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# How can the feds help rural areas of America?

**By BILL KNIGHT**  
For The Weekly Post

Three law professors who specialize in advocating for rural areas recently proposed ways the federal government could help non-metropolitan communities. And officials in The Weekly Post area generally agreed or thought their areas weren't directly affected.

"Rural communities provide much of the food and energy that fuel our lives," said Ann Eisen-

berg (University of South Carolina), Lisa Pruitt (University of California/Davis) and Jessica Shoemaker (University of Nebraska/Lincoln). "They are made up of people who, after decades of exploitative resource extraction and neglect, need strong connective infrastructure and opportunities to pursue regional prosperity.

"A lack of investment in broadband, schools, jobs, sustainable farms, hospitals, roads and even

the U.S. Postal Service has increasingly driven rural voters to seek change from national politics," they continued. "And this sharp hunger for change gave Trump's promises to disrupt the status quo particular appeal in rural areas."

However, little improved, they say, noting that urban dwellers frequently complain that the U.S. Senate and the Electoral College give sparsely populated states power unjustified by the number

of citizens there.

"Yet that power has not steered enough resources, infrastructure investment and jobs to rural America for communities to survive and thrive," the advocates said.

The trio suggested improving high-speed internet access; enacting aggressive government action like LBJ's War on Poverty; providing financial assistance to local governments facing the fiscal effects of the pandemic (part

of a stimulus proposal excluded from a final bill in December); stepping up antitrust enforcement in agriculture (8 percent of U.S. farms control 70 percent of the nation's farmland, they say), and addressing racial disparities outside cities.

Ensuring better internet service is more vital for work, schools, health care and even recreation, they say. That need that may be less urgent in this area after Mid

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## Williamsfield will coop golf, volleyball

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
Weekly Post Staff Writer

WILLIAMSFIELD – The last all-Williamsfield High School sports will become part of cooperative agreements starting next school year.

The Williamsfield School Board voted 5-1 Monday night to expand the school's Mid-County coop – which includes ROWVA and Galva – to include high school golf. The board also voted to expand the ROWVA-Williamsfield coop to include high school volleyball and middle school baseball, softball and track and field.

Volleyball and golf had been the last high school sports solely fielded by Williamsfield, and the change has been fodder for a fair amount of discussion.

"The hard thing is we've got numbers to support volleyball on our own," Superintendent Tim Farquer said. "That's the difficult one for people. And really, in golf you don't need numbers to go out and compete as an individual."

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BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Bored? Count birds!

Faced with a pandemic and now frigid temperatures, the dangers of cabin fever are growing greater by the day.

A possible respite is on the way, though, as this weekend marks the 24th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), held this year from Feb. 12-15. The annual event is a great opportunity for budding birdwatchers and bird-count veterans to use their skills. People from around the world count the birds they see for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count, and then enter their checklists online.

Those wishing to participate can find all the resources and information



*Female cardinals like this one are among the birds still lingering around central Illinois despite the snow and cold. Photo by Gretchen Steele.*

needed to be a "citizen scientist" and backyard bird counter online at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)

During the 2020 GBBC, birdwatchers set records, turning in nearly 250,000 lists of birds seen, from more than 100 countries, identifying nearly 7,000 of the world's estimated

10,000 bird species. Data gathered by the GBBC and other survey projects highlight changes in the numbers and distribution of wild birds over time.

Plus, research shows that pausing even for just 15 minutes to observe birds has distinct positive influences on human health.

## No tax hike for Illinois' FY22 budget

**By JERRY NOWICKI**  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker's office says he will propose a budget with no tax increases for the upcoming fiscal year, and the deficit is now projected at about \$2.5 billion less than previously thought.

The governor introduces his proposed budget each year, but lawmakers in the General Assembly have the ultimate say as to what funding gets appropriated. Pritzker is scheduled to outline his full budget proposal on Feb. 17 in a virtual message, although details have not been finalized, according to his office.

In a brief, 250-word outline of the upcoming fiscal year 2022 budget proposal, the governor's office said the state will keep spending flat from a year ago while closing "corporate tax loopholes" worth \$900 million. The outline did not identify any specific loopholes.

Pritzker's office said the FY22 budget will continue to include \$700 million in

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The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
 Snow <b>12</b> -2 NNE 12 mph	 Cloudy <b>8</b> -7 NNW 12 mph	 Snow <b>7</b> -12 NNW 13 mph	 Sunny <b>1</b> -12 W 12 mph	 Partly Sunny <b>7</b> 2 NE 7 mph	 Snow <b>15</b> 6 N 6 mph	 Cloudy <b>18</b> 7 WNW 8 mph

Elmwood OKs fixing noon whistle

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

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood City Council approved a motion to pay up to \$2,500 for half of the cost to repair the noon/fire siren at its Feb. 4 meeting.

The city’s contribution matches that of the Elmwood Fire Department, whose members voted on Feb. 4 to approve a \$2,500 payment, according to Chief Bob Tannock.

Alderman Bob Paige explained that the siren has been repaired twice in the past nine years at a cost of \$500 each time. Paige said the cost to replace the existing siren with a new one could be \$3,500 to \$4,000 for the city’s half. Total for both the city and fire department would be \$7,000 to \$8,000.

Paige stated that the city has \$1,500 in the civil defense fund plus \$1,000 could be used from another fund to pay the \$2,500 – if necessary. Paige therefore recommended the repair be done and believes the cost will be below the \$5,000 possibly approved by both the city and fire department.

The council again discussed selling city property to the Horeb Masonic Lodge, without any action taken. The Lodge has inquired about purchasing a 14-foot-wide strip of vacant city prop-

erty on the south side of its building which houses the Uptown Cafe.

The extra space would allow for a side entrance to the cafe and for a hood vent to be added to the south side of the building during a proposed remodeling of the cafe.

“I have concerns about the possibility of selling this for a dollar,” Mayor Brian Davis said. “I think that if we’re going to do that, we need to make sure that there is development on it and not just, ‘Here is the land the lodge can have to maintain the side of their building.’ We need a proposal from them to see what they’re wanting to do and we would type up a proposal based upon that criteria.”

Also approved was the 2020 year-end report for Motor Fuel Tax, which is filed with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding last year’s spending.

Finally, during committee reports, Councilman Nathan Brunnelson said the city has hired Braden Collins as a backup for the street and water department for meter reading. In addition, Collins will maintain the city’s ball diamonds this summer.

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So what do you think about U.S. agriculture today?

You're entering office with major grain markets on a bull run. Indeed, corn, soybeans, and wheat prices are above \$5-, \$13-, and \$6-per-bushel, respectively, for the first time in almost a decade.



Alan GUEBERT

But worries loom.

Market seers suspect U.S. farmers will plant enormous acres of both corn and soybeans – 90 million-plus each – to send 2021-22 prices lower.

Fall futures markets already reflect that concern. New crop corn prices are a solid \$1 per bushel lower than current cash prices and new crop soybean prices are \$2 per bushel lower. Both remain profitable, but each is poised to drop should record acres bring record crops.

So what do you do – and, equally important, not do – to keep prices high and government payments low?

And, yes, private prayer is permitted in public offices but what will you pray for: poor crops and good prices or good crops and poor prices?

Meanwhile, your White House boss (who's ridden the Amtrak more than a tractor) has given you

150 days to recommend a plan to make U.S. agriculture carbon neutral by 2050.

Oh, and he started that clock two weeks ago.

Sure, that puts you under the gun but if you really want to worry, consider that no one really knows if carbon can be stored effectively in working farmland. So far, the evidence isn't good.

Right, that's a problem.

Additionally, the ethanol industry has been through four years of big talk, bad faith and red ink. President Joe Biden, however, thinks ethanol will be a key element in his carbon reduction scheme.

Fine, but we're going to need to see the math on that.

It's also been reported that the Biden Administration's carbon plan will tap some or all of the \$30 billion credit line at USDA's Commodity Credit Corp. (CCC), a sleepy agency awakened by the Trump White House to prop up farm income after its tariff war with China sent commodity prices deep into the red.

Which sounds more like a way to change the CCC from its historical role of propping up farm markets and income into a \$30-billion-per-year, White House slush fund to underwrite more vote buying.

Worse, do you think this is still good policy if, like many in Congress have already suggested, its annual funding increases to \$60 billion?

Speaking of China, recent news reports claim its leaders are hotly pursuing a White House meeting “to ease the tensions” that grew between the world's two leading economies during the previous administration.

The Biden White House, though, has said it will only talk with China after it confers with its allies on how all will “jointly confront” China over its aggressive moves on the Pacific Rim.

As ominous as that sounds, China is lighting up U.S. commodity markets with a buying spree not seen since 2017. As such, the very last thing any American farmer or rancher wants is a big stick confrontation with their best cash-and-carry customer, China.

Will you as secretary firmly remind the White House that muscling China right now would slap the overall ag economy?

Also, do you think you should order the Economic Research Service back to Washington, D.C. from Kansas City?

Then, will you order hearings on how to fix the pandemic-exposed dysfunction in the nation's livestock, poultry, dairy, and meatpacking sectors?

How about hearings on the ownership concentration of ag input suppliers, livestock and poultry slaughterers, and food processors?

Also, how much longer must America wait before USDA effectively addresses racial and gender discrimination within the department and tackle immigrant labor reform?

One final question: Do you still want this job?

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# NOWLAN: U.S. kids need more challenges

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The Chinese are not evil in wanting to once again become the "Central Empire" of the world, any more than the West was when it tried to take over the world in the past couple of centuries. It's called competition, and it's brutal right now.

With four times as many people as in the U.S., they may have more honor students than we have students, and their people are "clever" (their English word for smart), but they aren't necessarily world beaters.

The Chinese are experiencing ever more oppressive state control, which appears to be stifling some innovation. So, their best and brightest may well want to create and innovate in the West.

And their earlier one-child program has resulted in leaving China with a high and growing ratio of elderly-to-producer population.

The U.S. has to become more strategic in how it spends its limited money. (We can't print it forever, as we seem to be doing, without dire consequences for our grandkids).

For example, most Americans can do without the additional \$1,400 in pandemic largesse that will apparently be splashed onto us soon. That kind of money should instead go toward our research laboratories and into more IBC and AP (Advance Placement) programs in our high schools.

Our students can handle the challenge of rigorous education.

The kids need to be challenged. Just as all of us need to step up our competitiveness game.

*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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# Farmington board OKs locker-room upgrades

**By BILL KNIGHT**  
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Board of Education at its Monday meeting recognized a few students and staffers and started discussing several topics, but it took action on only a few items.

One was to approve a long-planned building project to create new lockers for both the boys and girls high school locker rooms. The price tag of the project is expected to be slightly less than \$50,000.

Also OK'd was a \$1,000 District donation to the Farmington Academic Foundation, an independent nonprofit group whose board awards scholarships to deserving Farmington Central High School graduates.

Finally, a planned music trip to Florida was changed to Nashville, Tenn., and the trip has been scheduled for May 27-29.

Meanwhile, acknowledgments

were led off by Junior High School Principal Chris Uptmor, who named 6th grade students of the month Cole Blackhurst and Claudia Haslett; 7th graders Kaydon Bollinger and Halie Whitby; and 8th grade students Maylee Huffman and Ben Marvel.

High School Principal Dennis McMillin recognized Jack Stevens as senior for the month, and also awarded accolades to junior Laura Stevens, sophomore Gabriel Thompson and freshman Kaiya Hintz.

For the District's monthly naming of Orange Frog recipients – part of an ongoing positive-reinforcement to encourage sustained peak performance in the classroom and District – special education teacher's aide Topher Tackman and high school teacher Andrew Bach were recognized.

In other news:

- The school calendar was discussed with board members considering dropping the school's hybrid model of instruction starting next month.
- The Transportation Committee has completed a transportation bid process and may add another activity bus.
- The Board official authorized Superintendent Zac Chatterton to start working on the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.
- In personnel, café worker Meghan Krusa was granted a discretionary leave of absence, the Board accepted resignations by District treasurer Greg Scherder and Student Facilitator Kim Ashley, and the Board approved hiring Tim Haley as District treasurer and Jeff Otto as Director of Activities, and also OK'd McKenzie Skaggs as volunteer coach for high school girls basketball.

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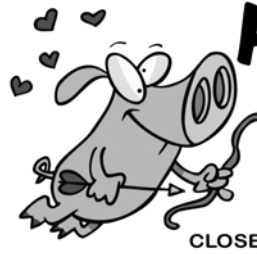
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# BILLTOWN: Teacher vaccines slow

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Board member April Bouchez voted against the cooperative agreements. Chuck Ingle was not present due to a work emergency.

Farquer said the change is due in part to a growing realization that Williamsfield has benefitted from expanded sports opportunities via coops without having “to give much from our end.”

He listed football, cross country, track and field and girls basketball as sports Williamsfield can offer thanks to the coops – agreements the board also voted to extend for two more years.

“I think the real positive thing that came out of this is that all parties are starting to compromise and give and take so more of our kids have better opportunities,” Farquer said.

Some have said the latest coops will make it harder for Williamsfield athletes to participate in sports, even though final approval of the agreements hinges on a no-cut policy for all sports.

“It could be argued now that it means more and that everything you earn means a little more now that you need to work harder to attain it,” Farquer said.

Farquer said the three communities in the Mid-County coop are forming a nine-member governing body to “field concerns from community members and to work together so summer sports and youth sports have a little more cohesion.”

In other business, Farquer said school administration will work with the Williamsfield Education Association on new metrics to allow for increased in-person school attendance. Currently, about one-third of Williamsfield students are enrolled in remote learning, one-third are in school on A days and one-third are in school on B days. The plan had been to allow students to receive in-person schooling five days per week once all teachers were vaccinated.

“Knox County is just not receiving the amount of vaccines to get all the public school teachers vaccinated,” Farquer said, noting he does not see that happening soon. “We are going to work with the WEA leadership to allow us to expand to that next layer of kids.”

In personnel, the board voted to hire Natalie Krogull as a full-time certified instructor with ELA assignment and Jennifer Erickson of Oneida as a full-time certified speech pathologist and early language interventionist. Krogull is a Knox College graduate from Fayetteville, Ark.

Finally, negotiations with WEA for a new teacher’s contract are scheduled from March 16 and 18.

## USDA extends CRP general signup

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup period, which had previously been announced as ending on Feb. 12.

USDA will continue to accept offers as it takes this opportunity for the Biden Administration to evaluate ways to increase enrollment. Under the Trump Administration, incentives and rental payment rates were reduced resulting in an enrollment shortfall of over 4 million acres.

The program, administered by USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for 10 to 15 years for land devoted to conservation purposes, as well as other types of payments.

Before the General CRP signup period ends, producers will have the opportunity to adjust or resubmit their offers to take advantage of planned improvements to the program.

## Real Estate transactions from Fulton, Knox & Peoria Counties

Date	Address	Amount	Grantor/grantee
Dec. 1	3556 N. Cone St., Farmington	\$115,000	Bridgestock / Colgan
Dec. 1	287 N. 1st St., Farmington	\$65,000	Johnson / Johnson
Dec. 1	18647 E. Gilchrist, Farmington	\$360,000	Kemple, et. al. / Slack
Dec. 4	34460 N. Peoria Line, Farmington	\$356,000	Johnson / Kirk
Dec. 8	35972 N. Cty Rd. 8, Farmington	\$100,000	[undisclosed] / Walz
Dec. 8	160 E. Fort St., Farmington	\$150,000	Sand Mgmt. / Ashray Corp.
Dec. 28	544 N. Main St., Farmington	\$55,500	Chrisop / Schisler
Jan. 4	19121 N. Keeler St., Laura	\$64,000	Forney, et. al./ Harkness
Jan. 4	7123 N. Kick-Edwards Rd., Edwards	\$300,000	Larson / Beck Oil Co.
Jan. 6	11413 W. Jubilee Ln., Brimfield	\$226,000	Kasel / Nimitz
Jan. 6	338 S. Walnut St., Princeville	\$80,000	Gehrig / Williams
Jan. 6	6504 W. Akron Rd., Princeville	\$1,187,200	Greene / Fuchs
Jan. 6	107 Gale St., Williamsfield	\$55,000	Baird / Courson
Jan. 7	429 Pleasant View Cir., Dahinda	\$177,000	Wheeler / Logan
Jan. 8	8066 Oak Run Dr, Dahinda	\$489,000	Arter / Schwartz
Jan. 8	12102 W. Parks School, Princeville	\$849,600	Jgrule LLC / Two G Farms
Jan. 11	6911 N. Water Oak Dr., Edwards	\$487,500	Layton / Ravikumar, et. al.
Jan. 11	155 Forest View Rd., Dahinda	\$810,000	Walz / Schultz
Jan. 11	7026 N. Kramm Rd., Brimfield	\$634,488	Rahn / Rahn
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Jan. 12	W. Lafollette Rd., Brimfield	\$78,000	EJJNP Prop., et. al. / Adams
Jan. 12	119 Birch Ct., Dahinda	\$350,000	Schwartz / Hoos
Jan. 12	1939 Knox Road 550 N, Yates City	\$802,764	Bronson Family Trust / Buckman
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Jan. 13	315 E. Knoxville St., Brimfield	\$176,000	Miller, et. al. / Short
Jan. 14	608 E. Cypress St., Elmwood	\$139,000	Williams / Cook
Jan. 14	1412 Knox Rd. 1750 N, Dahinda	\$148,000	Dahl / Vance
Jan. 15	W. Nightingale Rd., Laura	\$267,376	Creason / Brittingham & Morrissey
Jan. 21	W. Route 150, Edwards	\$2,250,000	Five C of Peoria / Jgrule LLC
Jan. 21	22815 N. Route 91, Princeville	\$239,900	Endress / Wineinger Karen M
Jan. 21	235 S. Monroe St., Brimfield	\$70,000	Arbogast / Brand
Jan. 25	6902 N. White Fir Dr., Edwards	\$312,500	Siler / Fragoso
Jan. 26	17507 N. Duncan Rd, Princeville	\$165,000	Town & Country Bank / Castillo, et. al.
Jan. 28	158 Poplar Ct., Dahinda	\$377,000	Glow & Blow Trusts / Fisk
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Pages From The Past

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5 Years Ago

Brimfield Community Unit School District 309 Superintendent Joe Blessman is leaving. Blessman accepted a position with Orion Community Unit School District 223 near the Quad Cities. He will start work there July 1.

Flocks of white snow geese with black-tipped wings – joined by blue geese, a color variant of snow geese – are migrating north to breeding grounds in the tundra of Canada and Northern Alaska.

Due to bright sunshine last weekend, the grand opening of the new sledding hill at Wildlife Prairie Park was delayed. Park officials said man-made snow will be much better given cold temperatures expected this week.

10 Years Ago

Elmwood’s 7th grade boys basketball team beat Springfield Christ The King, 40-34, in the IESA quarterfinals as Isaiah Groeper scored 22 points. Then Elmwood (27-0) beat Ford Heights Cottage Grove, 45-44, in overtime in the semifinals. Elmwood lost its first game of the season in the championship vs. Bloomington Holy Trinity, 40-43, at Clinton High School.

Michael Rice graduated Magna Cum Laude from Illinois State University, receiving Bachelor of Science degree(s) in Accounting and Finance and designated as a departmental and university scholar.

20 Years Ago

Dennis McNamara was named Superintendent/High School Principal at Brimfield Dist. #309.

Mike Menold of Princeville was re-elected to serve a four-year term on 1st Farm Credit Services, FLCA Board.

30 Years Ago

Kelly Shoop, a senior at Elmwood High School, has been awarded the \$5,500 Rector Honor Scholarship by DePauw University.

Farmington Nursing Home recently changed its name. The facility, a 92-bed home owned and operated by American Health Corp., will now be referred to as the Farmington Country Manor.

50 Years Ago

Cathy Jo Cady has been named the 1971 Betty Crocker Home-maker of Tomorrow for Elmwood Community High School.

At noon Monday, smoke was still coming from smoldering debris which had fallen through the floor to the basement of the 116 Club west of Farmington. Furnishings and stock were burned and gutted. The tavern-restaurant was declared a total loss and latest estimates of loss place the figure at somewhere near \$15,000.

Miss Janet Ralston was crowned Queen and Benny German was named King at the Yates City Homecoming Dance.

70 Years Ago

In spite of somewhat inclement weather Saturday, a fair crowd attended the Community Sale sponsored by the Elmwood Kiwanis Club to raise funds for the playground fund. A little over \$200 was cleared by the ale and the food stand.

Ice that covered highways in the vicinity the past few days was a contributing factor in several automobile accidents. One involved car driven by Bill Cowley and Mrs. Vernon Hogue, which collided near the Whitney residence in Elmwood. Only minor damage

was done.

90 Years Ago

The Annual Rebekah Anniversary observance was held in its hall on Friday evening with supper being served to over 200 members and guests. Following the “Address and Welcome,” Mrs. Charles Hill, Noble Grand of Elmwood Rebekah Lodge, introduced the following numbers as the program: piano and vocal selections by Pearl Elizabeth and Mary Louise DeFord; vocal solo by Mrs. F.L. Hitchcock; and vocal solo by Glen DeFord.

Dave Settles and Earl Buffington were a part of the posse last Wednesday searching for the murderer who killed Patrolman Kounse of the East Peoria Police Department Tuesday evening.

100 Years Ago

Farm wages for 1920 were the highest in the history of the country. The average price paid that year was \$36.89 plus board; \$64.95 without board. In 1896 the average wage was \$17.60 without board.

110 Years Ago

George Lane shipped eight carloads of sheep to Chicago Monday.

Frank N. Hayslip accepted a position as manager of a new clothing store at Odell.

The Tenley Will case was being tried in the Circuit Court of Knox County at Galesburg.

A barn on the Wickwire farm two miles east of Farmington was struck by lightning this morning and burned to the ground.

105 Years Ago

A barn on the farm occupied by David Zook southwest of Farmington was destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

Body camera data storage costs a problem

By **RAYMON TRONCOSO**  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – An omnibus criminal justice bill passed by the General Assembly last month would, if signed by the governor, mandate that all Illinois law enforcement agencies use body cameras.

House Bill 3653 would amend the state’s 2015 Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act from affecting “any law enforcement” that may use body cameras to mandating “all law enforcement agencies must” use body cameras for “all law enforcement officers” by 2025.

Currently, only 75 law enforcement agencies out of approximately 900 in Illinois use body cameras. While body cameras are relatively inexpensive, Illinois law requires all body camera footage be stored for at least 90 days, and body cameras must be on at all times an officer is on duty. The data storage involved can create a strain

on local budgets.

Effective dates for the legislation are staggered by the size of departments. Municipalities and counties with more than 500,000 people must have law enforcement using body cameras by Jan. 1, 2022. Municipalities and counties with more than 100,000 must comply by 2023, those with more than 50,000 by 2024 and those with less than 50,000 people by 2025.

Despite legislation mandating the use of body

cameras, it does not contain any penalties for non-compliance. Instead of penalizing agencies that flout the mandate, the legislation attempts to reward compliance. Law enforcement agencies that institute body cameras by the effective date relevant to them will receive preference for grants awarded by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, also known as ILETSB.

Last October, lawmakers in the state Senate held a

subject matter hearing on body camera usage as part of the preparation for crafting the eventual omnibus bill. In that hearing, representatives from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police testified to the prohibitive costs of body camera installation.

The Elgin police department already implemented body cameras in 2015, which costs the department \$170,000 each year in data storage for its force of 182 officers, according to Elgin Police Chief Ana Lalley.

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## OBITUARIES

### Dennis F. Putney

ELMWOOD – Dennis Frederick Putney, age 69, of Elmwood, passed away on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021, at St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Dennis was born on June 16, 1951, in Peoria, Ill., to Frederick Earl and Donna Jean (Stewart) Putney. He married Pamela Ellen Williams on Feb. 18, 1978, in Peoria.

Surviving are his wife, Pamela; his children, Robin (Ronald) Thrasher of Elmwood and Tom (Jessica) Putney also of Elmwood; 10 grandchildren, Addison, Hallie, Gena, Kaleb, Lillian and Autumn Thrasher, Michael (Ragan) Thrasher, and Brielle, Isla, and Thomas Putney, Jr; and two great-grandchildren, Roderick and Aurora Thrasher. Also surviving are his siblings, Charlene (Bill) Weber of Wisconsin and Ronald (Faith) Putney of Florida and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Lonnie Putney.

Dennis worked for Mitsubishi Motors for 10 years and then worked for Caterpillar for over 25 years before he retired in 2016. He was a 30-year member of the Horeb Masonic Lodge #0363 in Elmwood. Dennis enjoyed hunting, fishing, NASCAR and stock car racing. Most of all, he loved his family and friends.

Cremation rites will be accorded and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Elmwood Fire Department.



Putney

### Catherine P. Satterfield

ELMWOOD – Catherine “Kathy” P. Satterfield, 93, of Elmwood passed away at 4:26 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, in her daughter’s home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Dec. 2, 1927, in Altus, Ark., to Carl and Elizabeth (Wiederkehr) Metz. She married Wallace Satterfield on July 24, 1948, in Peoria, Ill. He preceded her in death on June 12, 2012.

She was a loving mother to her four surviving children, Larry (Sue) Satterfield of Brimfield, Betty (Doug) Dean of East Peoria, Tom (Nancy) Satterfield of Brimfield, and Jim (Lori) Satterfield of Laura and a wonderful grandmother to her 10 grandchildren, Thomas (Lyzz) Satterfield, Laura Satterfield (Andy Mathes), Marsha (Rosalie) Satterfield-Howell, Sean (Michelle) Dean, Heather (Jason) Lied, Brian (Danielle) Dean, Mindy Satterfield, David Satterfield, Josh Lopeman, and Zach Robertson. She loved and greatly enjoyed her 11 great grandchildren, Vivian, Loulabelle, Logan, Ben, Chris, Jack, Henry, Violet, Oliver, Serenity and Noah.

She is survived by her sister, Betty Menold. She was preceded in death by her parents and eight siblings.



Satterfield

She worked at Palace Cafeteria and Illinois Bell Telephone. She also worked with her husband, Wally, on their Brimfield farm for over 40 years. She was a long-time member of the Brimfield American Legion and an active member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church for over 40 years.

She loved the outdoors and spent many happy days gardening and camping with her family. She enjoyed canning, and the family looked forward every year to her delicious jams and applesauce made with apples picked from trees in her yard. She relished being a wife and mother, and it brought her great joy raising her children and watching them create families of their own. She was extremely proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved being involved in their lives. She could be counted on to be at car shows, auto races, concerts, recitals, sporting events, birthday parties, family get-togethers, or any other excuse to support her family or spend time with them. She never missed an opportunity to send a hand-written card for any occasion to both friends and her ever-growing family.

Many friends and neighbors have fond memories of her being there to help them in their time of need, doing anything from baby-sitting to giving people rides to giving away her canned goods. No request was too small and no one was ever turned away.

In her later years, Kathy was lovingly cared for by her four children. In her last 14 months, she lived with and was cared for by her daughter Betty and her son-in-law

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### CryptoQuote

answer

The path to my fixed purpose is laid with iron rails, whereon my soul is grooved to run.  
— Herman Melville

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Answer

2	5	1	8	7	3	4	6	9
3	4	9	2	6	1	8	5	7
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9	2	7	1	4	8	5	3	6
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Doug, a challenging responsibility appreciated by everyone.

We would like to thank Spoon River Home Health Services, OSF Hospice, Rev. John Verrier and our many friends for their help and support.

A private mass and memorial service will be held. Burial will be in Brimfield Township Cemetery.

A celebration of life will be organized at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Brimfield Area Food Pantry 125 Knoxville St. Brimfield, IL, 61517, [www.facebook.com/Brimfield-Area-Food-Pantry-108064664245872](http://www.facebook.com/Brimfield-Area-Food-Pantry-108064664245872) or St. Joseph’s Catholic Church 314 W. Clay St. Brimfield, IL 61517 [www.stjosephbrimfield.org](http://www.stjosephbrimfield.org).

Tributes and condolences may be submitted to [www.wrightandsalmon.com](http://www.wrightandsalmon.com).

Gerald E. Haist

FARMINGTON – Gerald E. Haist, 85, of Farmington, died Feb. 6, 2021, at Graham Hospital.

He was born on June 2, 1935 in Table Grove to Dale E. and Isabel (Patterson) Haist. He married Carolyn K. Fairhust on Feb. 16, 1991. She survives.

Also surviving are three children, Scott Haist of Farmington, DeWayne Arington of Bartonville and Cynthia Spears of Atlanta, Ga.; one great-granddaughter; five step-grandsons; three step-granddaughters; five step-great-grandsons; three step-great-granddaughters; and two sisters.

Moose rites were to be held at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, at Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home where a visitation was to follow from 5-7 p.m. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021, at the Farmington United Methodist Church.

Burial of ashes will be held on June 2, 2021, at Oak Ridge Cemetery with a celebration of life following at Gerald and Carolyn’s house.

Online condolences can be left at [www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com).

Sharon Hillebrand

FARMINGTON – Sharon Hillebrand, 86, of Farmington, died Feb. 6, 2021, at UnityPoint Health Methodist.

She was born on Jan. 22, 1935, in Pekin. She married David Hillebrand on Jan. 13, 1961. He preceded her in death on Oct. 3, 1985.

Surviving are three children, John (Diana) Hillebrand of Farmington, Lisa Hillebrand of Farmington, and Susan Hillebrand of Fayetteville, Ark., nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington.

Condolences can be left online at [www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com).

Chloe J. Hutchison

ELMWOOD – Chloe Jo Hutchison, 7, of Elmwood died Feb. 3, 2021. She was born March 4, 2013.

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory, Elmwood, is in charge

of arrangements.

Charlotte A. Slaughter

BRIMFIELD – Charlotte A. Slaughter, 83, of Mesa and Pinetop, Ariz., formerly of Peoria and mother of a Brimfield woman, died-Jan. 27, 2021.

Charlotte was born June 30, 1937, in Peoria. She is survived by 2 brothers; 1 sister; and 6 children, including Susan Osborne of Brimfield; 2 stepchildren; 22 grandchildren; and over 30 great-grandchildren.

Donald E. Whelan

ELMWOOD – Donald E. Whelan, 87, of Chillicothe, formerly of Elmwood, died Feb. 2, 2021, at UnityPoint Health-Methodist in Peoria.

He was born on Feb. 16, 1933, to Francis and Myrtle (Hill) Whelan in Peoria. He married Mary Emery on Sept. 20, 1952, in Elmwood. She survives.

He is also survived by 2 daughters, Mary (John) Fullen of Chillicothe and Sherilyn “Sherry” Whelan of Chillicothe; 7 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert Whelan; one sister, Frances Stenger; and one great-grandchild, Luke Rynearson.

A funeral service was held Feb. 5, 2021, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. Burial with military rites followed at Elmwood Township Cemetery.

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The family of Chuck Stevens would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support of cards, prayers, food and memorials during Chuck’s illness and since his passing.

Special thanks to United Methodist Church of Elmwood, ELBA-Salem Fire Department, Farmington American Legion and Oak-Hines Funeral home. Chuck will be greatly missed.

Carolyn Stevens  
Candace Hall  
Chad & Maryann Stevens  
Linda Dykes & Frank Catton  
Donna & Drew Craig

Thank You

What a blessing you – our friends and our community – have been to us throughout Bob’s illness and passing. We have been surrounded with your love, prayers, and acts of kindness which continue to sustain us each day.

Thank you to Peoria County Highway Department, Brimfield Fire Department, and the departments of the area and beyond that participated in the amazing final farewell tribute to Bob.

We thank those who lined the route on that cold January day to pay your respects – you warmed our broken hearts.

Special thanks to Pastor Steve Barch for your visits & words of comfort, Chief Greg Walters for leading the graveside fire service, Diane Harding for the music and Haskell Funeral and Cremation for streaming the services.

We are forever grateful to each of you that reached out to us during this time of sorrow. May God richly bless you as you have blessed us!

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Box 14 Dahinda, IL 61428 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:40-11:30 Church: (309) 639-2768 Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389 Email: <a href="mailto:williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com">williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com</a> <b>DOUGLAS</b> <b>Douglas United Methodist</b>	<b>Church</b> Pastor Kristine McMillan 484 3rd St. Yates City, IL 61572 (NOTE: Church is in Douglas) Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. (Maquon worship: 10:30 a.m.) <i>Facebook Live is 10:30 at Maquon UM Church page</i> <b>EDWARDS</b> <b>Bethany Baptist Church</b> 7422 N. Heinz Ln., Edwards (309) 692-1755 <a href="http://bethanycentral.org">bethanycentral.org</a> Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10 am <b>St. Mary's Catholic Church</b> Father Joseph Dondanville 9910 W. Knox St., Edwards (309) 691-2030 <a href="http://stmaryskickapoo.org">stmaryskickapoo.org</a> Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm Sat. Mass: 4 pm Sun. Masses: 7 & 11:00 am Mon. 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# BUDGET: Cigarette taxes moved to general fund

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state government spending cuts his administration initiated this year upon the failure of the graduated income tax constitutional amendment.

Cigarette taxes would be moved into the general revenue fund as well, according to the outline. In 2019, the General Assembly increased the tax on a pack of cigarettes to \$2.98, up from \$1.98. The tax increase was to go to the state's Rebuild Illinois capital infrastructure plan.

There would also be no new state funding for the evidence-based funding model for K-12 education, according to the outline.

"Significant federal funding for education will provide additional support for schools while the state maintains its existing investment, and the governor is committed to ensuring that education is fully funded in future years," the governor's office wrote in an email.

The evidence-based funding model was passed in 2017 and called for an added \$350 million in state investment in schools each year to be driven toward the districts that were furthest from funding adequacy based on a number of factors. But this year will mark the second straight in which the state did not direct any new money toward the formula.

"There is no question that this budget will include painful choices, but as the effect of the pandemic diminishes over the coming months, the governor will continue to focus on economic recovery for the hardest hit," the governor's office said in an email.

In a bit of good news, however, the deficit for FY22 is now projected to be \$3 billion, down from the \$5.5 billion of previous estimates, as the state's economy "performed more strongly than expected."

The governor's office also cited his decision to expedite repayment of \$700 million borrowed from the federal Municipal Liquidity Facility program as a contributing factor to the lowered anticipated deficit.

"The governor will also continue to advance long-term structural budget improvements that continue the stronger fiscal trajectory Illinois was on before the pandemic," his office said in an email.

The new fiscal year begins July 1 and lawmakers generally look to pass the annual operating budget by the time of the scheduled adjournment of the General Assembly on May 31 each year.

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Answers on Page 10

Super Crossword

AM TOO!

**ACROSS**  
1 Kuwaiti rulers  
6 Pin to hang a chapeau on  
12 Clothes  
16 "This is so frustrating!"  
19 Maui porch  
20 Single-celled creature  
21 Old term for margarine  
22 Sooner than, in sonnets  
23 Incriminated dancer  
Ginger with false evidence?  
25 Possible cause of sneezing  
27 Petri dish gel  
28 A handsome Greek god put half-and-half in his coffee?  
30 Scholars' milieu  
34 See  
56 Across  
35 Mini-plateau  
36 Cornhusk-wrapped treats found in an underground vault?  
43 Pizazz  
44 Psychic glow

**DOWN**  
45 Volt-per-ampere unit  
46 Stephen of film  
49 Temporarily smiling broadly?  
56 With  
34-Across, "Green Eggs and Ham" character  
59 Sweetheart  
60 Oklahoma city  
61 Shoe retailer  
62 Former flying inits.  
63 Gas suffix  
64 Tuscany city  
66 Negative particle  
67 Iowa's tree  
68 Tony-winning musical performed in France's capital?  
73 Graynor of "The Sitter"  
74 Nabisco treats  
76 Valleys  
77 Wish to undo  
78 Pince —  
79 6/6/44  
80 Colonel North, briefly  
82 Broadway star Rivera  
84 Spokane-to-Boise dir.  
85 Actor Ralph having reached a saloon's counter?  
89 "— hawl!"  
90 Suffix with brilliant  
91 Rod go-with  
92 Memo starter  
96 Group journey that has made everyone really hungry?  
104 Memo starter  
106 British rocker Brian  
107 Cold carnival treats  
108 Group of truck drivers who were once in the same college fraternity?  
115 "After that ..."  
116 Belgium's capital  
117 Doubled radius of a toy on a string?  
122 Go astray  
123 Intro studio course  
124 By wagering neighbor  
125 Plant used to make tequila  
126 Hankering  
127 Pony pattern

**SEALS' mil. branch**  
129 Renowned  
**DOWN**  
1 Pixieish one  
2 Damage a bit  
3 — funk (sad)  
4 Ninth Muslim month  
5 Gangster Buggy  
6 Singer Emmylou  
7 "Yo te —"  
8 Roman wrap  
9 Small chirp  
10 Spanish river  
11 Illuminated like old streets  
12 "Beat it, kid!"  
13 Actor Guinness  
14 Back area  
15 Foreshadow  
16 Some math specialists  
17 French city  
18 Ibsen's "— Gabler"  
24 Matriarch  
26 Pitch a tent  
29 "— di-dah!"  
30 Feasted  
31 Nev. neighbor  
32 Docs' org.  
33 — worse than death  
37 Rhine feeder  
38 Nev. neighbor  
39 Yoga pad  
40 Corn bases  
41 Cronus' wife  
42 Singer Sumac  
47 Audience extras  
48 Really suffer  
49 Licked parts of envelopes  
50 Actress Buggy  
51 KOA patron  
52 Newsy bits  
53 Tax-free bond, in brief  
54 Israeli airline  
55 Adult males  
56 Supported  
57 Oscar winner, e.g.  
58 Not go right or straight while driving  
64 Paper unit  
65 Actor Ziering  
66 Lend — (listen)  
69 Inuit-language word for "house"  
70 Small error  
71 Chi-Town daily paper  
72 Let — sigh  
75 Popeye's gal  
80 Old Dodge  
81 Corrosive cleansers  
82 Rice — (cereal)  
83 Assists  
86 Archer's skill  
87 Pt. of NATO  
88 Ball balancer  
92 In a single try  
93 Wicked act  
94 Wingtip tip  
95 Walk — (small roles)  
97 Santa — (hot winds)  
98 Entraps  
99 Walk — (no-appointment customers)  
100 "I meant someone else"  
101 Real thing  
102 Qatari port  
103 "The — Cometh"  
104 Monks' home  
105 — Haute, Indiana  
109 Despot of old  
110 Architect Saarinen  
111 Utah ski site  
112 Ages on end  
113 Meg of film  
114 Japanese noodle  
118 Actor Patel  
119 Tit for —  
120 Night before  
121 Ruby, e.g.

# Senate reviewing vaccine plans

By TIM KIRSININKAS  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Public health officials announced 58,189 COVID-19 vaccinations were administered statewide Monday, nearly double the one-day total from the same day a week ago.

Compared to the 32,559 doses administered last Monday, the one-day total reflects a steadily improving vaccination picture statewide as Gov. JB Pritzker's administration faces continued criticisms for the state's rollout of the vaccine.

Over 2.1 million doses have been distributed to Illinois with more than 1.4 million administered. That means the state has administered about 66 percent of the vaccine doses it has received, with 2.4 percent of the state's population having received both required doses.

As of Tuesday, Illinois ranked 34th out of all 50 states in percentage of the population to receive at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, according to data from the New York Times. The state had previously ranked as low as 47th, but has moved up in recent days, as 9.1 percent of the state has received at least one dose.

Even so, some state lawmakers are calling for a more effective process for allowing residents to receive vaccines.

On Monday, Sen. Julie Morrison, D-Lake Forest, said the Senate Health Committee will hold a hearing today, Feb. 11, regarding the state's vaccination plan.

"The COVID-19 vaccine is the greatest line of defense we have against the pandemic," Morrison said. "Unfortunately, many people across the state who are eligible for the vaccine haven't been able to get their dose — and that's disheartening."

The release said the hearing has been scheduled amid "hundreds of questions and concerns from constituents" regarding the rollout of the vaccine.

The virtual hearing, scheduled for noon, will feature Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike, as well as representatives from the Chicago and Sangamon County Health Departments.

The hearing will also include Walgreens and CVS pharmacies, the companies responsible for issuing COVID-19 vaccines at long-term care facilities through the federal government's Pharmacy Partnership Program. So far, 212,256 doses out of 496,100 allocated vaccines have been issued at long-term care facilities.

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BRIEFS

Scholarship will honor the late Bob Forney

BRIMFIELD – A new scholarship has been created in honor of the late Bob Forney, former chief of the Brimfield Fire Department.

The Bob Forney Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a person who volunteers in their community and will be available to any 4-H or FFA member who attends a Peoria County school or is enrolled in a Peoria County 4-H club.

Donations can be made at F&M Bank in Brimfield under the Jubilee Patriots 4-H Club Forney Scholarship Fund. To learn more, email jubileepatriots4h@yahoo.com.

**Dahinda Methodist church calls off auction**

DAHINDA – After much prayer and deliberation, members of Dahinda United Methodist Church have decided they will not hold their annual Dahinda donation-consignment auction this March.

The church has held the auction for 56 years and offered thanks for past support and says the auction will return on March 2, 2022.

Spain named assistant Republican leader

PEORIA – After having served as Republican Conference Chairman, State Rep. Ryan Spain (R-Peoria) was promoted to the post of Assistant Republican Leader. Spain's main duty in this role is developing and delivering on strategic goals of the Republican caucus in the Illinois House.

**College graduates**

The following local college students graduated this fall from Western Illinois University.

- **Timothy J. Nichols**, Dahinda, Bachelor of Science, Law Enforcement & Justice Administration
- **Alex N. Weidenhamer**, Dahinda, Master of Arts, English.
- **Michael J. Button**, Trivoli, Master of Business Administration, Business Administration.
- **Madison Embry**, Farmington, Bachelor of Business, Marketing Technology.
- **Grace C. Long**, Farmington, Bachelor of Science, Health Services Management.

**College honorees**

The following full-time local col-

lege students were honored at their school for the fall semester.

- Making the Dean's List at Western Illinois University were: **Nathaniel H. Adams** of Dahinda, **Kayla M. Breitbarth** of Brimfield, **Briar D. Hilsabeck** of Edelstein, **Jacob C. Gibbs** of Trivoli, **Kylie Cagwin** of Edwards, **Nichole Roberts** of Princeville, **Karen K. Williams** of Dahinda; from Elmwood, **Jaden L. Beckwith**, **Braden McFall** and **Caitlyn F. Tracy**; and from Farmington, **Joseph Bennett**, **Benjamin G. Efnor**, **Madison Embry** and **Bryce W. Moore**.
- Dean's List honorees at the University of Iowa were: **Zoe Johnsen** of Edwards (Speech and Hearing Science), **Emily Linne** of Edwards (Human Physiology), **Luke Linne** of Edwards (Electrical Engineering) and **Declan Mitchell** of Brimfield (Business Standard Admission).
- **Emily Down**, of Princeville, is a fall 2020 Distinguished Scholar at Rockford University (3.75 gpa or better).
- **Noah Cokel**, of Princeville, made the Dean's List at Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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2. GEOGRAPHY: Off which U.S. state's coast is Santa Catalina Island located?

3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to hold a press conference?

4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many breaths does the average human being take in one day?

5. MOVIES: Which movie featured the Seal song "Kiss From a Rose"?

6. U.S. STATES: A city in this state became the first in the world to install a parking meter?

7. ANCIENT WORLD: Before he became a philosopher, what was Socrates' profession?

8. LANGUAGE: What is the only letter that does NOT appear in any of the U.S. states' names?

9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?

10. LITERATURE: Which dystopian 1950s novel was originally titled "The Fireman"?

Answers

1. Tooth enamel

2. California's

3. Woodrow Wilson, March 1913

4. About 23,000

5. "Batman Forever" (1995)

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9. A tower

10. "Fahrenheit 451," Ray Bradbury

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# BOYS: Princeville drops key LTC contest

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Friday’s scheduled game with Peoria Christian is off due to the opponent facing COVID-19 concerns after a game against Dunlap.  
Brimfield has also added a March 3 game vs Anna-  
wan at home.

R-W (0-2) stayed close to another foe on Saturday before falling to Lincoln Trail Conference title con-  
tender Monmouth United, 57-49. Bad first and third quarters doomed the Cou-  
gars, who were outscored 27-7 in those stanzas.

R-W was to get back in action Tuesday vs. Elm-  
wood.

## Princeville

The role of favorite in the Lincoln Trail Conference was decided in the first game of the season for Princeville and Kewanee Wethersfield. And unlike last year, when the Princes rallied from a sizable defi-  
cit to top Wethersfield on a last-second shot by Sam Streitmatter, Princeville dropped its key LTC clash Friday, 62-55.

After trailing by 12 head-  
ing into the final quarter, Princeville drew within five points of the lead a few times but could not get over the hump.

“We just needed one more stop and that one more basket kind of thing



ROWVA-Williamsfield sophomore Graham Wight battles Brimfield senior Luke Groeper during the Indians’ season-opening win. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

and it might have been dif-  
ferent,” Princes Coach Jeff Kratzer said. “It wasn’t an effort thing. The boys played hard. We just weren’t in good enough shape to keep up with them.”

Wethersfield all-state candidate Coltin Quagli-  
ano had half his team’s points with 31 and Kale Nelson added 15.

For Princeville, sharp-  
shooter Streitmatter led the way with 17 points and five 3-pointers. Peyton Garcia added 13 points in-  
side.

Princeville made five of nine free throws while We-  
thersfield made 16 of the

28 it shot from the charity stripe.

Princeville opened a busy week at Annawan on Tuesday and then is home Friday vs. Stark County and Saturday against Peo-  
ria Quest.

The Princes got a boost when the school board held a special meeting on Feb. 4 and voted to allow up to 50 fans per game.

That was in accordance with public-health offi-  
cials’ recommendations.

Another recommenda-  
tion, related to social dis-  
tancing between the crowd and the teams, cannot be addressed because of space

limitations, Superintendent Shannon Duling said.

“There’s another recom-  
mendation to keep 30 feet between players and spec-  
tators,” Duling said, “but our gym is not big enough. It was decided that that’s guidance, not a request.”

## Elmwood

Elmwood junior Andrew Marincic showed no signs of a knee injury in scoring 20 of 32 points in the first half of an 83-73 win over Lewistown.

Coach Josh Fugitt said Marincic was cleared by a doctor late last week and felt fine after the game.

Luke Hoffmann added 17 points for the Trojans before fouling out and Adam Centers had 11 of 17 in the second half as Elmwood held on despite a 17-5 Lewistown run in the fourth.

“Certainly that’s not the type of defensive game we want. Maybe we’ll find a way to get faster laterally in the next five weeks,” Fugitt said. “But I was happy with the way we got out in transition and we’re happy to come out of the first game with a win.”

Elmwood was at R-W on Tuesday.

## Farmington

The Farmers were to open Tuesday at Macomb.

# LAMPE: Note to self: Don’t swallow your mask

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highlights from Peoria showed more of the same. That’s fine, but does beg the question: Why require masks if they aren’t actually re-  
quired? ... Never realized how much popcorn meant at a game until Friday, when there was none available. Where was **Harold Jehle** to let me know how good the night’s popcorn tasted? Then again, I doubt Harold – who has found a new career as a postal carrier in Elmwood – ever met a bag of pop-  
corn he couldn’t eat. For the record, my favorite hoops corn is still at Bartonville Monroe. ... The halftime score of Elmwood’s varsity game

was 43-33, Trojans. That’s usually a final score for Elmwood under Coach **Josh Fugitt**. Methinks per-  
haps not having a 6-foot-7 shot blocker to back things up will take time to get used to for this bunch of Trojans, who made up for their turnstile defense with an enjoyable offensive showing. ... If Elmwood junior **Andrew Marincic** has an in-  
jured knee, as was speculated head-  
ing into a game in which he scored 32 points, then we should infect more kids with his ailment. Marincic can flat out fill it, scoring almost any way you can imagine, short of dunking. ... Quotable: Wearing a mask during a game takes some

getting used to, according to Prince-  
ville senior **Peyton Garcia**. Garcia told Princes assistant **Eric Kraft**, “Early in the game I about swal-  
lowed my mask. And then I almost puked in it.” ... The schedules we printed last week are more of a best guess as to who will play and when, since COVID-19 cases are sure to cause cancellations and many coaches and ADs are still reschedul-  
ing games. ... Parting shot: I say **Gov. Pritzker** should be forced to play a basketball game wearing a mask. Bet the “science” would change after the first fastbreak.

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# Hoops in the time of COVID

An official walked to center court Friday before Elmwood’s JV game vs. Lewistown and prepared to toss up a jump ball to start things, as he has for his entire career.

Fortunately, his partner hustled to center court with a reminder that jump balls have been outlawed and that the ball had to start as an inbounds from the sideline. That averted a huge catastrophe, since the Illinois Department of Public Health no doubt has scientific evidence proving the spread of COVID-19 is greater while involved in a jump ball than while bodying up to defend somebody late in a game, with sweat dripping and masks drooping.

Yes, the arbitrary nature of COVID rules frustrate the heck out of me.

Let’s see, fans need to be 30 feet away from the court on one side, but 12 feet away on another side. And you are allowed 50 fans inside a gym because that number is: 1. scientific, 2. a nice, round number that is easy to count.

Yes, yes, at least the games are back. On a cold



Masks were everywhere Friday in Brimfield’s season-opening win over ROWVA-Williamsfield. Above from left to right are Brimfield’s Austin Baysingar, R-W’s Adam Kohl and Max Walters. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

Friday night, spending time in a gym was a welcome distraction, even if the defense-free varsity contest seemed more like a summer league romp than a typical February tussle. No question, basketball in the time of COVID-19 is a weird experience. Here are some scattered observations from opening week-  
end.

Officials enjoyed the lack of fans in Elmwood,

though the relative silence was very weird. ... Finding a parking place was no problem. ... Games take forever with all the extra mask timeouts. ... Coaches better be careful what they say in timeouts, since their words carry without crowds to drown out their “advice.” ... This rule about wearing masks might be grounded in science, but I’m glad officials are not making it a point of emphasis. Lewistown players regularly wore masks below their mouths Friday at Elmwood, and television  
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Princeville’s 2020-21 boys basketball team includes: Front row (left to right) - Torance Kieser, Tucker Osborne, RJ Ahten and Gage DeVries; Second row (l to r) - Peyton Garcia, Keian Rice, Joey Smith and Grant Hunt; Third row (l to r) - Denver Hoerr, Will Haskell, Tyler Day, Judson Kratzer and Cole Brower; Back row (l to r) - Coach Jeff Kratzer, Chase Williams, Sam Streitmatter and Cole Daily.

## Brimfield opens 2-0, tops R-W

By JEFF LAMPE  
Weekly Post Staff Writer

BRIMFIELD – Fast starts and solid play down the stretch boosted Brimfield’s boys basketball team to a 2-0 start in this much-delayed season.

The opener was Friday at home against ROWVA-Williamsfield, as the Indians jumped to leads of 7 points after one quarter and 12 at halftime before holding on for a 57-48 victory.

“They had the ball down two with four minutes to go and we were able to stretch it to a 9-point win,” Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson said. “The first half, we got out fast and had a lot of perimeter shots and then we let them back. But I was pleased with the way we regained our composure and got that win under our belts.”

Dunlap transfer Max Walters led Brimfield with 15 of his 19 points in the first half, while senior Luke Groeper had 6 of

his 15 in the fourth quarter. “We shot 3-for-14 on free throws and missed the front end of three or four one-and-ones,” lamented R-W Coach Bob Anderson. “We made a good run and we were closer than we expected. Graham Wight kept us in it early. He was a nice surprise and [Ryan] Haggerty had a pretty decent game.” Wight tallied 11 of his 17 points in the first half and Haggerty added 15. Brimfield followed that with a 54-35 win at Illini Bluffs on Monday. Groeper had 14 points and 6-foot-4 center Caleb Tyre tallied 12. Both players had eight rebounds. “We had a size advantage on them,” Carlson said. “We actually didn’t shoot well from the outside, so fortunately we got some good stuff inside.” Brimfield now faces a long break, as  
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