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SASSAFRAS ROOTS A SPRING TONIC

Plan now for sassafras collection

By **GRETCHEN STEELE**
For The Weekly Post

February – that teaser of a month in Illinois – can produce some of the most bitter cold and darkest days of winter, but also has a habit of tempting us with the first warmer days when the ground begins to unfreeze and even get a little mucky. That is the time my mother and I always set out to collect sassafras root for making sassafras tea.

Those first sweet cups of freshly brewed sassafras tea were my mother's version of a spring tonic. A way to clear out all the winter ick and start getting ourselves back in shape for all the spring wonders like mushrooms, spawning fish and the early spring wild plants and flowers that would soon be bursting forth.

Why on earth would we traipse



Some folks call the distinctive three-lobed leaf of the sassafras tree "Spock leaf" for its resemblance to a Star Trek Vulcan salute. Photo by Gretchen Steele.

out into the woods to dig roots in what is still officially winter? Why not wait until a warm spring day? Because sassafras sap is more concentrated in the roots over winter, and those first warm days when the ground is soft enough to dig is when we could get the most bang for dig.

As weather warms, spring comes, the sap rises, and you will need more roots to produce a good strong tea (or make root beer!).

Sassafras (or *Sassafras albidum*) is a native tree in Illinois and usually is not terribly difficult to find. Of course, one should find

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Brimfield readying for water upgrades

By **JEFF LAMPE**

Weekly Post Staff Writer

BRIMFIELD – After years of planning, the Village of Brimfield is hoping to open bids next month that will pave the way for upgrades to the village water system.

Mayor Dan Fishel said bids will be opened March 1, with approval, hopefully, at the village's March 8 meeting. The hopeful part of the equation is because bids were not favorable at the board's February meeting.

"All those bids came in higher than anybody anticipated," Fishel said. "The project was put together pre-COVID, and post-COVID steel prices and other prices reflected a much higher bid."

Fishel said some of that is because the project has

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been in the works for several years and did not reflect the increased costs in materials. Brimfield was turned down in 2018 for a loan from the Environmental Protection Agency, but has since been approved.

Bids exceeded \$1 million, which is where village officials want to cap the project to maximize reimbursement from the EPA. The EPA forgives up to 40 percent of a loan up
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Ex-state senator Schimpf to run for governor

By **JERRY NOWICKI**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Former state Sen. Paul Schimpf, who spent four years representing the 58th District and was the Republican Party's candidate for attorney general in 2014, announced he will run for governor in 2022.

Schimpf made the announcement via videoconference to start a day of traveling the state with planned stops in Algon-

quin, Rock Island and Morris Monday and Decatur, Morris and his hometown of Waterloo on Tuesday.

The primary election for statewide office is March 15, and Schimpf joins businessman Gary Rabine, who is chairman and founder of the paving, roofing and snow removal company Rabine Group, in announcing their candidacies for governor.

In his announcement, Schimpf sought to distance himself from

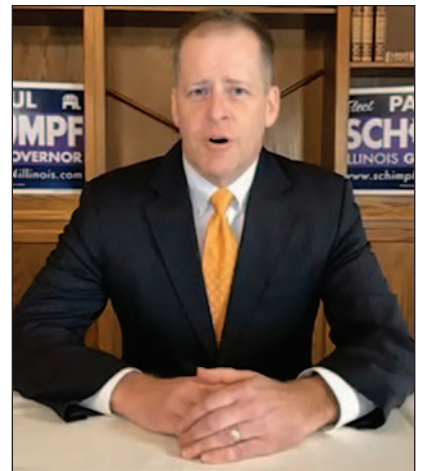
Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker on both issues of policy and life experience.

"My vision for Illinois involves a return to responsible government, safe communities and economic growth in a free market," he said. "We need a governor who welcomes and insists upon legislative oversight of his administration."

A U.S. Naval Academy graduate and Marine Corps veteran, Schimpf was an outspoken ad-

vocate for veterans in the Senate, serving as minority party spokesperson on the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. In 2005, Schimpf served as the chief American advisor in the trial of Saddam Hussein in Iraq. He rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps.

A biography distributed by Schimpf's campaign emphasized that he wrote an article in 2004 for the Military Law Re-
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Republican Paul Schimpf has announced a bid for governor in 2022. Photo courtesy of Blueroomstream.com

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SASSAFRAS: Aroma of licorice, root beer

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your tree or patch of trees as is so often the case, during the months when leaves are still present to help ensure that you are digging the correct root from the correct tree. Find the spot on a late fall hike and make note – that's where you will want to return.

Sassafras is easy to identify. Its leaves are somewhat distinct in the forest canopy. Sassafras has three types of leaves, a two-lobed leaf that looks like a mitten; a simple smooth oval-shaped leaf, and the infamous three lobe leaf that some folks call "Spock leaf" for its resemblance to a Star Trek Vulcan salute.

The most telltale way to identify sassafras for most people? Its scent. That rich spicy, licorice-like or, some say, root-beer-like aroma. Once you have learned that particular scent, it will be etched in your memory. If you break a twig, crush the leaves, or slice into a root there should be a strong sassafras aroma.

Look for Sassafras in moist, sandy, upland soils and in old fields or fencerows, and along creek and river edges and banks.

As always, invest in a good field guide, and ensure that you have properly identified the tree. That's the mantra for any wild food foraging. Know with certainty what you are harvesting.

If you are new to foraging for wild foods, seek a trusted forager in your area to double check your finds before consuming. Foragers love to teach others, and you'll make a new friend in the process.



Sassafras leaves, buds and flowers. Photo courtesy Missouri Department of Conservation.

Harvesting

The bark and roots can be harvested year-round, and early spring is one of the best times to harvest the roots. If you just cannot wait for a batch of sassafras tea and the ground is still too frozen, you can use the bark from young trees or small limbs, but it is not quite as flavorful as a good root full of sap.

Remember when foraging to be thoughtful and ethical about the amounts you harvest and be considerate of the resource. Do not be greedy. Often you can find many small saplings around a larger older and more robust tree – it will not hurt to pull up a few of those for use because if there are quite a few, they likely need to be thinned out a bit so they can flourish.

Sassafras Tea Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 small handful sassafras roots,

washed in cold water.

- 1/2 cinnamon stick
- 1 thin slice fresh ginger
- Maple syrup or honey for sweetening
- 6 cups water

Preparation

Using a heavy knife, chop up the sassafras roots or pound them with the handle or a meat tenderizer mallet until you can smell their spicy scent.

Place the roots in a saucepan with the cinnamon and 6 cups of water and bring to a boil. Decrease the heat and simmer, partially covered, for 20 minutes.

Add the ginger and simmer for 2 minutes more.

Line a fine-mesh strainer with a coffee filter and set over a bowl. Pour the tea through. Sweeten with maple syrup or honey to taste. Drink hot or serve cold over ice.

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- **Spring crafts** – Three spring crafts offered at Salem Township Public Library starting today, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. Cost \$10 for all materials. Masks, social distancing required. Call (309) 358-1678.
- **Auction cancelled** – Dahinda United Methodist Church has opted to cancel its annual March donation-consignment auction due to COVID-19 concerns. Next year's auction will be March 2, 2022.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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20 2 NNW 11 mph	16 1 W 12 mph	25 19 SSE 7 mph	35 25 S 14 mph	35 31 WSW 12 mph	38 28 W 12 mph	37 28 NW 8 mph

BRIMFIELD: Water rates to stay same

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to \$1 million, but costs above that are borne entirely by the municipality.

After downsizing the size of the ground storage tank in the project and making a few other adjustments, Fishel said the cost is now expected to be closer to \$950,000.

Fishel said the smaller tank is “still more than adequate to meet the demands of the customers.” He said the village has 346 water customers.

In addition to a new tank, which will work even in power outages, the project will upgrade capacity of some water

mains and will loop the entire water system so there are no dead-end connections.

“This is part of a long-term plan and we were in a position budget-wise to take on a chunk of this,” said Fishel, who does not expect an increase in water rates. “As time and money allow, we will continue with the project.”

Future work could involve increasing water main capacity in more of the village.

Weather, and favorable bids, permitting, Fishel said work should start this spring.



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GUEST VOICES



The best way to start is to start

Forty years ago, two editors at Successful Farming magazine, Gene Johnston and Dean Houghton, won most major ag journalism awards with a story titled "Who will kill the hogs?"

The piece (not available online) tracked a new, potent shift just beginning to hit the 600,000 hog farmers in the U.S.: Local meatpackers were being squeezed for hogs and markets by other, aggressive packers that were buying competitors to shutter them and build new, huge, highly-efficient slaughtering plants.



Alan GUEBERT

The story was a clanging bell that a sector-rattling shakeout was underway and few had any idea of who would be left standing when the bloodletting was over.

We, of course, now know; what's left is a handful of massive packers and not enough hog farmers to fill a university basketball arena.

In truth, we knew this within 10 years of the magazine story. By the early 1990s, major stockyards like Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago were faltering as packers moved to buy hogs "direct" from growers rather than the more costly stockyard "commission houses."

That new strategy was made easier since 400,000 hog farmers had exited the business in just the previous decade.

In the mid-1990s, this column and other publications pointed to how the now-powerful packers had integrated hog production into their business model to lock-in ready

supplies and consistent quality in their 24/7/365 search for efficiency and profit.

By the early 2000s, with the takeover of pork now complete, the packers began to buy each other. For example, in 2001, Tyson Foods, principally a poultry integrator, bought the big beef packer IBP for \$3.2 billion.

Again, none of this occurred in the dark. Every step in the long process happened in plain view of government regulators who either blessed these unions outright or ordered minor conditions for the deals to be approved.

Then, in early 2010, the Obama Administration announced the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), along with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) leaders, would sponsor a series of "workshops... to discuss competition and regulatory issues in the agriculture industry." The key target was meatpackers.

Farmers, ranchers, farm and commodity group officials, industry experts, and consumer groups eagerly told bureaucrats how the "dynamics of competition in agriculture markets" affected their farms, businesses, food, and communities.

The result was, well, not much because there was little anyone could do.

No antitrust laws, in fact, had been broken by the packers or the shrinking number of machinery companies, seed sellers, fertilizer suppliers, grain buyers, and food retailers examined in the hearings. Their climb from being just a cog in the ag machine to becoming the ag machine was, they explained, simply the market at work.

(Until recently, anyway, when several meatpackers, Tyson in-

cluded, agreed to settle civil lawsuits filed by meat buyers who alleged some packers engaged in market manipulation that drove up buyers' costs.)

Which brings us, again, to calls for the Biden Administration to break up highly integrated and concentrated ag sectors like meatpacking.

How?

There is no definitive plan but you can bet the packers will fight in the courts and Congress to prevent one chicken leg or a single pig's ear to be taken from them without legal cause.

And rightly so. We may dislike or even hate Big Meat but slicing them up looks like a very, very long shot indeed.

A better investment of time and talent is for the federal and state governments to shower their favoritism — grants, low interest loans, waived meat inspection fees, zoning assistance, and the like — to foster new, smaller, community-based competitors into the meat game.

For this to work, however, will take time. Remember, it took the Big Boys decades to get where they are today so it will take years before the field tilts anywhere near level again.

But the best way to start is to start: hearings should focus on the future, not the past.

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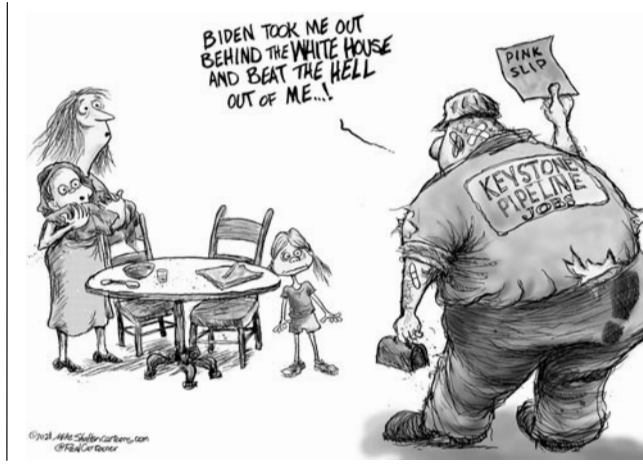
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'Hello, I must be going'

In newswriting, failing to get to the point is called “burying the lead,” so my main point as I leave The Weekly Post is: Please support journalism and The Weekly Post and its creators and advertisers.

After eight years here, I can't help but reflect on its value, the experience and on my route here.

I began to be “an enemy of the people,” as fools say, by covering high school football as a 16-year-old writer for my hometown weekly. Until then, I'd phoned in post-game basketball statistics to area newsrooms but hadn't faced a blank page on deadline, and my impression of reporting stemmed from watching TV's “Adventures of Superman” and “Tombstone Territory,” which made newspapers seem exciting and easy.



Bill KNIGHT

It is and isn't. My 55-year career echoes a comment from journalist and novelist Anna Quindlen, who said, “Being a reporter is as much a diagnosis as a job description.”

Thank God there's no “cure” for the condition. When Jeff Lampe launched this venture, the idea was to offer an affordable ad vehicle and to prioritize local people and government when most dailies and broadcasters no longer did, and after social media proved to be fine for connecting with pals, celebrating special occasions

and gossiping but virtually worthless for news.

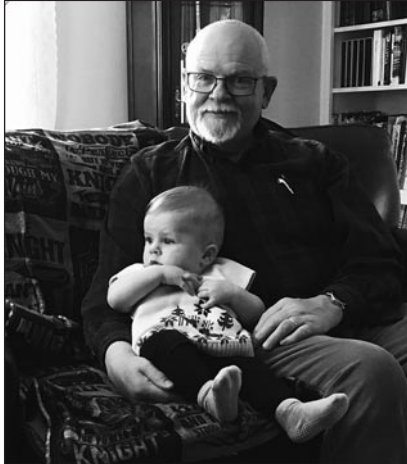
Since Feb. 21, 2013, The Post has tried to handle the basics: articles on what our various elected representatives were doing, a showcase for young athletes, and local takes on national, even global issues.

That spring, I realized we were onto something when the late Elmwood musician Eddie Rushing, sitting on his front porch, shouted as I walked past with the dog: “Hey! Y'know, I didn't realize how much media ignored us until you guys started covering us!”

I'd worked in the newspaper industry in larger markets, which was fun, but I shared Rushing's appreciation for the stories outside metro areas, and also that almost all local officials and employees around here are diligent and competent (some state and federal lawmakers, too).

There are many memories of Weekly Post stories, overwhelmingly pleasant. Sure, there was the 45-minute drive in a blizzard to get 12 miles to a Williamsfield Village Board meeting, but there also was the 2015 Princeville school board session dutifully held despite a then-rare Cubs playoff game (so it was silently shown live on a big screen in the back of the room).

Along the way, I wrote about barbers and painters, doctors and lawyers, simple court proceedings and complex uses of Tax Increment Financing, police and fire, plus businesses, large and small; libraries like Brimfield's and Yates City's; Kickapoo schoolkids and teachers; a Prince-



ville-area Centennial farm; an interview with baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster Joe Garagiola about long-time Major League outfielder Bill Tuttle, who grew up in Farmington; background on the Underground Railroad through Farmington and Elmwood; and countless others.

I'll still write for a few publications, but stepping back from The Weekly Post relieves me of half my assignments and deadlines, allowing more time at home or away, whether to Chicago to see our 1-year-old granddaughter or Cubs games, or to Boston – a long-delayed trip with our dog and maps of historic landmarks and fictional references from the Spenser novels.

Besides Quindlen's remark, another favorite quote is from philosopher Alan Watts, who said, “This is the real secret of life – to be completely engaged with what you are doing in the here-and-now, and instead of calling it work, realize it is play.” So long, readers. It's been a privilege and an honor. And fun.

Fortunate to have small-town neighbors

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago I went to Toledo, Ohio, and purchased a used drill rig for boring water wells. Although this rig is much newer than what we currently have, it hadn't been used for a few years – so we determined it would be best to have it hauled in on a low-boy semi trailer and delivered to our countryside residence that is located between Elmwood and Brimfield.



The driver was quite prompt with his schedule and he arrived bright and early at 7:30 a.m. in the morning, as planned. I was very happy to see the “new” unit arrive in front of our house, and then the problems started to unravel one thing after another.

First, the semi trailer was so long that the driver couldn't get into our driveway. Second, the 42,000-

pound truck wouldn't start! Third, without the engine running, the air brakes wouldn't release to even drag my “new” drill rig off the trailer. Fourth, the semi trailer was also blocking traffic on Shissler Road during “rush hour” and I sure didn't want to cause any accidents.

Lastly, the semi driver had to pick up another load that afternoon before he headed back to Ohio and needed to get my rig off the trailer and be on his way. Simply put, I was in a really bad spot. What was I going to do?

Luckily for me, when I called my neighbor, Jeff Maher, he was available! I told him the situation and he said it was OK to bring the semi down to his dad's place – as they have a large area for the semi to pull into and could easily turn around for unloading.

Although we weren't able to get my truck started, we were able to get enough air into the system via a portable air line and Jeff used one of their tractors to pull my rig off the trailer.

Mart, (Jeff's dad), was also there, and provided tools as well as helped me remove and replace the starter in the bitter cold. A few days later, we got the truck running and I drove it home.

I know there is a lot of uncertainty in the world right now, but there is one thing I know for sure. I am very fortunate to have great small-town neighbors such as the Maher's to get me out of a huge jam on very short notice.

Doug Cosby, Brimfield

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SCHIMPF: Seeks more financial resources

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 view on “the need to establish a victim-victim advocate evidentiary privilege within the Department of Defense” in an effort to improve treatment of sexual assault victims. Those practices were adopted in 2012.

Beginning in 2004, Schimpf was a judge advocate, or military attorney, at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif. There, he served as the head prosecutor, supervising other attorneys and litigating drug, sexual assault and attempted murder cases, according to his campaign.

He was elected to the state Senate in 2017, retiring in January ahead of his run for governor. He said his proudest accomplishment as state senator was his work with a higher education working group that produced legislative changes such as AIM High grants, which aim to provide Illinois’ highest performing students with the means to remain in Illinois for college.

He is an of counsel attorney with the law firm of Stumpf & Gutknecht P.C. in Columbia, meaning he is not an equity partner.

“More important than all those experiences, however, is the perspective that I will bring to the governor’s office,” he said. “For far too long, we have had literally governors who were either career politicians or wealthy corporate executives who couldn’t understand or empathize with the struggles that the people of

Illinois face.”
 He touched on issues that have been lynchpins of Republican legislative dissent, noting a governor should “give clear unambiguous support to the law enforcement community.”

He also addressed Illinois’ tax burden, quoting Ronald Reagan and stating Illinois needs a governor who “understands those day-to-day challenges that we all face” and who will “stand up to the entrenched special interest groups that have done so much damage to our state.”

While Schimpf tied himself to popular Republican icon Reagan, Illinois Democrats quickly sought to link Schimpf to a less popular, more recent Republican elected official – ex-Gov. Bruce Rauner, who presided over a two-year budget impasse which saw the state’s backlog of unpaid bills balloon to over \$16 billion.

Mary Morrissey, Executive Director of the Democratic Party of Illinois, referred to Schimpf as a “Rauner/Trump acolyte.”

“Schimpf was a consistent vote for Bruce Rauner’s catastrophic agenda, even going along with his attempts to continue the historic budget crisis that resulted in Illinois going 736 days without a budget,” Morrissey said. “He supported Donald Trump’s re-election, even after the former President failed at his central task of keeping Americans safe by lying about the dangers of the coronavirus and instead promoting conspiracy theories.”

Schimpf’s biography touted his vote against the compromise budget which raised the state’s flat income tax and ended the two-year budget impasse in 2017.

Schimpf emphasized an “every man” image, distancing himself from the billionaire Pritzker and multi-millionaire Rauner.

He said he expects to do better than he did in his last statewide run in 2014, when he challenged former Attorney General Lisa Madigan. He lost by nearly 800,000 votes, gaining 37.8 percent of the vote.

“I did not have enough financial resources to get my message out,” he said. “That is one of the lessons that I learned when I ran statewide in 2014 for Illinois attorney general is that it doesn’t matter how good your message is, if you don’t have the resources to get it out, you will not be successful.”

His candidate committee, Citizens for Schimpf, had \$149,529 cash on hand as of Feb. 15, according to campaign database Illinois Sunshine.

“You can’t buy elections with money,” he said. “I know that Gov. Pritzker has a lot of resources. I don’t expect to be able to match him dollar for dollar, but I do expect to be able to get my message out with a lot of hard work. I do expect to be able to win this race.”

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Princeville issues bonds to save money

By **BILL KNIGHT**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Board of Education on Feb. 9 officially adopted a resolution providing for the issuance of \$9,448,800 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds to increase the District’s Working Cash Fund and refund certain outstanding financial obligations.

The board last month approved this refinancing approach, which Kendall King of Kings Financial Consulting of Monticello presented as one of two options. He and the board started discussing such possibilities in December.

The resolution’s language provides for the levy of taxes to pay the bonds, authorizes and directs the execution of an escrow agreement tied to issuing the bonds, and approves the sale of the bonds.

The action will include \$1.5 million in Working Cash Bonds “to help give the District some financial cushion if funding from the state diminishes based on the financial impact of COVID and the expected downturn in state revenues,” said Superintendent Shannon Duling.

“The \$1.5 million will not be utilized for any new construction proj-

ects,” Duling said. “It is intended to protect the District if we experience financial shortfalls in normal operations due to reduced revenue streams or increases in general operation costs”

The transaction, which has a 15-year repayment schedule, will improve interest rates. They’ll change from the original 3.50-4.75 percent to 0.63-2.88 percent over the term of the original bond, said Duling, who said the District will save more than \$900,000.

That will help keep the District’s tax levy steady, Duling added.

It will result in an “estimated 89- to 93-cent tax rate over the next six years,” he said.

In other tax-related matters, Board members reviewed numerous tax rates from area school districts. Princeville’s rate (5.509) falls between Elmwood (5.52) and Limestone High School (5.501), according to the analysis.

“Considering all the facility upgrades – a new high school gym, new junior high collaboration area, updated science labs, updated numerous safety issues, updated front entryway at the Grade School, redesigned parking and bus lanes at the

Grade School, a new track and storage at the Junior/Senior High School, etc. – our rate is still very comparable to all Districts in our area,” Duling said.

In other business, the board:

- Scheduled a special meeting to abate our 2019 Alternative Revenue Bond for Tuesday (Feb. 16) to discuss how to use the Peoria County School Facility Tax revenue, “something we do annually as we utilize [that] revenue to make this payment, reducing the overall tax burden for local taxpayers,” Duling said.

- OK’d extending the lease for five pre-owned 2020, 72-passenger school buses at a cost of \$13,493 per bus.

- Approved Gorenz and Associates for the FY21 District audit for a cost not to exceed \$18,200.

- In personnel, the board OK’d Family & Medical Leaves for band/music teacher Max Kestner and cafeteria employee Angie Stahl, and approved Brandon Crose, Joe Rusch and Scott Winters as volunteer assistant baseball coaches.

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Storms prompt disaster proclamation

By SARAH MANSUR

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Dangerous sub-zero temperatures and massive snow accumulation across Illinois prompted Gov. JB Pritzker to issue a disaster proclamation for the entire state on Tuesday.

“I have directed my administration to use all resources at our disposal to keep our communities safe amid dangerous and ongoing winter weather,” Pritzker said in the news release. “I urge all Illinoisans to take this extreme weather seriously, avoid all unnecessary travel and check in on your neighbors.”

Chicago and the surrounding suburbs were hit especially hard, with some

areas receiving as much as 12 inches of snow in the past 24 hours, on top of several inches of existing snowfall.

Northern regions of the state have faced significant snow accumulation, as persistent freezing temperatures have kept snow from melting.

Forecasts indicate that portions of northern and west central Illinois will continue to experience subzero temperatures in the coming days.

Central and southern Illinois, including the Metro East region near St. Louis, were hit with between four and eight inches of snow in the past 24 hours, along with single-digit temperatures.

Pritzker said his admin-

istration is communicating with local governments “to ensure they have the support they need in disaster response and recovery operations.”

He also cautioned residents that freezing temperatures have resulted in frozen wells in key natural gas producing states, such as Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. This has caused an increase in demand for natural gas with a decrease in supply, leading to a spike in the price of natural gas.

To address this, his administration is working with “federal partners to pursue federal assistance to help communities recover and to do what we can to protect ratepayers from soaring utility bills,” according to the release.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau said that residents who use an alternative heating source should take proper safety measures.

“If using an alternative heating source during this extreme weather, take a moment to ensure that your carbon monoxide detector is working properly,” Tate-Nadeau said. “The proper safety precautions can save lives during extreme weather.”

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Thank You Bill!

Without Bill Knight, The Weekly Post would likely never have started publishing. But after 8 years of helpful suggestions and a seemingly endless stream of stories, Bill is retiring to spend more time with family (including granddaughter Alice, at right) and to pursue other projects (but no more board meetings).

While we will miss him very much, we wish Bill all the best.

Due to COVID-19 constraints, we can't give Bill a proper sendoff. Please give us a hand. Send him notes, emails, cards or whatever you like to wish him well. Yes, even Cardinals fans can participate.

The postal service will deliver to Bill Knight, PO Box 308, Elmwood, IL 61529. The magic of email will deliver to bill.knight49@gmail.com



Pages From The Past Compiled by Walter Lampe

5 Years Ago

Deanna Cantu of Elmwood believes veterans should be valued more than popular entertainment figures. Others obviously agree. A speech Cantu wrote and recorded on that same topic recently won first place out of more than 3,000 entries in Illinois for the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest.

The Bethel Bible Church building in Edwards is for sale again. The December auction of the 3,200-square-foot structure at 9728 W. Powder Mill Rd. concluded with a single bidder who said she hoped to start a children's ministry.

20 Years Ago

In order to improve their service, BYE Ambulance is raising funds to help buy a heart defibrillator.

30 Years Ago

Craig Kijanowski, a 1990 graduate of Elmwood school, is in Bradley University Theatre's upcoming production of "Twelfth Night."

The 1991 BYE Bowl-A-Thon was held at Pioneer Bowl in Elm-

wood. Approximately 30 people participated, raising about \$500.

40 Years Ago

Favorable weather in January put the construction of the new school in Williamsfield on schedule. A May completion date has been set.

50 Years Ago

Mary Runyon is the 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Yates City High School.

65 Years Ago

Mrs. William Komp of Monica purchased the Prince Theatre in Princeville from the former owner and operator, John Pletkovich.

70 Years Ago

The Kiwanis Club of Elmwood voted in favor of outfitting the Elmwood School Patrol with new raincoats and rainhats.

Mrs. Sylvia Newcomb, whose home was recently destroyed by fire, purchased the Earl Boman home on North West Street in Farmington.

90 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. John McMahon of

Farmington escaped serious injuries when their car skidded into a ditch when Mr. McMahon tried to avoid hitting a dog.

Edson Smith of Elmwood was honored at the I.O.O.F. meeting with the presentation of a veteran jewel, having completed 50 years of membership in the Odd Fellow Lodge.

Dave Smith of Monica purchased an acreage one half mile west of Princeville formerly owned by Miss Eva Palmer.

100 Years Ago

The farm house of D.F. Lawrence northwest of town was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon.

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110 Years Ago

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Patricia 'Patti' A. Azure

FARMINGTON – Patricia "Patti" A. Azure, 78, of Farmington, Ill., went home to the Lord on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Nov. 30, 1942, in Pekin, to James Ira Cohenour and Mary Jane (Brogan).

She married Herman R. Azure on May 27, 1961, in Cando, N.D. He preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1974.

She was a loving mother to five children who survive her: Jeffrey (Paula) Azure of Thorne, N.D., Stewart (Kim) Azure of Rolette, N.D., Glendale (Rollen) Wright of Farmington, Brenda (Brian) Fore of Lagrange, Ga., and Dawn (Todd) Hickman of Overland Park, Kan. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Patti graduated from high school in Belcourt, N.D., and later completed cosmetology school in Jamestown, N.D. She then received an associate degree in education from Spoon River College in Canton.

Patti enjoyed gardening, cooking, British tea parties and reading and learning anything about Queen Elizabeth. She was a dog lover and every child she met loved her, but most of all she loved all her children and grandchildren and spending time with each one of them.

A funeral mass will be held at a later date. Cremation rites have been accorded with Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Canton.

Memorials may be made to Catholic Charities.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Viola H. Binder

BRIMFIELD – Viola H. Binder, 97, of Brimfield, passed away at

12:55 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born Sept. 17, 1923, in Oak Hill, to Harry and Sena (Behrends) Peters. Viola married Frank Binder on Sept. 5, 1943, in Brimfield. He preceded her in death on Aug. 10, 2002.

She is survived by 3 children, Marilyn (the late Robert "Bob") Kreiter of Brimfield, Bill (Mary) Binder of Brimfield, Carolyn (Mike) Hayes of Brimfield; 1 daughter-in-law, Pat Binder; 3 brothers, Henry Peters, Everett Peters and Ralph Peters; 1 sister, Wilma Shipley; 10 grandchildren, Kevin (Lori) Kreiter, Kim (Eddy) Ribeiro, Tracy (Bob) Dwyer, Tina McQuellon, Jeff (Tara) Binder, Jeremy Binder, Zack (Jenny) Binder, Rod (Hollie) Cahill, Brett (Stephanie) Cahill and Summer (Michael) McCabe; 29 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; one son, John Binder; one daughter-in-law, Cindy Binder; one son-in-law, Roger Cahill; two brothers, Heye Peters and Harry Peters, Jr.; four sisters, Hilda Stretch, Reaka Schmitt, Henrietta Asbell and Carrie Hanlon; and twin grandchildren, Keith and Karen Kreiter.

A private service will be held at Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Brimfield.

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Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

Sharon R. Holland

BRIMFIELD – Sharon R. Holland, 71, of Brimfield, passed away at

11:14 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, at her residence, surrounded by her family.

She was born March 1, 1949, to James Sr., and Ruth (Schullik) Holland, in East Cleveland, Ohio.

She is survived by two brothers, James (Peg) Holland, Jr., and Robert "Bob" (Mary) Holland; one sister, Laurie (Bill) Heuglin; four nephews; Jason Holland, Sean Holland, Charlie Heuglin, and Joshua Holland; one niece, Holly Heuglin; and two great-nieces, Lexi Holland and Haley Holland.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and longtime companion, Alfred "Grant" Miles, who passed away in September of 2020.

Sharon was a caregiver for most of her working life. With that said, Sharon and her family were very appreciative of the thoughtful and compassionate care that she received from all of her caregivers.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life with burial of ashes at Southport Cemetery will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the local animal shelter of the donor's choice.

To view Sharon's video tribute or leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

Chloe Jo Hutchison

ELMWOOD – Chloe Jo Hutchison, 7, of Elmwood, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021, at St. Louis Children's Hospital. She was born March 4, 2013.

She is survived by her father, Ricky Hutchison of Elmwood, one sister, Hannah; two aunts, Nicky (Adam) Huffman and Marcy (Kevin) Brugger; and grandparents, Ricky



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CryptoQuote

answer

A rumor will travel fastest to the place where it will cause the greatest harm. - Gustavo Agraiz

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

9x9 grid of numbers for the weekly Sudoku puzzle solution.

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OBITUARIES

(Debora) Hutchison.

Chloe was the sweetest, most gentle soul our family has ever known. She had beautiful red hair and a huge heart. She became an angel on Feb. 3, 2021, and will be deeply missed by everyone.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held from noon to 3 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021, at the Yates City Community Center.



Hutchison

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneral-home.com.

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy M. LaFollett

ELMWOOD – Dorothy M. LaFollett, 93, of Elmwood, passed away peacefully at 7:17 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, at Country Comfort in Elmwood.

She was born on Aug. 23, 1927, in Missouri Valley, Iowa, to George and Francis (Peasley) McGarr. She married James D. LaFollett on Dec. 13, 1944, in Peoria County. He preceded her in death in 1998.

She is survived by 3 children, Lloyd (Bev) LaFollett of Elmwood, Walter (Peggy) LaFollett of Elm-

wood, and Linda (Jim) McIntyre of Brimfield; 8 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Harry McGarr.

Dorothy devoted her life to her family and working on the farm driving the grain truck. She did lots of cooking for get-togethers with family and friends. Dorothy loved flowers, gardening, dancing and playing cards. She also loved to fish and spent many summers in Minnesota. In retirement, she loved spending winters in Florida.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneral-home.com.

Donald D. Price

YATES CITY – Donald D. Price, 86, of Drasco, Ark., formerly of Yates City, passed away at 9:48 a.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, in Yates City.

He was born March 23, 1934, to David and Ruth (Cowan) Price in West Frankfort, Ill.

He married Oralee Hargrave in August 1953, in McLeansboro, Ill. She preceded him in death in November

2005.

He is survived by three children, Debbie (Rickey) Morse of Williamsfield, Ivan "Eric" (Debbie) Price of Yates City, and Curtis Lee (Michele) Price of Yates City; 9 grandchildren, Aaron Naumann, Jennifer Ulm, Greg Morse, Eric Morse, David Price, Adam Price, Benjamin Price, Jeremy Price and Melissa Swindler; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Greta Miller. Donald was a Machine Tool Repairman when he retired at Caterpillar after 30 years in 1982. Then he and Oralee moved to Arkansas. He volunteered as a firefighter in Silver Ridge, Ark. He was a member of the Hawk Creek Archers in Gilson, Ill. He was also an avid fisherman, hunter and square-dancer and enjoyed making wine.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.



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OBITUARIES

Pat Brooks

FARMINGTON – Pat Brooks, 69, of Peoria, mother of a Farmington woman, died Feb. 12, 2021, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

She was born in Peoria on Sept. 29, 1951, to William Dwight and Cherie Carol (Frank) Whitehurst. She married David “Dave” Brooks on April 21, 1984. He survives.

Also surviving are her 5 children, Cindy (Jeff) Keller of Bartonville, Jennifer (Rusty) Parkinson of Farmington, David (Amy) Brooks of Pekin, Rick (Rhonda) Doyle of Colorado and Amanda Brooks of Pekin; 12 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter; and 2 brothers.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Davison-Fulton Woodland Chapel in Peoria. Visitation is 4-7

p.m. today, Feb. 18, at the funeral home.

Condolences can be left online at www.davison-fulton.com.

Patricia M. Ferrel

FARMINGTON – Patricia M. Ferrel, 69, of Farmington has died.

The Wilton Mortuary of Peoria is in charge of arrangements.

Paul J. Newell

YATES CITY – Paul J. Newell, 89, of Yates City died Feb. 15, 2021. Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Homes of Knoxville is in charge of arrangements.

Marlene Raible

KNOXVILLE – Marlene Raible, 84, died Feb. 7, 2021. Hinchliff-Pearson-West Funeral Directors are handling arrangements.

Marilyn U. Swegle

GALESBURG – Marilyn Ulm Swegle, 85, of Galesburg, a Farmington native, died Feb. 12, 2021, in Seminary Manor. She was born Feb. 3, 1936, in Farmington, the daughter of William A. and Aura (Voorhees) Ulm. She married Arthur Wilson Aug. 24, 1952. She later married Charles Swegle on Nov. 25, 1979. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by: three children, Scott Wilson of Fairview, Randy (Debbie) Wilson of Durham, N.C., and Candi Moulton of Galesburg; step-children, Tom (Sylvia) Swegle of Springfield, Sue (Rick) Welty of Galesburg and Kathy (Tim) Joannides of Cheyenne, Wyo.; nine grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and a sister.

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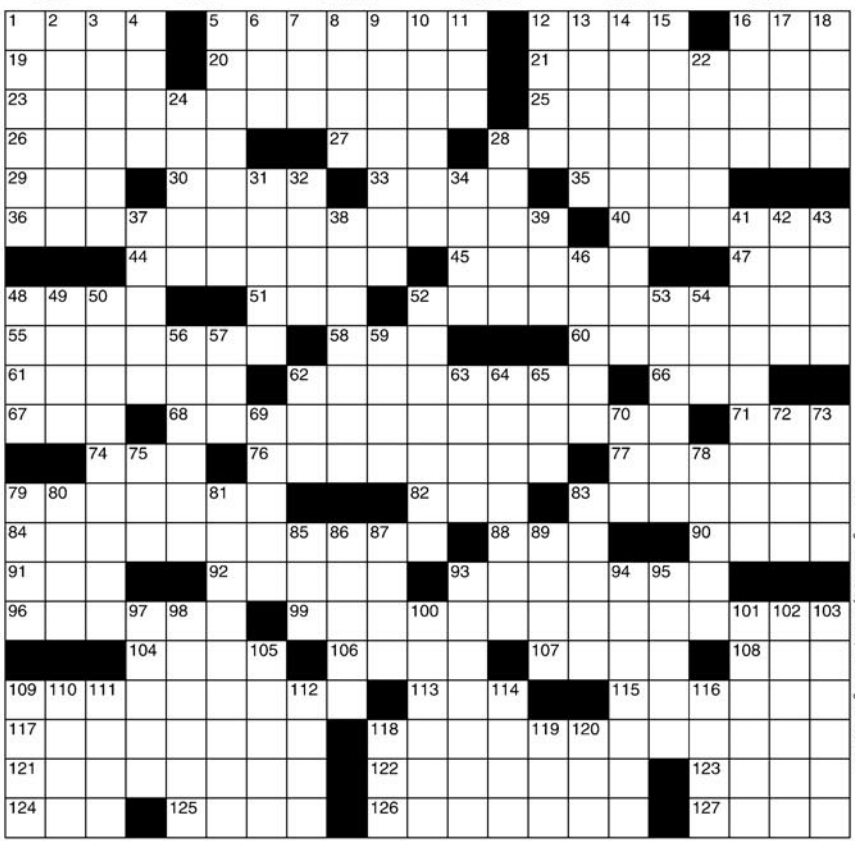
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Super Crossword

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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "When — your age ..."</p> <p>5 Having two systems</p> <p>12 One of the "Little Women"</p> <p>16 Angry crowd</p> <p>19 "99 Red Balloons" band</p> <p>20 Really foolish</p> <p>21 First digits dialed, often</p> <p>23 * President of Nicaragua</p> <p>25 Added yeast to, as bread</p> <p>26 San —, Buenos Aires</p> <p>27 Oklahoma tribe</p> <p>28 * Rock yielding element #28</p> <p>29 Riddle-me- —</p> <p>30 1/36 yard</p> <p>33 Jai —</p> <p>35 Head, to Fifi</p> <p>36 * Historical French area</p> <p>40 Way of being torn, thrilled or loved</p> <p>44 Put aside for future use</p> <p>45 Handed out</p> <p>47 Prefix with soul</p>	<p>48 With 8-Down, 1859 George Eliot novel</p> <p>51 Cal. neighbor</p> <p>52 * Crank-turned instrument</p> <p>55 Prioritizes, as patients</p> <p>58 Hosp. area</p> <p>60 TV antennas</p> <p>61 Bond film actress d'Abo</p> <p>62 Place for a welcome mat</p> <p>66 CPR giver</p> <p>67 Mil. officer</p> <p>68 * An off-Broadway theater is named for her</p> <p>71 Linden of TV</p> <p>74 Ice-T's music</p> <p>76 Plane fliers</p> <p>77 Viewpoint download</p> <p>79 Apple tablet</p> <p>82 A fifth of fifty</p> <p>83 Nuclear reactor part</p> <p>84 * Popular citrus fruit</p> <p>88 "I solved it!"</p> <p>90 Nile vipers</p> <p>91 China's Lao- —</p> <p>92 Fully enjoy</p> <p>93 1966-2013 bookstore chain</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Gandhi of India</p> <p>2 Ferret's kin</p> <p>3 Lennox and Potts</p> <p>4 Uttered</p> <p>5 "Nonsense!"</p> <p>6 Kin of "equi-"</p> <p>7 Old space station</p> <p>8 Hip about</p> <p>9 Related to food intake</p> <p>10 African land</p> <p>11 Meadowland</p> <p>12 Island east of Java</p> <p>13 Build</p> <p>14 Stovetop whistler</p> <p>15 Can't say no</p> <p>16 Part of MSG</p> <p>17 Polish river</p> <p>18 See</p> <p>19 48-Across</p> <p>22 Big name</p> <p>24 "Fanny" author Jong</p> <p>28 San Fran NFLer</p> <p>31 Tribal groups</p> <p>32 Gordie of hockey</p> <p>34 Verdi's title slave</p> <p>37 Makeup brand</p> <p>38 Pasta dish</p> <p>39 Head of corn</p> <p>41 Collects, as a harvest</p>	<p>83 Actress Edie</p> <p>85 Colorado NHLers, to fans</p> <p>86 Eminent</p> <p>87 Coll. seniors' tests</p> <p>89 Challenging</p> <p>93 "Never on Sunday" rule</p> <p>94 Person who is prospering</p> <p>95 Opposite of east, in Madrid</p> <p>97 Key next to a period</p> <p>98 Disinclined</p> <p>100 Dine away from home</p> <p>101 Throat part</p> <p>102 "Casino —" (Bond film)</p> <p>103 Not digital</p> <p>105 Roadside lodging</p> <p>109 "Dam it!"</p> <p>110 Rice-A- —</p> <p>111 Greek vowel</p> <p>112 Crimson and cherry</p> <p>114 Boxer Oscar — Hoya</p> <p>116 Roughly</p> <p>118 Std. for a nutritionist</p> <p>119 Deep groove</p> <p>120 Suffix with Siam</p>
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GIRLS: Princeville loses Harwood

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Reece Putrich led the Lady Farmers with 14 points.

Farmington lost its season-opener to Illini Bluffs 57-48 on Feb. 9.

"We were pretty nervous and it was our first game," Whitcomb said.

Jansen and Foster led with 13 apiece followed by Emma Vallas with 10.

Farmington's Tuesday game at Lewistown was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Lady Farmers will travel to play Brimfield today and then have a home game against Bushnell-Prairie City on Saturday.

Princeville

The Lady Princes (2-2) took control against An-

nawan last Tuesday, 67-41, as Caitlyn Thole led Princeville with 26 points followed by both Ashleigh Brawley and Destiny Harwood with 16 apiece.

Princeville suffered a close defeat against Stark County Friday, 43-39.

"We lost Destiny Harwood prior to the game due to a stress fracture," Coach John Gross said "That definitely hurt us."

The Lady Princes were to play Galva Tuesday at home.

"We have to win if we want a chance at the conference title," Coach Gross said.

Princeville will then travel to play Ridgewood

Friday and then faces Monmouth United Tuesday at home.

Elmwood

The Lady Trojans (0-2) suffered a close defeat to perennial power Lewistown on Saturday, 34-30.

"Going into the game, we knew that they had good shooters, so to limit them to 34 points was good," Coach Gregg Meyers said.

Elmwood was led by Mae Herman with 12 points.

The Lady Trojans lost their season opener to Illini Bluffs last Thursday, 49-32.

"It looked like a first game for us and fourth game for them," Meyers said. "We struggled shooting wise."

The Lady Trojans were led by Olivia Caldwell with 11.

Elmwood plays again today against Knoxville at home and then travels to Oneida to face ROWVA-Williamsfield Saturday at 5 p.m.

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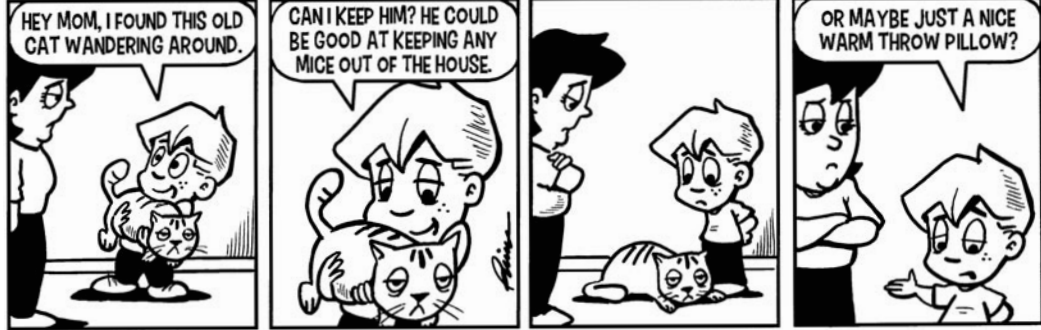
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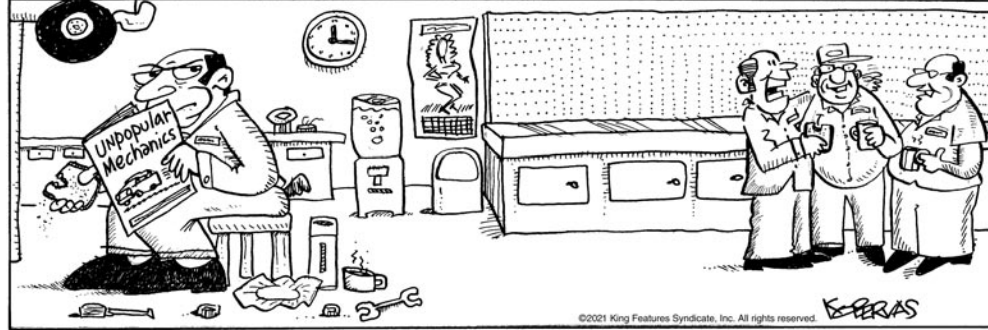
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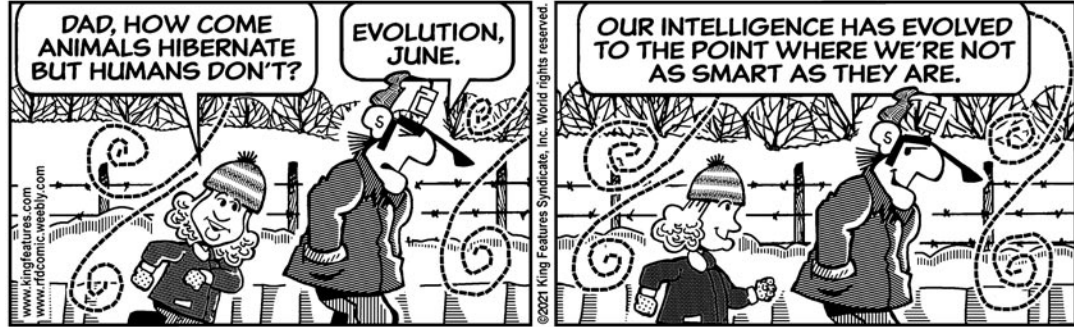
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

11. THEATER: Which city was the setting for the musical "Cabaret"?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "veritas vos liberabit" mean?
3. TELEVISION: What was the name of the pet "dog" on "The Flintstones"?
4. ASTRONOMY: What is a zenith in terms of our solar system's sun?
5. HISTORY: How many days were in an ancient Roman week?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of zebras called?
7. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novelist's last work was titled "The Mystery of Edwin Drood"?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which brand of pet food uses the slogan, "Tastes so good cats ask for it by name"?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's residents might be called "Nutmeggers"?
10. GEOGRAPHY: Which four countries are included in the United Kingdom?

Answers

1. Berlin, Germany
 2. The truth shall set you free
 3. Dino
 4. When the sun is directly overhead and objects cast no shadow
 5. Eight
 6. A dazzle or zeal
 7. Charles Dickens
 8. Meow Mix
 9. Connecticut
 10. England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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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4-H seeking students to be teen teachers

For over 100 years, the 4-H Youth Development program has helped young people gain leadership skills and provided hands-on education. These days, teenagers can play a vital role in extending these efforts as 4-H Teen Teachers.

4-H is currently recruiting high school-aged students in Fulton, Mason, Peoria and Tazewell Counties to join the adventure to develop leadership skills, meet new friends, build confidence, and make a difference. 4-H Teen Teachers will lead fun, hands-on activities for younger youth while gaining professional experience. Plus, it counts as community service hours and looks great on applications and resumé. Interactive, virtual training will take place on Zoom at the following times:

- Tuesday, March 9, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 16, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 20, 3-5 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 23, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 30, 4-5:30 p.m.

After completing training, Teen Teachers have opportunities to teach

others about nutrition, STEM, the environment and more. These activities will occur both virtually and in-person. Times and locations will vary, and teens can select those they are able to attend.

Visit extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/teens-teachers-program or complete an online application at go.illinois.edu/TeenTeach.

Youth-serving organizations interested in having 4-H Teen Teachers facilitate activities at their site can contact Emily Schoenfelder, 4-H youth development educator, at eschoe@illinois.edu.

College graduate

Sandra Salverson of Edwards graduated from Ohio University's College of Business last fall with a Master of Business Administration (executive management concentration).

College honorees

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

- Greta Inskip of Elmwood made the Dean's List at Elmhurst College.
- Caitlin Nester of Edwards has

made the Dean's List at Carthage College (3.5 gpa or better).

• Alyssa Headley (Soil and Crop Science) of Princeville earned the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin.

Et cetera

• Camp Big Sky received \$1,500 from Ameren Illinois to support its Life Skills program. Life Skills Education teaches practical skill sets to special education students from local school districts, enabling them to live more independently and more successfully transition into adulthood and their community upon completion of public education. For more information, visit www.campbigsky.org or contact: Amanda Atchley exec@campbigsky.org or (309) 258-6002.

• Congressman Darin LaHood (R-Illinois) will serve on the House Ways and Means Subcommittees on Trade and Select Revenue Measures for the 117th Congress. The Ways and Means Committee is the oldest committee of the United States Congress, and is the chief tax-writing committee in the House of Representatives.

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Prolific Marincic fuels Elmwood's fast start

By **JEFF LAMPE**

Weekly Post Staff Writer

Andrew Marincic keeps filling the basket for Elmwood's 4-0 boys basketball team.

A junior, Marincic has twice topped 30 points, averages 26.7 points and is hitting 52 percent of his 3-point attempts.

"He's one of the more talented offensive players we've had in quite a long time," Trojans Coach Josh Fugitt said. "His length and his explosiveness in transition is tough to stop."

Good thing, that, since the Trojans are still a work in progress on the defensive end.

Elmwood topped ROWVA-Williamsfield 45-34 last Tuesday, won at Stark County last Wednesday 64-62 and beat Illini Bluffs 58-53 on Friday.

Sometimes, Fugitt said, winning doesn't tell the whole story of how a team is playing on defense.

"We're not defending well, and in the very near future that's going to be exposed tenfold with the type of talented teams we're going to play," Fugitt said. "We're certainly playing our most challenging part of the schedule in the next two weeks."

While Elmwood's Tuesday game vs. Peoria Christian was called off due to weather, the Trojans still have four tough contests in a row starting with a road trip to Knoxville on Friday. After that Elmwood faces Farmington on Feb. 23, travels to Delavan Feb. 26 and then hosts Kewanee Wethersfield and all-state candidate Coltin Quagliano on Feb. 27.

Fugitt said senior Luke Hoffmann is doing a good job of picking up on defensive assignments and tendencies from scouting reports, but says he needs more of the same from the rest of the team. Hoffmann

is also second in scoring at 14.5 ppg.

Farmington

Energy has been there for the Farmers (1-2), says coach Jeff Otto, even if the wins were not against two solid opponents.

The Farmers lost to Macomb on Feb. 9 by a 48-32 score and then dropped a 57-53 contest to Peoria Quest last Friday.

"I'm impressed with how hard we've played," Otto said, "especially this season, when there's no post-season to play for."

Ball control was a problem against Quest, as the Farmers were in striking distance down the stretch but had several opportunities foiled by turnovers.

"It was a little up and down and kind of crazy at times," Otto said. "We've had so many turnovers that are just not characteristic of us."

Farmington followed the loss to Quest by beating Bushnell-Prairie City on Saturday, 64-44. Corbin Rutledge had 35 points in what amounted to three quarters of play.

"He's still just like everybody else, there's things fundamentally we can all get better at," Otto said.

The Farmers were to play Wednesday at Lewistown and Friday at Brimfield.

Princeville

The Princes (2-2) couldn't get shots to fall Saturday in a 12-point loss to Peoria Quest.

"Our first quarter we got up a decent amount and then the ball would not go in the basket the rest of the game," Coach Jeff Kratzer said. "We got some good looks and our execution was good, but we just couldn't make shots."

That included 3-point ace Joey Smith, who had just the opposite happen Friday in a 56-40 home win over Stark County.

Down 14-7 after one



Princeville senior Cole daily dribbles past Daniel Kieser last Friday in a 56-40 win over Stark County. Daily had 12 points in the win. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

quarter, the Princes outscored Stark County 26-7 in the second and then coasted to a win. Smith had five treys in that quarter to account for all his team-high 15 points. Cole Daily added 12 points.

"It was kind of like a practice session for him where he was wide open," Kratzer said. "And if he's wide open, he's going to make a lot of shots."

On Feb. 9 at Annawan, the Princes won, 52-40, in what Kratzer called "a grind-it-out game."

"We didn't play real well, but played good defense," Kratzer said.

Daily had 7 of his team-high 16 points in the fourth quarter and the Princes got plenty of points in the paint from post players Peyton Garcia (12 points) and Chase Williams (10 points).

Princeville's Tuesday game at Galva was postponed. The Princes face Ridgewood at home on Friday in a big Lincoln Trail Conference contest.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

The Cougars have faced a tough early schedule, with all three losses so far to unbeaten opponents

with a combined 12-0 record: Brimfield (2-0), United (6-0) and Elmwood (4-0).

As if that wasn't enough, R-W had to shut down its operation for a COVID situation following the Elmwood game and missed three games. One vs. Galva has been rescheduled for Feb. 24. Also called off were games at Ridgewood and home vs. North Fulton.

R-W's last game was a 45-34 loss at home to Elmwood, as the visiting Trojans took control late after leading just 29-28 at the end of three quarters.

Sophomore Graham Wight led R-W with 16 points and Carson Malek added 7.

"The Wight kid has been a nice surprise offensively, and it's a good thing or we wouldn't have much offense," Coach Bob Anderson said.

The Cougars bumped back a scheduled Tuesday game at West Central to Wednesday to allow for a day of practice after the COVID situation had ended.

"We've done nothing for the past week," Anderson said.

LAMPE: Missing lack of energy in the stands

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than having no clue.

My biggest issue with streaming is that seeing games in person is vastly superior, even if it requires listening to blockheaded fans gripe at the refs.

Actually, not having fans is the element most sorely lacking. Yes, loudmouths can take away from a game. But the atmosphere is so stale without fans, I'd rather put up with knuckleheads than hear every word of a coach's timeout speech. Turns out those rants are not as intriguing as I once believed, back when you couldn't hear them clearly.

As it stands with no fans, games remind me of C-SPAN covering a House of Representatives vote. The lack of energy in the stands seems to translate to less energy on the court.

Consider Friday's matchup between Farmington and Peoria Quest.

The last Farmington-Quest game I attended was a raucous affair. And this one had all the elements, including dunks by **Ty Anderson** and **Corbin Rutledge** that normally would have set **Tom Wierzba** Gym rocking. Without a crowd, it felt more like a summer league contest.

That said, there are good aspects to streaming.

- Coaches save on gas money while still being able to get scouting done.

- Cheerleaders are not drowned out by the crowd. Farmington's squad sounded very good Friday.

- You can catch up on your children's games. Farmington Coach **Jeff Otto's son Kaden** is a sophomore at Canton, whose varsity game Friday was at the same time as Farmington's. Instead of missing all the action, Otto saw a replay of his son scoring 11 in a win over Pekin.

- Having games available online allows me to "help" my youngest son see areas for improvement. When he doubts me, we can rewind each sequence, again, and again and again. I scared the boy Monday by telling him the school was also streaming junior high practices. That is not true, I hope.

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Under the original IHSA COVID-19 sports schedule released last fall, Monday would have been the first day of football practice. Imagine all the fun in the snow and sub-zero temperatures. Would Elmwood assistant **Brad Crisco** still have worn shorts? Would he have suffered frostbite. We'll never know. As it stands, football practice opens March 3 and frostbite could still be an issue.

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Streaming can't replace live action

Watching the NFL on television is great. Watching high school or grade school basketball on a TV or computer is not so good.

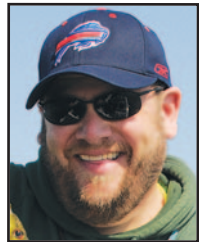
That's my assessment after a few days of squinting at games on a variety of streaming services.

One problem so far is trying to guess the score in games not shown on the NFHS Network. Or the time remaining. Or the identity of all these masked people running up and down the court. No question, the masks (and the long hair that covers any remaining facial features) make it tough to gauge who's who, given the lack of programs to provide insight while streaming.

Fortunately, some schools are getting creative. Lynn Shissler said that during Elmwood's game at Stark County, play-by-play announcer Jason Musselman did "a great job" bringing the contest to life. The gym was so quiet that even Trojans Coach Josh Fugitt could hear the call of the game from above.

"I told [assistant coach Brandon] Butler, that announcer is doing a really good job," Fugitt said.

Kudos. And kudos to the young lady in



Jeff LAMPE



Ty Anderson had one of two Farmington dunks Friday night in a loss to Peoria Quest. Corbin Rutledge had the other. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

Williamsfield who periodically announced the score of the boys game with Elmwood. I hope more schools will enlist announcers or make an effort to provide a score for us viewers at home. Seems that would be a good way to teach communication skills (just so the kids sign something saying they won't pursue a career in journalism).

The scorekeeping job is easier for schools that have a two-camera NFHS system in place. One camera focuses on action on the floor while the other reads the scoreboard and clock, then turns that information into the graphics you see on the viewing screen. Often, the score and time are off slightly, still it's much better

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Brimfield girls still unbeaten

By VICTOR LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

The Brimfield girls basketball team ran its record to a perfect 5-0 Saturday with a 60-45 win against Havana, another Prairie-land Conference contender.

"It was a very physical game, and in the first half it was neck and neck, but we managed to get off to a good start in the third quarter," Coach Maribeth Dura said.

Brimfield was victorious over Midwest Central Friday, 71-33. The Lady Indians were led by Haley Wallace with 20 points, Elynn Peterson with 12 and Ella Lune with 14.

Last Tuesday in a step up to against a larger school, the Lady Indians soundly beat Peoria Notre Dame, 68-41.

"That was probably our best game of the season so far," Dura said, "There really wasn't a bad moment in the game."

Lune led Brimfield with 29 points combined with 12 rebounds and Wallace with 22 points.

The Lady Indians were to play Canton Wednes-



Farmington senior Sydnee Barton blocks a shot in a Feb. 13 win against Macomb at home. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

day at home, then has Senior Night today (Feb. 18) at home vs. and a road game Saturday at South Fulton.

Farmington

The Lady Farmers (2-1) won big over Macomb Saturday, 61-37.

"We shared the ball well and played as a team," Coach Bradley Whitcomb said, "We have had three different games and three different top scorers. It goes to say that we could

have 6-7 different leading scorers every night."

Against Macomb, Delaney Foster led Farmington with 18 points and 6 treys followed by Riley Jansen with 14.

Farmington narrowly defeated Annawan last Thursday, 48-44.

"We shot a lot better than our first game and, defensively, the post players really stepped up," Whitcomb said.

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