts mankind without any obvious symptoms until it is so advanced that it is very difficult to eradicate. Like other diseases, we may feel symptoms but deny them or

endure them for a while, hoping they will go away. Neither strategy works. We continue with this denial and unsuccessful endurance until we wake up and realize it

is almost too late for a cure.

But there still is time for a cure!

The United States of America was founded as a nation under God. It was founded under God because the forefathers knew a nation cannot survive without a solid, moral foundation. Many of us realize our moral foundation has decayed for several years. However, we deny or endure it. We must wake up and realize that we have been infiltrated with this pandemic before it is too late.

This pandemic is the reason the U.S. is so divided today. It is not pol-

itics, race, gender or any other reason being fed to us by the liberal media. If anyone wants to know more, obtain a copy of the newspaper The Epoch Times and the pandemic will be revealed. At the same time read 2 Chronicles 7:14 in the Bible and find the only possible cure.

Gene Vaughan, Elmwood

Cheating means you admit a foe is better

To The Editor,

A person using cheating or fraud to win a competition is admitting that the opponent is better. Otherwise, there's no reason to cheat or use fraud.

The person who cheats loses the respect of others and is no longer to be trusted. It is also a sign of character — one of weakness. After all if a person cheats on someone else he will cheat on you.

A victory based on cheating or fraud is empty. Who can be proud of saying, "I'm the winner but I cheated or used fraud to do it?"

How much better to be the one who wins victory with hard work, being honesty and integrity.

As Joseph Stalin said, "It's not the number of votes, but who counts them."

Sharon Dunbar, Princeville

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Why I am not getting the COVID-19 vaccine

By Dr. STUART HICKERSON

For The Weekly Post

I am an emergency room physician who lives in Williamsfield, and I appreciate your paper. I was interested in the recent article "Rural residents more resistant to COVID vaccine" in the Jan. 21 edition.

As a practicing ER physician, I have been seeing active COVID patients for the duration of this outbreak. However, I am a rural citizen who has lived the last 20 years in Williamsfield. I would like to share my thoughts on why I do not intend to get the immunization. I also believe there is no evidence to support mandating this shot.

I would recommend your readers look at sources other than the New York Times. I would recommend the following: The Children's Health Defense Fund founded by Robert Kennedy Jr. (childrenshealthdefense.org), The National Vaccine Information Center (www.nvic.org/), Professor Francis Boyle at the University of Illinois, Dr. Joe Mercola (products.mercolamarket.com) and The American Association of Physician and Surgeons (aapsonline.org).

I have followed Dr. Mercola for years, as I have an interest in natural health topics, and I have followed

the National Vaccine information Center as a source for objective information on vaccines. I think your informed readers would find these sources worth reading. They provide for well-thought-out discussion on the benefit of this vaccine, or any other.

Professor Boyle is a Law Professor at the University of Illinois. He has followed the CDC for years and is the author of "Biological Weapons Anti-Terrorism Act of 1989." He has a perspective on the CDC and the vaccine that is independent. He has a well-thought-out opinion on accepting the CDC as the sole source of truth on the management of this problem.

Finally the AAPS offers an independent physician's thoughts on the vaccination and they have collected the benefits of other medical therapies. They have presented before Congress with their data.

In your article you note that David Leonhardt of the New York Times states the vaccine is 95 percent effective. Because the New York Times or David Leonhardt make this statement does not make it so. In fact, as a doctor, I do not think anyone can make any statement that this shot will be effective at all. The

reason it takes years to bring out a vaccine of any type is that you need time to see if it is effective.

Yes, a vaccine has been pumped out in record time. However, stating it is efficacious can only be based on following populations for a period of time. As such there is no one who can say the shot if effective.

The vaccine has theoretical benefit and, if you want to take the risk, I support your actions. However, for myself, I am of the opinion that the shot is not proven and given that most people recover from the virus without ill effect I choose the natural choice.

As such, the mandate for this immunization seems more politically motivated than based in scientific fact. After a year of research, I simply do not come up with a reason to take this shot. The shots are not benign. A total of 57 people have been documented dying from the shot. Hank Aaron recently died, 18 days after receiving the immunization.

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Trilovhico was a Trivoli High School society

By ROGER HIGGS

For The Weekly Post

TRIVOLI – One hundred years ago, Trivoli had a thriving high school which existed from 1920-29. Here is a second story on the history of that school, focusing on activities, alumni and faculty.

Activities

All students were a member of either the Trilovhico (an acronym for truth, reason, intelligence, loyalty, obedience, virtue, honesty, idealism, character and one) or Illini Literary Societies. These groups had regular competitions in spelling, declamation, writing and one-act plays.

Social activities included freshman initiation, a senior three-act play, chorus, girls glee club, men's quartet, junior-senior class reception, some birthday parties, speakers and more.

Alumni

The Alumni Association of Trivoli Community High School was organized on May 18, 1923.

Each May, the association assem-

Trivoli teacher became prominent journalist

By BILL KNIGHT

For The Weekly Post

TRIVOLI – Years after teaching in the one-room school here, an Illinoisan became a renowned newspaperwoman, covering prominent stories for William Randolph Hearst and the Associated Press.

Born in Harvey, Ill., in 1901, Jane Eads' family moved to Fort Madison, Iowa, Peoria and Quincy, where she went to school. She took the reins at Trivoli's one-room school in 1917, after working a summer at the Quincy Whig-Journal as a proofreader.

"When I got out of high school. I went from there and finally got another job," Eads said. "That was as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse in the country, outside of Peoria.

"I wrote to the Superintendent of Schools of Peoria County, and they had this school," she said in a 1988 interview for a Women in Journalism oral history project for the Washington Press Club Foundation. "[The school] was in the country, and they needed a teacher. I told them how much I wanted, which was \$100 a month, and I was afraid they'd turn me down.

"I went on a train from Peoria to this little town, Trivoli. They interviewed me in the railroad station, and I got back on the train and went back to Peoria. Then I got the job and I went there. They didn't have any place for me to stay. Finally, some farm family volunteered. I stayed with them for about a month, and then there was a nice farm family; they had the newest house in that area ... within walking distance from the school.

"I had this school, and all the grades, except the first and the third, and in my eighth grade were two big, tall farm boys who were my age," Eads added. "They would sort of tease me, but I had pretty good disci-

Information

This is the second of two stories on the former Trivoli High School.

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

bled at the Methodist Church and welcomed the incoming graduating class. For many years the group held reunions. Also, many classes held reunions. A 50th reunion of the alumni was held in 1973.

Alumni news in 1927 reported the history and activities of the previous classes. At the time, seven graduates were enrolled in college at Bradley, Northwestern, Normal, Pennsylvania Teachers College and Western Illinois Teachers College.

The most common surnames among graduates of 1921-29 were:

Anderson (4); Higgs (4); Harding (2); McCullough (2); Phillips (2); Turl (2) and Williams (2).

Faculty

There were five superintendents/principals from 1920-1929, which include Gene Hovenden (1920); C. J. Keel (1921); Merrill Stephen (1922, 1923); Andrew Werl (1924); and Dwight Wood (1925-29).

There were 14 different faculty members from 1920-29: Mrs. Dwight Wood (1925-29) and Helen Cornelius (1920-24) served five years and Maude Fisher (1926-29) served four years. Each teacher taught several subjects, plus advised clubs or coached teams.

Board of Education

School Board members in 1923-1925 period were Ray Anderson, Lloyd Turl, C. F. Opie, Elmer Glasgow, Edwin Anderson, Edwin Kessler, John Morris, and E. D. Varnes. School board members in 1928 and 1929 were Edwin Anderson, E. G. Huffman and A. N. Stein.



Reporter Jane Eads thanks a Boeing Air pilot after flying over the continent for a story.

pline after a while. At first, they tried to help me with the fire. Then their parents said the teacher should do her own chores, so they quit, and I had to get to school early, and it was icy cold. I had to build a fire in the stove before I could start teaching. It was a new experience for me. It was like going to a foreign country."

However, she adapted and enjoyed it, she said.

"I was sort of in charge, and also the kids – I loved them," she remembered.

Eads taught in Trivoli for a year and saved \$400 and enrolled at the University of Illinois, where she stayed for one semester before returning to Quincy to edit a tabloid Sunday supplement for the Whig-Journal.

"I wrote all of it," she said. "I swept out the office. I did everything except go out with the boss."

Not long after, Eads relocated to the Chicago area and used her slim experience in Quincy to progress through the newspaper ranks.

"I never took a course in journalism," she said. "About all I did was graduate from high school – and not with honors."

Nevertheless, the former teacher persevered as a feature writer, crime reporter and commentator.

"Her reporting encompassed the

styles known as 'sob sister' reporting – stories written to gain sympathy for their subjects – and 'stunt reporting' – stories written by reporters who did daring acts and became part of the story themselves," said Kathleen Currie of the WPCF.

Eads moved to the Howard News newspaper in Chicago's North Shore before joining the Evanston News Index, and then was hired at the Chicago Herald Examiner.

Her stories would range from covering crime in the era of gangster Al Capone – including the St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago – and writing a series on nightlife during Prohibition, to covering First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt press conferences and writing opinion pieces from the Capitol and Europe.

Known for wearing flowery hats, Eads was 25 when she handled a first-person assignment: flying as the only passenger in Boeing's first flight of a transcontinental airmail and passenger route from Maywood, outside Chicago, to San Francisco July 1 and 2, 1927.

From Chicago, she moved to New York with a newspaper colleague she married, and when he was sent to Europe to cover the continent before World War II, she accompanied him, covering society and fashion shows for Hearst. One of her scoops was the romance between British King Edward VIII and American socialite-divorcée Wallis Warfield Simpson, which caused Edward to abdicate the throne in 1936.

In the late 1930s, she divorced and returned to the United States, working for Hearst's wire service in Washington, D.C., the Washington Times-Herald and then the AP.

After a 40-year newspaper career, she retired to Florida in 1958 and passed away in 1991.

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New science teacher at Brimfield H.S.

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield School Board of ficially hired new science teacher Alyssa Walser on Jan. 20. She will teach the sciences, specifically biology and will begin immediately.

Walser is married to husband Patrick and they have two children. The family currently resides at Lake Camelot, but she said they are going to look for an in-district residence in the near future. Walser has taught science at Illini Bluffs for the past 12 years.

“We are extremely lucky – when you try to fill a spot with the retirement of Cathy Krostal. In addition, we are beyond fortunate to have someone (Walser) who is able to teach dual

credits,” School District Superintendent Tony Shinall stated.

Krostal retires after 21 years at Brimfield High School.

In his report, Shinall welcomed students, faculty and staff to in-person instruction after the holiday break. Work on the 2021-22 school year calendar continues. Shinall met with area superintendents regarding an opportunity to obtain a grant that would cover 75 percent of the cost for new video and audio equipment for remote instruction. The timeline for the grant has been delayed until next summer.

Brimfield School district could receive an estimated \$189,000 on funding from the federal government based upon the number of

Title-one students in the district who are enrolled, Shinall said.

High School Principal Billy Robison reported that NWEA/Map testing will occur on Feb. 4 for students. Also, the student council is planning a homecoming theme week to end the month of January and the beginning of February. There will be individual theme days and competitions as allowed by guidelines.

Grade School Principal Julie Albritton reported a total enrollment of 424 students. The health department changed recently the COVID quarantine period from 14 to 10 days. On Jan. 28, Josten’s will meet with 8th graders; Feb. 5 mid-term results will be sent home; Feb. 12 will be an

early 11:30 a.m. dismissal day; there is no school on Feb. 15 for Presidents’ day; and March 12 is the end of the third quarter.

In other action, the board waived the first readings for the five-year policy review, which included employment at-will, compensation and assignment plus the policy on high school credit for students in grades seven and eight.

Also waived were the first readings of 13 policies regarding the superintendent to extracurricular activities.

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Yates City makes staff changes

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

YATES CITY – The Village of Yates City Board made several staffing changes in the Public Works Department during two meetings in December.

At its regular meeting on Dec. 16, the board changed Kent Ulm’s status to part-time public works director at \$18.50 per hour and promoted Brandon Thrasher to assistant public works director for \$16 per hour.

The board also approved a raise of 50 cents per hour for snow removal done by employee Jordan Suits and OK’d \$100 Christmas bonuses for Waterworks employees, treasurer and city clerk.

Finally, the board hired Eldon Harper as a full-time worker in the public works department for \$12 per hour, with a three-month

review set to consider another raise of 50 cents per hour, with money to come from waterworks.

In a Dec. 26 special meeting, the board hired Quinton Fultz as a full-time worker in the public works department for \$12.50 per hour, with a raise of 50 cents per hour after three months and a three-month review set to consider another \$1-per-hour raise.

The board voted unanimously in favor of all the personnel changes.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the purchase of a plaque for Dave Mahr in honor of 15 years of service to the village.

- Hired Barry Excavating to remove Christmas lights.

- Hired Burgess Trucking to haul sludge cake to the landfill for up to \$825.

- OK’d buying a \$119.19 saw blade and a single-direction plate compactor for \$1,899.

- Discussed this year’s tar and chipping of roads.

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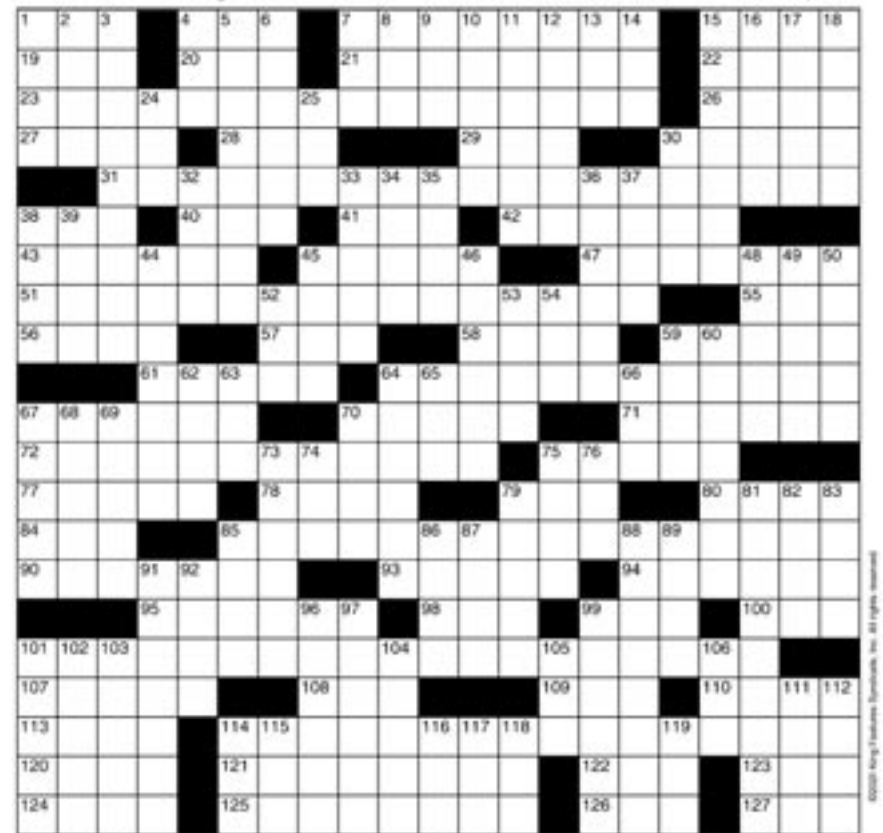
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| 1 TV ET from Melmac | 61 Parsley bit | 114 Riddle's answer | 11 Born first | 53 Classic soda brand | 87 Artist Vincent van -- |
| 4 Puncturing tool | 64 Riddle, part 4 | 120 Deli sandwiches, for short | 12 Alicia of ballet | 54 Coach | 88 Master marksman |
| 7 Restrained like Rover | 67 Kay Thompson title girl | 121 Grow pale | 13 Use stitches | 59 Very hot star | 89 Actress Moran |
| 15 "To a..." poems | 70 Native Kiwi | 122 Oct. follower | 14 "— a Rebel" | 60 Anti-alcohol measures | 91 Calvin Coolidge's college |
| 19 Road gunk | 72 Riddle, part 5 | 123 O'Hare approx. | 15 Like a single-part process | 62 Oct. exam for many juniors | 92 Beginning of a web address |
| 20 Zodiac beast | 75 Odor | 124 Anatomical sac | 16 City of India | 63 Home: Abbr. | 96 Papal envoy |
| 21 Course taker, e.g. | 77 French port in Brittany | 125 Slammer | 17 Barkin of "The Far" | 64 Compound in wine | 97 2017 World Series winners |
| 22 Actress Carter | 78 Outing ruiner | 126 Poker's place | 18 Street talk | 65 Greedy type | 99 Gives rise to |
| 23 Start of a riddle | 79 Afflicted | 127 Water barrier | 24 Prefix with colonialism | 66 Indigo, e.g. | 101 Rachel Maddow's channel |
| 26 Singer Fitzgerald | 80 Poses | DOWN | 25 Auction unit | 67 Fix firmly | 102 Rome's land theater chain |
| 27 Grove sight | 84 Irrited self | 1 Element statistic: Abbr. | 30 Mars, to the Greeks | 68 One of the Florida Keys | 103 Ground corn dish |
| 28 Certain boxing stat | 85 Riddle, part 6 | 2 Oz lion player Bert | 32 Move around in confusion | 69 Cineplex — (former theater chain) | 104 Bum — in one's pocket |
| 29 Mil. bigwig | 90 TV talker | 3 Ascend a rock face without aids for support | 33 Pleistocene, for one | 70 Hurt severely | 105 Chili holder |
| 30 Pale-looking | 91 Slipknot loop | 4 Done in the style of | 34 Spout off | 73 Following loyally | 106 Foul up |
| 31 Riddle, part 2 | 94 Address of "Dr. No" | 5 Vanished as if by magic | 35 Axis-vs.-Allies event | 74 Zodiac beast | 111 Version being tested |
| 38 Kilmer of lit | 95 Highest volcano in Eur. | 6 Tilt the head skyward | 36 Singer Tina Turner | 75 Plum used to flavor gin | 112 Eden evictoe |
| 40 Alley — | 98 Mil. bigwig | 7 Big Brit. lexicon | 37 Copycatted | 76 Roman, 1,051 | 114 "I'm less than impressed" |
| 41 Lion's foot | 99 Mumbai "Mr." | 8 Houston-to-Dallas dir. | 38 Bill blocker | 79 Commercial lead-in to -gram or -matic | 115 "Who am — argue?" |
| 42 Fellow's wig | 100 Collin girl | 9 Actress Nicole Parker | 39 Eros, to the Romans | 81 Shivered in fear or revulsion | 116 Cave in |
| 43 Actor Estevez | 101 End of the riddle | | 44 Young girls | 82 Filly veggie | 117 Siouan people |
| 45 Segal's hedgehog | 102 Throat affliction, for short | | 45 Hang-up | 83 Wild guess | 118 A small number of |
| 47 Look up to | 108 To the — degree | | 46 Be logically connected | 84 Lewis of rock | 119 Trelis plant |
| 51 Riddle, part 3 | 109 Western Hemisphere | | 48 Letters after "had a farm" | | |
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WYOMING: New businesses surviving COVID

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shops shuttering their doors.

Opened this year in Wyoming were Perfect Polished Salon, Maker's Mall, Curry's Carryout Pizza and Pub 91.

"They all seem to be hanging in there, and two are restaurants, which is the most risky thing there is," Rewerts said.

Momentum for much of the positive change in the past few years came after the Paramount Theatre's lights were fixed and the town fixture got a facelift.

"First we started with the clock down there. Then we got the Paramount going and then all the pieces kind of fell together," said Wyoming Mayor Pat Maher. "It kind of brought people together and has held them together. It got people interested in investing in the town. And it's working so far.

Among those who invested in the downtown is Sheila Rumbold, who owns the Seventh Street Boutique and who, along with her husband Mike, owns several other downtown buildings. She also cited the Paramount remodel as a landmark moment.

"It just made everything else look better. It looks so cool at night when it's lit up," Rumbold said.

In fact, Rumbold said the night the Paramount lights came back on, she started talking with Stacy Unhold and Melissa Nagode about a project that within a year culminated in the opening of One Eleven Coffee, the successful café Unhold now runs.

"I love that building. It's such a

City has high hopes for new TIF district

WYOMING – Ask business owners and city officials a key to Wyoming's success and nearly everyone points to establishment of a TIF district in 2005.

Now those same officials are hoping future generations can look back to last year's establishment of a second TIF district as an impetus for more positive change.

Immediate hopes for TIF 2 are to assist in the construction of a senior living facility. Economic Development

advisor Denny Rewerts said the city is in the process of hiring an architect to draw plans for a small, 10- to 12-unit senior living development with one- and two-bedroom homes built on a single level with garages.

Mayor Pat Maher hopes the new TIF can help lure a doctor or doctor's office to town. "We're talking to St. Francis and I'm thinking about talking to individual doctors," Maher said.

cool addition to downtown Wyoming," Rumbold said. "Once that started getting fixed up, it got everyone else excited."

More stores followed. Many took advantage of Wyoming's downtown TIF district, which was founded in November of 2005 and encompasses 137 properties in the downtown area. In addition to a \$3,000 façade improvement matching grant, Rewerts said the TIF also offers loans and grants for repairs and other business needs.

"We had a downturn there in the 1990s, downtown got kind of slow," Maher said. "What really helped us quite a bit was TIF 1. And then things started to fall into place."

"To me the TIF is huge. I actually have benefitted a lot," agreed Rumbold, who remodeled the front of her boutique with the help of façade improvement money. "Every little bit helps."

Last year, Wyoming created a second TIF district (See accompanying story above) that officials hope can

continue the momentum.

"You always have to think about what you can do next in a small town," Maher said. "Sometimes you feel you take two steps forward and then one back."

But the point is to keep trying. That was why Maher enlisted the services of Rewerts, who had previously worked with Stark County Economic Development after retiring from Caterpillar in 2001.

Rewerts is cautiously optimistic about the future, but unwilling to rest on any successes. He tells a story of his early days as a Wyoming alderman about 25 years ago.

"We brought in seven new businesses that year and filled the stores," he said. "I thought we were set. Well, none of them exist today. You've got to keep going to them and helping them."

With that in mind, the city is in the process of picking a committee to develop a 10-year plan for Wyoming – a blueprint for what changes can keep this community different.

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New state graduation requirements draw ire

From Capitol News Illinois Reports
 SPRINGFIELD – New high school graduation requirements that were part of an omnibus education bill passed during the lame duck session are drawing criticism from some members of the Illinois State Board of Education.

Those new requirements include the addition of two years of foreign language classes and two years of laboratory science instead of just science courses.

“And so, the message this sends to me is that somebody has decided that two years of a foreign language class are more important than art, more important than music, more important than career and technical education courses, in a school day that is already so full and so very limited with time,” ISBE member Susie Morrison, of Carlinville, said during a virtual board meeting Wednesday.

Morrison also noted that foreign language is also an area where there is a significant shortage of teachers in Illinois, and she predicted many districts will have a hard time finding qualified staff to meet the requirements.

The legislation, which Gov. JB Pritzker is expected to sign, will establish the laboratory science requirement for students entering ninth grade during the 2024-2025 school year. The foreign language requirement is scheduled to take effect for students entering ninth grade for the 2028-29 school year.

However, lawmakers have said the target date for the foreign language requirement was a drafting error in the bill and there will likely be a follow-up bill in the current legislative session to move that date up.

In addition to the foreign language and laboratory science requirements, beginning in the 2023-24 school year, students enter-

ing ninth grade will be required to take one year of a course that includes “intensive instruction in computer literacy,” but that can include English, social studies or any other course that also fulfills another graduation requirement.

Board member Christine Benson, of Ottawa, said her concerns about the foreign language requirements come from her belief lawmakers had not properly researched the issue and did not consult with ISBE before passing the bill.

“What’s the best time to teach a foreign language? It is not high school,” Benson said. “What’s the second-worst time to teach a foreign language? It’s junior high. So they did no research on this. They just added it on.”

Also, social studies classes in public schools are about to get a major overhaul, with more emphasis on Black history and the contributions of other groups.

• **COVID update** – Two more Illinois regions will see COVID-19 mitigations scaled back amid declining positivity numbers, state officials said Tuesday.

The state’s seven-day rolling case positivity rate stood at 4.6 percent Tuesday, the 18th straight day that figure has dropped, and the lowest since Oct. 14. The state reported 3,667 new and probable

COVID-19 cases Tuesday out of 69,285 test results over the last 24 hours.

Regions 8 and 9, which include DuPage, Kane, Lake and McHenry counties in the Chicago suburbs, were cleared to move to Tier 1 mitigations Tuesday. Five of the state’s 11 public health regions are now currently in Tier 1 mitigations. Another five regions are in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan.

Only Region 4 in the Metro East area remained in Tier 2 mitigations.

The state announced Tuesday that it would be adding Hy-Vee pharmacies to its list of locations offering COVID-19 vaccinations to the public, joining Walgreens and Jewel-Osco. The announcement brings the state’s current number of public vaccination sites to 278.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, an estimated 3.2 million people are eligible for vaccines in Phase 1B.

• **Union case** – The U.S. Supreme Court rejected a

case Monday that sought to compel public employee unions to reimburse non-member employees for mandatory fees which the court ruled as unconstitutional in 2018.

The case was brought by Mark Janus, a former Illinois government employee whose original lawsuit resulted in a landmark 2018 U.S. Supreme Court decision. Janus, a former child support specialist with the state, never joined a public union but was still obligated to pay so-called “fair share” fees.

The 2018 decision means public unions can no longer collect fees from public employees who are not union members.

Janus petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court last year, asking the court to decide whether he and other non-members are entitled to receive back pay in the form of the fees they paid.

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Frederick W. Allen

PEORIA – After a full life in which he found great success as a pitcher, as a pilot and as one of the country’s most prominent plaintiff’s attorneys out of his office in Peoria, Ill., Frederick Walton Allen, 97, died at his home on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, surrounded by his devoted family.

Fred was born June 10, 1923, to Frederick William Allen and Laura Josephine (Johnson) Allen in the family’s house in Ripon, Wis. They preceded him in death. He married Tilley (Derges) Allen on July 26, 1952, at the First Methodist Church of Peoria. Tilley preceded him in death on Oct. 20, 2018, after 66 years of marriage. Tilley’s final words on her deathbed were, “I love Fred so much.” Similarly, Fred’s love and devotion to Tilley throughout their long marriage was beyond measure. Fred and Tilley traveled the world, attending professional meetings, touring sites, golfing and making life-long friends.

Survivors include two daughters: Diane (Doug) Allen Cullinan Oberhelman of Peoria and Rita Allen Graves of Fort Worth, Texas; 7 grandchildren, including Kathleen Cullinan (Tyson) Brill of Chicago; Maureen Cullinan (Christopher) Bennett of Chicago; Alison Cullinan (Matt) Unkovich of Peoria; Allen (Laura) Cullinan of Peoria; Crystal Curfman (Coby) Shaw of Chicago; Colette Curfman of Tampa, Fla.; and Whitney Graves of Fort Worth, Texas; and 13 great grandchildren, including: Austin Brill, Hudson Brill, Cameron Brill, Michael Bennett, Avery Bennett, Luke Bennett, Duane Douglas Cullinan, Mary Michael Cullinan, Frances Cullinan, Duke Unkovich, Tilley Unkovich, Adelaide Lott and Coleman Lott. An additional great grandchild was on the way at the time of Fred’s passing and will be born to Alison and Matt Unkovich this summer, making 14 great-grandchildren.

Fred was also preceded in death by a daughter, Laura Allen Curfman of Peoria, and a sister, Jane (Allen) Waters.

Fred had a long and distinguished

career as a plaintiff’s attorney. He was the first downstate Illinois lawyer to win a \$1 million award for a client. That 1974 jury verdict against the Ford Motor Company earned Allen membership in the Inner Circle of Advocates, an elite national group limited to plaintiff’s attorneys who had won seven-figure awards. At the time of Fred’s inclusion in the Inner Circle, there had been only 55 such awards paid out in the United States.

He built his own law firm as a self-made businessman by working hard and treating people the right way. He regularly made time for pro bono legal work and was known to be humble and generous. But Fred was also exact in his actions and earned the admiration of other attorneys for his work ethic. He had a reputation for taking cases to trial by jury instead of settling for less, always seeking the best result for his clients. He personally funded each case and hired experts, often “betting the farm” on a favorable verdict. That entrepreneurial spirit was a guiding example for his daughter, Diane, who credits her father’s influence as giving her the confidence to start her own business, Cullinan Properties, Ltd.

Outside the courtroom, Fred was very active in many national and international legal organizations that kept him in a leadership role with prominent attorneys from across the United States and Europe. He was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a fellow of the International Society of Barristers, a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and a member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He also played prominent roles in many Illinois legal groups. He was president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association in 1974-75, the Peoria County Bar Association in 1979-80 and the invitation-only Society of Trial Lawyers of Illinois in 1983-84. He was active in the Illinois State Bar Association for more than 50 years and was a fellow of the Illinois Bar Foundation.

Despite being born in a town that was also the birthplace of the Republican party, Fred stayed true to the Democratic party for his entire life. Fred ran for Congress in 1956 against Bob Michel. While Fred lost that election, he also started a life-



Allen in 1944, after earning his pilot’s wings.

long friendship with Michel, who years later would introduce Fred as, “The man who got me elected to Congress.”

Fred was elected for eight years as the 18th Congressional District State Central Committeeman for the Democratic party. It was in that capacity that he had a chance to spend time with President John F. Kennedy, President Lyndon Johnson, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn, Senator Daniel Inouye, of Hawaii, and Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois, among other political leaders.

It was also in the latter role that Allen had a notable first encounter with JFK, who arrived in Peoria for a political rally in 1959, one year prior to his election as president. When Kennedy – who was running late – asked to use a restroom, Fred told him there was no time for that and whisked JFK to the rally, where Fred introduced the future president. That was Fred, a confident, self-made man who would give an honest answer to anyone.

Even at a young age, Fred demonstrated a knack for enterprise. In his first job, at age 12, Fred earned \$1 a day as a caddy at the Lawsonia Golf Club in Green Lake, Wis. That led him to a lifelong love of golf and to hundreds of friendships at country clubs across the U.S. The job also earned young Fred extra benefits. At age 13 he purchased his first car, a 1923 Ford Model T, and transported fellow caddies to the golf course for five cents per ride.

Fred graduated from Ripon High School in 1941 and enrolled in Ripon College. He halted his



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studies to voluntarily enlist in the U.S. Army Air Forces on Dec. 7, 1942, the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

During active duty he learned to fly the B-29 bomber, the same type of plane used to drop the atomic bomb on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As a member of what would become the U.S. Air Force, Fred spent time as a pilot stationed at: Keesler Field in Biloxi, Miss.; the College of Waynesburg in Pennsylvania; the Classification Center at Nashville, Tenn.; Maxwell Field in Montgomery, Ala.; Douglas, Georgia; and Cochran Army Airfield in Macon, Ga. He received his pilot's wings on Aug. 5, 1944, at Moody Field in Valdosta, Ga., and completed his training with the rank of second lieutenant.

Following his military service, Fred signed a contract as a pitcher with the Papermakers of Appleton, Wis., a minor league affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. Before World War II, Fred had signed with a farm team of the New York Yankees, where he was known for his fast-ball. While he never realized the dream of becoming a Major League pitcher, Fred remained a devoted baseball fan. In particular, he rooted for the Chicago Cubs, dating back to age 7 when his father took Fred to see the Cubs play the New York Giants. In 2016, Fred realized one of his dreams when he watched with his family as his beloved Cubs won the World Series. Fred said that was something he never expected to see.

With the assistance of the GI Bill, Fred attended law school for two years at Northwestern University. He was admitted to the Illinois State Bar in 1949 and, based on the recommendation of a college advisor, he took the Rock Island Rocket train to Peoria to interview for an

attorney's position. It was his first visit to Peoria. Fred was hired and began work at the law firm of Louis Knobloch, earning \$125 a month while living at the YMCA to make ends meet. He remained a devoted Peorian for the rest of his life. It was in Peoria where he met the love of his life, Tilley Allen. He loved his adopted hometown and made many untold contributions to better the community.

Like many of his "Greatest Generation," Fred worked hard to make a living but still found time to be active in the community. Fred was a member of the Elks Club for more than 70 years. He was a president of the Country Club of Peoria and was also a member of the American Legion; the First Methodist Church of Peoria; Union League Club of Chicago; Springs Country Club of Rancho Mirage, Calif.; Old Baldy Club of Saratoga, Wyo.; and Mascoutin Golf Club of Berlin, Wis.

Fred's love of family was of utmost importance to him. He especially enjoyed spending time with his daughters. His pride in his daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and their families was boundless. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A private service will be held and a private burial will follow at historic Springdale Cemetery. A celebration of Fred's life will be held at a future date.

Fred's family memorialized his remarkable life in a book published last year, "The Frederick Walton Allen Story: One of the Greatest of the Greatest Generation." Copies can be obtained from dcull@cull-prop.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois or Easterseals Central Illinois.

Friends and family may sign the online guestbook or send private

condolences at wrightandsalmon@aol.com.

Irene M. Seiwel Gulley

DUNLAP – Irene M. Seiwel Gulley, 100, of East Peoria formerly of Dunlap, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, at 6:15 a.m. at Generations at Riverview in East Peoria.

Irene was born on Jan. 28, 1920, in Peoria, Ill., the daughter of Joseph and Ethel (Monroe) Bishop. She married Charles Gulley on June 7, 1997. He preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 2002.

Surviving are her three children, James (Bonnie) Seiwel of Princeville, Edward (Mary) Seiwel of Wyoming, and Roberta (Earl) Scroggins of Dexter, Mo.; one step-daughter Corine Gulley; nine grandchildren; and several great and great-great grandchildren. She is also preceded in death by one grandson and one son-in-law, Earl Scroggins.

Irene loved to play bingo and was a member of the ladies auxiliary of the VFW in Bartonville. She was a long time member of the Prospect United Methodist Church in Dunlap.

Her graveside service will be Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, her 101st birthday, at 1:30 p.m. at Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria. Pastor Jason Persinger will officiate. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to any local VFW.

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



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There are not enough words to express our gratitude to Elmwood American Legion, Elmwood VFW; and Patriot Guard. We were so blessed with the honors bestowed on **John F. Pettit II** at his funeral Thursday, January 6th 2021. Thank you, Gerri Pettit, Tami, Guillermo Romo, Meika Claerhout and all our grandchildren

I want to thank my family, friends, and community for praying for me while I was in the hospital for 41 days with COVID. I had excellent care. It definitely was an experience that I would like to forget. My strength from mowing the lawn and raking leaves and trusting in JESUS "pulled this 84-year-old through." Thanks also for the candy, flowers, many cards and stamps. God bless all of you.
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Scott H. Cochran

GREEN VALLEY, Ariz. – Scott Harris Cochran, 76, passed away peacefully on Jan. 17, 2021, at his home in Green Valley Ariz., after a short battle with cancer.

He was born on April 27, 1944, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to parents Paul L. and Joanne I. Cochran. Scott married his love, Judith Mendenhall on Dec. 28, 1996.

Scott was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving are his loving wife, Judith K. Cochran; his children, Shamra (Kurt) Noy of Hanna City, Ill., Scott Cochran Jr of Pontiac, Ill., Chris (Wendy) Cochran of Brimfield, Ill., and Troy Thompson of Visalia, Calif.; his sister, Ellen (Ray) Heiman of Morton, Ill.; his grandchildren, Rachel and Carson Noy and Kady and Liam Cochran; his nephews, Blake (Michelle) Centers and Jason Centers.

Scott attended school in Port Clinton, Ohio. After high school, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served for four years at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Scott was a very proud American. He loved his country and proudly displayed the American flag at his homes, businesses and on his vehicles. He was honored to serve this great country in the USMC.

Scott moved his family to Peoria, Ill., in 1978 when he and his father purchased a PIP Printing franchise and planted roots in Peoria. His career spans more than 40 years as owner of PIP Printing and more recently YESCO Sign and Lighting. Scott's passion was his business, and his business was his hobby. He cared very much for his employees and thought of them as family. Under Scott's leadership he grew the business to include many small, medium and large businesses in central Illinois as well as customers throughout the United States. His accomplishments include leadership roles in the PIP national franchise group, serving as President of the National Advisory Council in the late 90's and early 2000's. Scott was honored for his outstanding contributions and named PIP Printing's Franchisee of the Year in 1994. The Franchisee of the Year award is given to an individual who not only runs a successful and efficient operation, but to one who has also made significant contributions to reinforce and improve the franchise network, by supporting and encouraging fellow franchisees and working to strengthen the PIP network. He also served many years as a consultant for PIP corporate. He was a true visionary and pioneer in the printing industry and his accomplishments will always be remembered.

Scott loved to travel. He and his wife Judy were blessed to vacation throughout the U.S., Europe, Middle East and Asia. They loved to cruise and spent many days traveling the seas throughout the world. Along with traveling, Scott had a love for cars. He was often found tinkering on the latest vehicle he had in his garage. He was known for customizing his vehicles to represent his individual personality. One of his most recent and unique purchases was a Japanese fire truck which he enjoyed driving through the neighborhood with his grandkids in tow and sirens blaring.

He will be missed and always remembered as a loving husband, father



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and grandfather.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Peoria Humane Society at peoriahs.org. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in Peoria.

Sandra McFadden

EDELSTEIN – On Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, Sandra "Sandy" McFadden of Edelstein, formerly of Creve Coeur, passed away at the age of 77. Sandy was born on Sept. 20, 1943, in Peoria, Ill., to Husia & Mary Alice Brinkley. She graduated from St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in Danville, Ill., in 1964 and practiced for over 50 years in many settings. Sandy and Joe were married on April 24, 1965, in Creve Coeur, Ill. Together, they raised two kids, Suzanne and Matthew.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents, Husia and Mary Alice Brinkley. She is survived by her husband, Joe; daughter, Suzanne (Rod) Fitzpatrick; son, Matthew (Rachel) McFadden; grandkids, Alex (Madison), Jaylynn, Colton, Clara; great granddaughter, Rooney; sister, Pat (Jerry) Jones; dog, Buddy; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Sandy's grandkids were her real pride and joy. She was known as Grammy Sandy, not just by her biological grandchildren, but also by so many of their friends and other kids in the community. She attended every graduation, game, concert, and play she could. She was an amazing cheerleader and the rowdiest, loudest spectator at every ball field, holding the umpires, coaches, and players all accountable. And she never showed up without cookies for the entire team. Her one and only great-granddaughter, Rooney, was truly the apple of her eye.

Sandy was an immensely talented lady! She loved to bake cookies, pies and cobblers for the people she cared about, and rarely did she show up without homemade cinnamon rolls or a loaf of banana bread. She made the world's best lasagna. (Many have tried to duplicate, but none have succeeded.) She was a gifted seamstress and quilter. She enjoyed travelling the country with Joe and hosting large family gatherings. Sandy was an amazing source of encouragement to all and she loved fiercely. Sometimes she expressed that love with her middle finger - she claimed it was hereditary. She was a true example of living life to the fullest. If you are looking for a way to honor her, we recommend hitting the slot machines while drinking a manhattan. Don't share your cherries!

She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Peoria, where her visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, from 10-11:30 a.m., with a funeral mass to immediately follow at 11:30 a.m., also at the church. Father O'Brien will preside. Burial will be at St. Clements Cemetery in Dunlap.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Blue Ridge Community Farm or St. Jude Catholic Church. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left for Sandy's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Carolyn J. Abel

PEORIA – Carolyn J. Abel, 83, of Peoria died Jan. 15, 2021, at UnityP-

oint Health-Proctor.

She was born on Dec. 31, 1937, in Peoria. She married Terrence J. Abel on June 1, 1957, in Peoria. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Timothy (Barbara) Abel of Carlock; three daughters, Teresa (Robert) Sprague of Peoria, Cheryl (Douglas) Dietrich of Mackinaw, and Tamara "Tammy" (Chris Bickett) Sanders of Farmington; three granddaughters; seven grandsons; two brothers; and three sisters. Services were Jan. 22 at Trivoli Cemetery.

Robert W. DeBolt

WYOMING – Robert W. "Bob" DeBolt, 64, of Wyoming died Jan. 21, 2021, at his home.

Bob was born on Dec. 14, 1956, in Streator. He married Marianna (Southard) on June 13, 1998, in Smithfield, N.C. She survives.

His funeral service was to be Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Wyoming United Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

Harold R. Johnson

BRIMFIELD – Harold Robert Johnson, 82, of rural Streator, a Brimfield native, died Jan. 4, 2021, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Johnson was born on July 1, 1938, in Brimfield. He married Carol Lynn Epsen on April 28, 1963.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; four children, Daniel Johnson of Streator, Cathy (Perry) Doucette of Sugar Grove, Julie (Jeff) Vogt of Inverness and Amy (Don) Parker of Chatham; seven grandchildren; three sisters, Berniece Towne of Fort Wayne, Ind., Eloise (Lynn) Liable of Princeville and Marilyn (Richard) Dieffenbach, also of Princeville; and one brother, John (Elaine) Johnson of Brimfield.

Charles Stevens

YATES CITY – Charles "Chuck" Stevens, 69, of Yates City, died Jan. 18, 2021, at his home.

He was born Feb. 11, 1951. He married Carolyn Ward on Dec. 7, 1989, in Galesburg. She survives.

He is also survived by four children, Candace Hall of Elmwood, Chad (Maryann) Stevens of Menominee, Mich., Linda (Frank Catton) Dykes of Yates City, and Donna (Drew) Craig of Dunlap; one brother; one sister; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Lester W. Theinert Sr.

PEORIA – Lester "Les" W. Theinert Sr., 73, of Peoria, formerly of Hanna City, died Jan. 23, 2021, at UnityPoint Health-Methodist.

He was born May 6, 1947. He married Sharon Goostree on July 14, 1984. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons: Bill Theinert of Hanna City and Tom Theinert of West Peoria; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; six siblings, including Cheryl (John) Schell of Hanna City, Laurel Theinert-Bott of Farmington and Deb (Wolford) Scott of Hanna City.

Funeral services were to be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Davison-Fulton Bartonville Chapel.

William C. Trigger

EDWARDS – William "Bill" C. Trigger, 95, of Edwards died Jan. 20, 2021, at Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

He was born on Dec. 31, 1925. He married Eileen Mason on Dec. 15, 1951. She preceded him in death.

William is survived by 1 daughter, Peggy (Jeffery) Donahoo of Edwards; 6 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; and 1 brother, Wayne R. Trigger of Iowa.

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by Linda Thistle

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TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: The United States shares a land border with how many countries?
2. HISTORY: When did the Great Fire of London take place?
3. MEASUREMENTS: What does a sphygmomanometer measure?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of food has varieties called castelvetro, manzanilla and nyon?
5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the Coneheads' home planet ("Saturday Night Live")?
6. MOVIES: How many versions of "A Star Is Born" have been made?
7. LITERATURE: The title of William Faulkner's novel "The Sound and the Fury" is taken from which of Shakespeare's plays?
8. SCIENCE: What does the acronym DNA stand for?
9. MUSIC: What is a diggeridoo?
10. CURRENCY: Whose likeness is depicted on the U.S. \$50 bill?

- Answers**
1. Two, Mexico and Canada
 2. 1666
 3. Blood pressure
 4. Olives
 5. Remulak
 6. Four
 7. "Macbeth"
 8. Deoxyribonucleic Acid
 9. An Australian wind instrument
 10. Ulysses Grant
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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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7. Promising Young Woman (R)
8. The Emperor's New Groove (G)
9. The War with Grandpa (PG)
10. Pinocchio (PG-13)

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CLAIM NOTICE
In Re ESTATE OF)
BETTY E. MORSE,) No. 20-P-00432
Deceased.)

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of BETTY E. MORSE, on November 26, 2020. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to RAYMOND K. MORSE of 4100 Berkshire Road SW, Rochester, Minnesota 55902, BRIAN L. MORSE of 4303 West Lora Ann Lane, Peoria, Illinois 61615, and TAMMY J. McCOY, of 211 East Butternut Street, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, as Executors, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representatives or both on or before the 23rd day of July, 2021 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 31st day of December, 2020.

RAYMOND K. MORSE, BRIAN L. MORSE and TAMMY J. McCOY, Executors of the Estate of BETTY E. MORSE, Deceased.

STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, ESQ. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executors 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 stephanie@whitneyandpotts.com Published 1/14, 1/21, 1/28/21

CLAIM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY

In Re ESTATE OF)
THOMAS M. DuBOIS,) No. 21-P-00001
Deceased.)

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of THOMAS M. DuBOIS, on December 13, 2020. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to JERALD L. DuBOIS, of 128 Tamarack Avenue, Morton, Illinois 61550, and PEGGIE S. SANDERS, of 2937 West Parkwood Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61614, as Executors, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representatives or both on or before the 23rd day of July, 2021 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 4th day of January, 2021.

JERALD L. DuBOIS and PEGGIE S. SANDERS, Executors of the Estate of THOMAS M. DuBOIS, Deceased.

ROBERT L. POTTS, ESQ. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executors 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 becky@whitneyandpotts.com Published 1/14, 1/21, 1/28/21

VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Village of Princeville will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00pm, in the Princeville Village Hall, 206 N. Walnut Ave., Princeville, Illinois 61559 to provide interested parties an opportunity to comment on the draft Village of Princeville Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to gather additional information, comments, and suggestions prior to the Village Board vote and approval of the Comprehensive Plan on Monday, March 1, 2021. The community is invited and encouraged to participate.

Due to the Governor's Executive Order regarding COVID-19 and the relaxing of the Open Meetings Acts requirements, this public hearing may be attended in person, as the number of individuals in the board room allows, or remotely via Zoom.

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A 30-day public comment period will follow the Public Hearing. The draft Comprehensive Plan is available for viewing on the Village website - www.princeville.org and the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission website - www.tricountyrpc.org. Copies of the draft plan are also available at the Princeville Village Hall, Monday thru Friday, during regular business hours.

For additional information concerning the Public Hearing and Comprehensive Plan, please contact the Princeville Village Hall by phone at (309) 385-4765, or email villagehall@princeville.org.
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2021 NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

To All Owners and Occupiers of Lands Lying Within the Boundaries of the Peoria County Soil & Water Conservation District:

Notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on the 10th day of February, 2021 from 7 am - 5:30 pm at the USDA Service Center, 6715 N Smith Rd, Edwards, IL. Two (2) Directors will be elected to serve the Peoria County Soil & Water Conservation District of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms or corporations who hold legal title or are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firm or corporations are eligible to vote.

When you come into vote, you will also be eligible to put your name in a drawing for door prizes. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 309-671-7040 Ext. 3 ask for Josh or Karla.

Jerry Wyatt, Chairman
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College graduates

The following local college students graduated this fall.

• Graduates from Illinois Central College this fall included: **Aiden Cooper** of Princeville, **Olivia Davis** of Elmwood, **Jared Farrance** of Brimfield, **Mariah Millman** of Brimfield, **Hannah Streitmatter** of Elmwood and **James Sullivan** of Elmwood.

• **Hannah Templin** of Edwards graduated from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences - Pre-Physical Therapy.

College honorees

The following full-time local college students were honored at their school for the fall semester.

• Making the Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) at Missouri State University from the area were **Haley Carter** of Elmwood, **Stephanie Thurman** of Brimfield and **Alexandra Updyke** of Brimfield.

• **Evan Look** of Princeville was named to the Dean's List (3.4 gpa or better) at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

• On the Dean's List (3.75 gpa or better) at Northern Illinois University were **Hannah Templin** of Edwards (Health Sciences - Pre-Physical Therapy) and **Emma McClain** of Elmwood (Finance).

• Local Iowa State University students on the Dean's List (3.5 gpa or better) were: Brimfield – **Sarah L. Leisinger** (Animal Science) and **Thomas O. McCoy** (Software Engineering); Farmington – **Morgan M. Powell** (Animal Science); Princeville – **Will J. Feucht** (Agricultural Business) and **Emily K. Green** (Civil Engineering); Williamsfield – **Benjamin L. Warner** (Agricultural Engineering).

• **Samuel Zimmerman** of Elmwood earned the Dean's List (3.5

gpa or better) at Dean College in Franklin, Mass.

• **Dylan Best** of Edwards reached the Dean's List in the College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

• **Jaden Rutledge** of Farmington made the Dean's List at McKendree University (3.6 gpa or better).

• **Thomas Williams** of Dahinda was named to the Dean's List at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (3.6 gpa or better).

• At Illinois Central College, an impressive list of students made the President's List for the fall with a perfect 4.0 gpa. They are: **Sydney Barton** of Farmington, **Cooper Bashusen** of Princeville, **Clara Berg** of Edwards, **Alexis Butler** of Edwards, **Rylee Calzavara** of Princeville, **Carleigh Comerford** of Princeville, **Faith Conrad** of Princeville, **Elijah Crawford** of Brimfield, **Emily Daiber** of Edwards, **Grace Dearing** of Princeville, **Kylie Delwiche** of Princeville, **Hannah Dobra** of Princeville, **Jordan Gehrig** of Princeville, **Makenzie Glover** of Edwards, **Chase Gore** of Brimfield, **Katherine Gottemoller** of Princeville, **Alaina Graham** of Edwards, **Carter Johnson** of Princeville, **Gracie Kelch** of Edwards, **John Kinney** of Elmwood, **Solomon Krow-Rodney** of Edwards, **Emma Lister** of Edwards, **Jacob Loer** of Brimfield, **Libby Martin** of Princeville, **Jannaya Merna** of Edwards, **Halle Peterson** of Edwards, **Maresca Picelli** of Princeville, **Benjamin Rada** of Brimfield, **Morgan Rakestraw** of Princeville, **Olivia Riley** of Edwards, **Elizabeth Snyder** of Laura, **Chloe Stahl** of Princeville, **Ashley Stanley** of Farmington, **Taryn Steidinger** of Princeville, **Hannah Streitmatter** of Elmwood, **Loren Streitmatter** of Brimfield, **Tasha Streitmatter**

of Princeville, **Mollie Unes** of Edwards, **Zachary Unes** of Edwards, **Sean Updyke** of Brimfield, **Brenna Wagenbach** of Princeville, **Claire Wieland** of Princeville and **Carrie Young** of Elmwood.

• At Illinois Central College, an impressive list of students made the Dean's List for the fall. They are: **Brinlee Bauman** of Princeville, **Leylah Beecher** of Brimfield, **Morgan Bond** of Brimfield, **Andria Carman** of Edwards, **Ben Carroll** of Edwards, **Dillon Cuthbert** of Edwards, **Cole Daily** of Princeville, **Elizabeth Dust** of Edwards, **Allison Eddy** of Farmington, **Rachel Elliott** of Farmington, **Jared Farrance** of Brimfield, **Ellie Ferretti** of Princeville, **Mark Gottemoller** of Princeville, **Benjamin Hanley** of Brimfield, **Casey Hanlon** of Brimfield, **Cameron Howerton** of Elmwood, **Hannah Howerton** of Elmwood, **Abigail Johnson** of Princeville, **Rebecca Kempf** of Elmwood, **Bradley Klein** of Elmwood, **Dulce Lopez** of Princeville, **Luke Maple** of Edwards, **Madison Noll** of Elmwood, **Michael Palmer** of Brimfield, **Jed Sandhagen** of Brimfield, **Everett Shissler** of Elmwood, **Angeline Simpson** of Princeville, **Katherine Snyder** of Laura, **Andrew Spurgeon** of Princeville, **Grace Staley** of Brimfield, **Eli Streitmatter** of Princeville, **Julie Streitmatter** of Brimfield, **Samuel Streitmatter** of Princeville, **Nolan Teubel** of Princeville, **Tyler Wessels** of Brimfield, **Eli Wieland** of Princeville and **Luke Wyatt** of Edwards

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LaFayette man held in torture/kidnap case

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Weekly Post

LaFAYETTE — A LaFayette man was arrested over the weekend and faces multiple charges stemming from an alleged case of kidnapping and torture.

On Saturday, Jan. 23, the Knox County Sheriff's Department responded to the St. Mary's emergency room in response to a victim who said she had been held against her will and was tortured for four days.

According to a Knox County Sheriff's press release, the victim had injuries from being shot multiple times with a CO2 powered weapon, abrasions from a drill-powered wire brush, as well as bruises from being punched and hit with various weapons.

Through the course of the investigation, the Knox County Sheriff's

Department and the Knox County State's Attorney's Office obtained an arrest warrant for Braden John Mallery, 25, of 2359 Illinois Route 17, LaFayette, as well as a search warrant for the residence.

Knox County detectives located multiple items used in the unlawful restraint and aggravated domestic battery that were consistent with the victim's injuries and statements.

Methamphetamine, a firearm and ammunition were also located at the residence.

Mallery was arrested and charged with felony aggravated unlawful restraint, felony aggravated kidnapping, felony aggravated domestic battery, interfering with the report of a domestic battery, being a felon in possession of a firearm and violating the FOID (firearm owner's identification) card act.

The Department of Family Services (DCFS) was also notified due to children being in the house during the alleged events.

The Knox County Sheriff's Department was assisted by the Knox County State's Attorney's Office, Stark County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police.

Mallery is currently being held in custody at

the Knox County Jail under a \$150,000 bail bond, with 10 percent (\$15,000) to apply.

Mallery has been scheduled for a Feb. 9 preliminary hearing in Knox County Circuit Court at 2 p.m.



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Blood drive set for Farmington

FARMINGTON — An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 8, at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Farmington, 156 E. Vernon, from 1-6 p.m.

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Return to sports evolving

IHSA, schools planning for shortened schedules

By **JEFF LAMPE**

Weekly Post Staff Writer

The long-awaited start of high school basketball season is finally coming. When and how is all that remains to be finalized.

Gov. JB Pritzker's office announced last Friday that all sports – including sports deemed high-risk such as football, basketball and wrestling – can be played in those Illinois regions that have rolled back to Phase 4 mitigations.

As of Tuesday, five of the state's 11 regions had returned to Phase 4 and five more were one step away, in Tier 1 mitigations. Only one region, the Metro East area on the Missouri border, still faces the stricter Tier 2 restrictions.

Junior high volleyball and basketball teams are already scheduling games to start in February, as per direction from the Illinois Elementary School Association.

The Illinois High School Association was to meet Wednesday to set up a formal schedule for the next few months, since the start of boys and girls basketball seasons were delayed by the state's COVID-19 restrictions.

What will that announcement bring? "Part of me thinks they will start with basketball and shrink the football season down and keep baseball, softball and track the same," said Jeff Kratzer, athletic director and boys basketball coach at Princeville.

Kratzer said ADs held a statewide meeting with IHSA officials last week, during which IHSA Director Craig Anderson said "baseball, softball and track

are a high priority because they lost out last spring and they are considered low-risk sports."

The change back to allowing sports means ADs will have to scramble to schedule games and hire officials, both of which could be problematic. For one thing, not all regions are open for play, so some teams may not be able to face conference foes.


Officials could also be in short supply, since some are sitting out this season due to COVID-19 concerns and there is a likely glut of games in a compressed schedule that could create a bottleneck.

To come up with a solution, ADs from the various conferences are meeting. The Lincoln Trail Conference has a meeting scheduled for today, Jan. 28. There is also another statewide AD meeting today. And the Prairieland Conference meets Friday, Jan. 29.

"We've had a couple LTC AD meetings, and I think the consensus is we'll take care of our conference first and whatever is left after that, if there is time, go out and find some games," Kratzer said. "We'd obviously like to play Brimfield [in basketball], they're only 15 minutes away and a good rival. But we'll just have to see."

"Once it is all announced, all the ADs in the state will be in a mad scramble."

For junior high athletes, practice started this week and many volleyball games are scheduled to start Feb. 1. Junior high basketball schedules are still evolving, but many schools expect to start playing by Feb. 8.





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SPORTS RESUMING!

The good news for sports fans is that Elmwood teams are back practicing and should be playing soon. But schedules are still being finalized. On the junior high level, it appears that volleyball games should be starting as early as Feb. 1, with basketball games tipping off Feb. 8.





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Lincoln Award Winner
 Caroline Colgan will represent Elmwood High School as the Lincoln Award winner for the Peoria Regional Office of Education.

New Principal
 Mrs. Bruger has been hired to replace Mr. Almasi as Elementary School Principal for the 2021-22 school year. Mr. Almasi is going to be Middle School Principal at Illini Bluffs. We wish them both best of luck in their new jobs!

Dates To Remember
 Jan. 29 - Midterm Reports Sent to Parents
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