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## SUPREME OVERALL CHAMPION



Shown is Purple Iris with owners Jamie and Randy Mullinix (and others) after being crowned Supreme Overall Breed Champion at the Cattlemen's Congress competition on Jan. 13 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

## Big blue ribbon for Purple Reign

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Weekly Post

**WEST JERSEY** – Randy and Jamie Mullinix, of rural West Jersey, have quite the Hereford heifer on their hands.

Born in May of 2019, the

heifer's official name is Purple Iris 145G-ET, says Randy. The ET stands for embryo transfer. "Iris" stands as a champion among champions and has recently been named such.

The Mullinixes took Iris to the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City on Jan. 13, where she was judged to be Grand Champion Hereford female and later named Supreme Overall Breed Champion.

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## Farmington will seek manager for building

By **BILL KNIGHT**

For The Weekly Post

**FARMINGTON** – Solid steps for a new City building on Fort Street requiring no tax hike were taken Monday, when the City Council OK'd Mayor Kent Kowal negotiating with Sam Lillie to buy three vacant lots on East Fort, and separately approving a request to D. Joseph Construction to be the construction manager for the project.

D. Joseph was one of several contractors that worked with Farmington to estimate costs for different ideas. N. Zobrist and Hoerr Construction also weighed in on options ranging from remodeling existing buildings to renovating the current facility.

A new building will cost between \$1.6 to \$2 million, according to Kowal, who said the City will use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and borrow additional funds needed to complete the long-delayed effort.

The vote to enter talks with Lil-

lie was suggested by Kowal and proposed by Alderman Nathan Fleming and seconded by Leslye Smith, with support from Aldermen Charles Rask and Joey Boggs. Aldermen Terry Dicks and Kenn Stufflebeam opposed the measure. The vote to ask D. Joseph to coordinate the project was unanimous.

The property acquisition depends on the lots' suitability, determined by a soil-compaction study, verification of lot lines, etc. If something prohibits the purchase, the City would consider a building on City property on West Fort across from the Post Office.

The construction manager approach was recommended by engineer Keith Plavec, vice president of Peoria's Maurer-Stutz, Inc. He addressed a Public Grounds and Building Committee session and the following regular Council meeting, outlining three approaches.

"If you want to move this project," Kowal said.

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## Good MAP testing news for Elmwood schools

By **JEFF LAMPE**

Weekly Post Staff Writer

**ELMWOOD** – The Elmwood School Board heard Monday that results from one standardized test given recently to Elmwood students showed "significant progress in many cases," according to Board President Dean Cantu.

Cantu said the trend on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests for Elmwood shows "tremendous growth and an upward trajectory." MAP tests are given to grades 1-8 to assess reading, language usage and math-

ematics knowledge and skills.

According to Elementary Principal Dimitri Almasi, second-graders this year went from the 60th percentile in the fall of kindergarten to the 89th percentile during testing in math. Almasi said third-graders have gone from the 40th percentile in the fall of first grade to the 76th percentile in reading.

"Every grade level is performing better than the national average in both reading and math," he said.

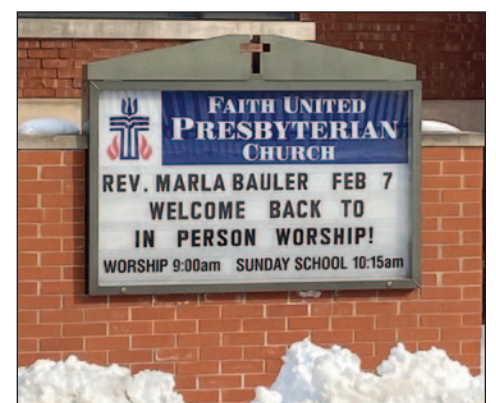
There are clear gains in junior high, as well, according to Principal Tony

McCoy. He said seventh-graders went from the 48th percentile during the winter of 2018 to the 67th percentile this year in math, while eighth-graders went from the 38th to the 68th percentile. McCoy also noted the class of 2021 had 74 percent of students scoring a "Meets or Exceeds" rating on the ELA section of the SAT, while 50 percent scored "Meets or Exceeds" in math. The state average for seniors was 61 percent in ELA and 41 percent in math.

Cantu praised teachers and adminis-

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# FARMINGTON: Topic discussed over 40 times

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ect along, I recommend hiring a construction manager," said Plavec, who agreed to continue advising the City.

Other choices were a design-bid-build option, and a design-build option with a general contractor.

"Each [option] has pro's and cons," Plavec said, adding that having "a company you work well with" will let the responsible manager help select subcontractors for HVAC, carpentry, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, etc.

The City administration and various City Councils have deliberated what to do about the deteriorating building they're in now since January of 2018, discussing the topic more than 40 times.

"We've talked it to death," said City Administrator Rollen Wright, recounting tours of the current complex, conducting a new asbestos inspection, considering new heating

and cooling, and other upgrades,

"The Council decided not to invest in the current building because of the expense," he added.

Kowal said for weeks the Council has been "focused on one of two [new] buildings," and he favors a two-story building downtown.

Dicks questioned rising prices of construction materials, and Plavec agreed that "costs are elevated right now [but] I think they'll come down."

Dicks also questioned the financial feasibility of a two-story structure, but Kowal said that design would conform to the historical district's look and also make available space to groups the City now supports as a public service, including the American Legion and Farmer's Closet.

In other news:

• Wright reported \$35,971. 57 in recent expenditures for TIF fees, the final payment for the sewer project,

and a residential grant, leaving a balance of \$554,951.03.

• Public Works Superintendent Dave Ehlers said he's looking at resurfacing three roads (Apple Street, 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue) at a total estimated cost of almost \$400,000, to be funded by TIF and Motor Fuel Tax funds, and said that Illinois American Water plans to install new water mains on parts of Bridge, Cedar, Mill and Pleasant Streets.

• The Council unanimously approved donating \$1,000 to the Farmington Central Academic Foundation, which since 1969 has awarded more than \$1 million to Farmington graduates.

• Nicolas Robbins was sworn in as a new full-time police officer on Feb. 16.

• Updating the City's website is underway, and officials' individual email addresses are now posted.

# Pritzker signs controversial crime bill into law

By RAYMON TRONCOSO

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker signed a criminal justice omnibus bill backed by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Monday, abolishing cash bail, overhauling police certification and reforming use-of-force standards among numerous other provisions.

Pritzker signed the legislation, House Bill 3653, referred to as the "Safe-T

Act," during an event at Chicago State University alongside members of his administration and lawmakers from the Black Caucus.

"This legislation marks a substantial step toward dismantling the systemic racism that plagues our communities, our state and our nation, and brings us closer to true safety, true fairness and true justice," Pritzker said.

While the legislation received grassroots support from activists, the bill faced strong opposition from Republican lawmakers and law enforcement groups. House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, called the signing "an insult to our first responders."

"We live in a civilized state where our elected officials' greatest responsibility is the health and safety of Illinois citizens... At a crucial time when we should coalesce around the good men and women of law enforcement, Governor Pritzker has turned his back on them with his signature on House Bill 3653," Durkin said in a

statement.

Opponents of the legislation say it will result in a less safe Illinois and have criticized the process behind its development as lacking in transparency without proper input.

Proponents say HB 3653 will make Illinois safer by making the justice system more equitable for black, Latino, low-income and minority communities that have been disproportionately harmed by disparate policies in sentencing, incarceration and policing. Members of the Black Caucus have countered claims against the bill's transparency by pointing to nine subject matter hearings held by the caucus in state Senate committees between September and November.

The actual legislation was introduced to the General Assembly during the five-day lame duck session in January. A final version of the bill was introduced after midnight on the final day of the lame-duck, where it received just enough votes to pass both chambers with less-than-an-hour of floor-debate.

As a result of the bill,

starting on Jan. 1, 2023, all bail bonds and conditions of bail will be replaced by a system of pretrial release to be developed by the Illinois courts based on a detainee's alleged crime, their risk of not appearing for their court date, and the threat or danger they may pose to an individual or community if released. Illinois is the first state to completely abolish cash bail by statute.

The bill also establishes the intent of the General Assembly to establish statewide use-of-force standards by 2022. It changes current standards by banning chokeholds and any actions that restrict breathing above the chest unless in a situation that authorizes deadly force.

The state will have more power over the certification and hiring of law enforcement at every agency through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, known as ILETSB.

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- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4 per class.
- **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.
- **Free Food** – Food for needy available in food pantry in the northeast corner of the grassy lot adjacent to St. Patrick's Church. Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul and Elmwood churches.

**The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast**

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**HEREFORD: Herd of 170 cows**

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pion. The Cattlemen's Congress replaced the famous National Western Stock Show, in Denver, Colo., that was in existence for over 100 years but was cancelled this year because of COVID-19.

The championships were quite a feat to accomplish because Iris was chosen from the champions of 22 breeds and nearly 10,000 entries from 43 states and four Canadian provinces, according to Jamie.

This isn't Iris' first championship, though. She has been Grand Champion Hereford female at every national show she has attended, which includes the Junior National Hereford Expo, in Kansas City, Mo., the American Royal Livestock Show, also in Kansas City, and the North American International Livestock Expo, in Louisville, Ky.

The Mullinixes have been in the cattle business since they were showing cattle as children in 4-H. From there, they met while attending Black Hawk East College, where they both served as livestock judges. The pair continued their education at Kansas State University, where they were involved in livestock competitions.

"From there we moved back here and started the Purple Reign Cattle Com-

pany, in 1999," Jamie explained.

Currently the Mullinixes have approximately 170 cows, with 50 being recipient cows. The recipient cows receive embryonic transfers, such as Iris, Randy said.

The Purple Reign company name comes from a combination of Kansas State's color of purple and reign from winning competitions. With each victory, value is added to the cows, especially with embryos being collected from the champions and transferred to the recipients.

Last year the Mullinixes won the Hereford category at the National Western Stock Show with Purple Shirley. Plus, the Mullinixes have had four or five reserve champions at the Denver competition. So, the tradition of producing championship cattle is becoming Purple Reign's signature calling card. Randy and Jamie sell cattle privately all year and also incorporate three internet sales annually.

"We've been fortunate over the years, we've had champions at Kansas City, Louisville, Denver and Fort Worth, pretty much at all the major events," Randy stated. "We're thankful to breed cattle for a living and are very fortunate to be competitive."

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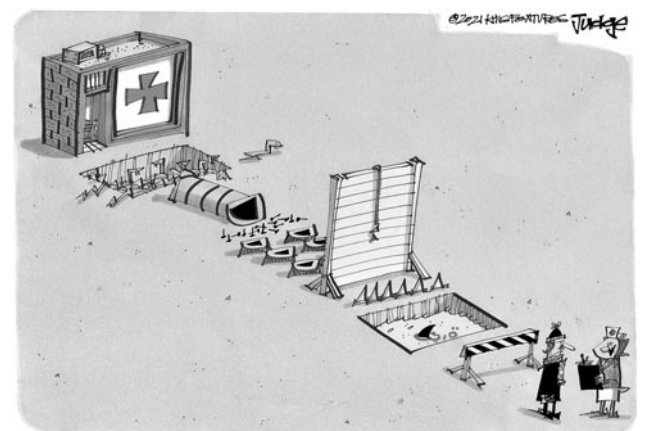
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## GUEST VOICES



# Of hatching a scheme to survive COVID-19

Day 21 of the latest Lampe incubation effort arrived Saturday, and there was not a single chick in the incubator. Just a bunch of eggs that looked the same as they had when they went into the comfy little styro-foam home.

It took some effort, but I stifled the slight sense of panic deep in my gut, since Day 21 is supposed to be when hatching starts. Fortunately, this was not my first effort to incubate eggs. Once upon a time, we hatched things regularly, once even baby snakes laid by our office mascot, Milky II (the mean one who bit everybody and ended the practice of snakes as pets).

Over the years I've learned hatching is as much art as science. Some chicks take longer to emerge. Some come out earlier than expected. Basically, whatever is least convenient is most

likely to happen.

Maybe that explains the malaise that set in the past few years, during which time we relied on Farm King for chicks. It's fun to go see the little birds in their red barn house and to pick out the strongest, cutest and most colorful birds.

But faced with COVID constraints, an ongoing puppy lockdown and a suddenly frigid winter, the incubator came out of storage. When there's nothing to do, it's wise to find something to do. Idle hands and all that.

Hatching chickens – and oak trees – has helped keep me sane, though it has still been a near thing of late.

Given that, it was very good that the chickens did start hatching – at about 3:30 a.m. on Day 22. At last count, we had 29 in the brooder, one sent off to rehab with critter-fixer **Lynne Breitbarth**, one who managed to kill itself in the incubator and 10 eggs that look like they might be duds.

As these words are being typed, more chicks could be hatching. I must force myself not to rush home to check on the progress. No matter what happens, this hatch was a success, particularly compared to some past efforts.

I remember one young teacher asked to hatch birds a few years back. We supplied eggs and incubator. She supplied endless curiosity. Near as I can tell, she opened the incubator every few hours and candled the eggs almost as frequently.

"I see little birds inside, but none of them are hatching," she said, baffled as to why only one gimpy chick had emerged when we pulled the plug. We named that chick "Miracle" since it survived the repeated loss of heat and humidity and overhandling. Leaving eggs alone and leaving the incubator closed is the key – so says every egg expert out there.

Even so, during the last three days of incubation – the so-called lockdown period – I move birds into the brooder box. The chaos that ensues with 10 chicks scrambling over eggs and other chicks inside the incubator is more than I can stand.

Plus, what really appeals to the

inner kid in me is handling the downy little chicks at their cutest and most innocent. Chickens do not get kinder or cuter as they get older. Just tastier.


We will give the chicks away to good homes in the next few days. Call if you want a few, since people often back out when they stop to think about how much work chickens involve – and how bad they smell.

Work is fine by me, which is why we're not done hatching up ways to stay sane. Next on the list are mallard ducks, then maybe pheasants or quail. Hearing a "peep" is my latest cure for the COVID blues.

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Yes, yes, I was supposed to leave this space for others while I focused on sports. But a kind call from a reader who said they actually miss my column made me change to Plan B: Focus mostly on sports with an occasional scattershot in this space. ... Speaking of kindness, it's been gratifying to see all the tributes directed toward **Bill Knight**, one of the most prolific journalists I've had the pleasure of working with. Heck, Bill even came out of a five-day retirement to write "one last story" since Farmington finally made a decision on its city building. That's the sign of a true pro. ... Parting shot: Thanks also to the reader who saw our ad featuring Knight last week and said, "Congratulations on your retirement, but why are you holding a picture of **Greg Allman** in the ad?"

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**GUEST VOICES**



**Letting go now that you're gone**

After Collin Peterson, the former chairman of the House Ag Committee, lost his November 2020 reelection bid to Republican challenger Michelle Fischbach, the 15-term congressman packed 194 boxes with office material and Capitol Hill memories and returned to his native Minnesota.

The memorabilia included stacks of paper, piles of walnut plaques, one well-used office desk, and an impressively large elk head mount.

Peterson also brought home a couple of chips on his shoulder.

In a recent long and reflective interview with Duluth News Tribune, the 76-year-old veteran of Farm Bill battles related that he had counseled

his Democratic successor, David Scott of suburban Atlanta, not to expand the Ag Committee from its longstanding 47 members to a bigger, more unruly 53 members.

After Peterson's departure, however, Davis did just that – mostly to accommodate Fischbach, Peterson believes.

Whatever the reason, Davis opened a can of worms Peterson says he spent 10 years keeping a tight lid on. It's political math, explained the one-time accountant to News Tribune readers.

During his 40 years in politics and 30 years in Congress, Peterson watched as rural Democratic district after district – some that had sent powerhouses like Tom Daschle, Dan Glickman, Tom Harkin, and Tom Foley to the Ag Committee – go Republican. So much so that today, relates Peterson, almost every rural district across the U.S. is Republican.

That means Peterson had an increasingly tough time finding enough rural Dems to fill his party's share of the 47-member Ag Committee. Now, however, with 53 total members, there are, in fact, too many Dem seats for Chairman Scott to fill and at least two majority Ag seats remain empty.

Scott's committee expansion, explains Peterson, creates two other problems. First, it gives bona fide rural Republicans more credibility to challenge the now more-urban, majority Democrats on farm programs. "This is bad," he told the News Tribune, "I was able to hold things together, keep things bipartisan. But I'm worried about what's going to happen."

Bipartisan, Peterson's progressive critics might say, in that he was able to deflect every attempt by fellow Dems to limit farm program payments to, ironically, the utter delight

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**Alan GUEBERT**

**Weather interesting, humbling even if not epic**

Weather is interesting enough on its own for The Weather Channel to dispense with its constant use of hyperbole which either draws a chuckle – can every storm be "epic"? – or causes me to filter out those words like ambient noise. Yet I think most would agree the use of "historic" in regard to the recent weather in Texas would be accurate.

It is not, however, without precedent. In his book, "The Children's Blizzard," David Laskin writes of a January 1888 winter storm that descended on the Dakota Territory, Nebraska and Minnesota so quickly and with such intensity, that over 100 school children perished as they got caught in gale-force blinding snow and bitter-cold temperatures while trying to get home.

Warnings came too late, in part because meteorology was in its infancy and in part because of the bureaucracy of the Army Signal Corps which was responsible for predicting the weather at that time.

In the prologue, Laskin says, "Even in a region known for abrupt and radical meteorological change, the Blizzard of 1888 was unprecedented in its violence and suddenness. There was no atmospheric herald. One moment it was mild, the sun was shining ... the next moment frozen hell had broken loose. The air was so thick with fine-ground, wind-lashed ice crystals that people could not breathe. The ice dust webbed their eyelashes and sealed their eyes shut. It sifted into the loose weave of their [clothes] until their skin was packed in snow. Farmers who had spent a decade walking the same worn paths became disoriented in seconds."

The book follows several families, immigrants and pioneers, who were used to toughing out extreme weather while eking out a living in the plains. The story is full of both heartbreaking losses and amazing escapes from certain death.

Though the book's focus is on the Plains states, this storm reached a chilly hand into Texas and Louisiana. The warnings came late there, too, or not at all, according to the book.

"The temperature in Galveston plunged from 62 degrees to 29 in a matter of hours." In Corpus Christi,

the temperature went from 55 to 16.

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"Ice an inch thick covered trees, houses, and fences ... for the first time since white settlement, the Colorado River in Texas froze over with ice a foot thick."

This happened in Brownsville, mere miles from the southern-most tip of Texas.

Perhaps one of the reasons we are so fascinated with weather is it is a powerful force, something out of our control. The warm southern breezes of the morning that made walking to school pleasant, especially without the burden of heavy winter clothing, shifted into a combination of meteorological events that produced a deadly storm of devastating consequences on Jan. 12, 1888. One could even call it "epic."

Storms like these make me grateful for the blessings of a warm home, clean water, a hot shower, food in the fridge – and yes, the Weather Channel. They also remind me that they can sweep these things away in a matter of minutes leaving entire communities without resources.

Call them "epic" if you will. I call them humbling.



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## Brimfield school board OK's Elmwood coop

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The sports cooperative agreement with Elmwood took up nearly 30 minutes of discussion at a Feb. 17 school board meeting before the board approved extending the agreement through the 2022-23 school year.

The board discussed financial costs of adding activities in case the coop dissolved and noted there are already questions about state funding and extra COVID-19 costs.

Sports included in the coop are football, cross-country, track, football cheerleading, softball and baseball. The board heard that Brimfield doesn't have the ability to start its own football program, which was estimated to cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

The two-year extension will be revisited next year to see what to do with baseball and softball.

School Superintendent Tony Shinall in his report thanked the princi-

pals and athletic directors for preparing for the now resumed sports activities.

Shinall said Brimfield will "opt-in" to a pilot program named Safe2Help Illinois that commences March 1. The program is designed to provide a confidential system for students to report issues they "know or fear" will be happening in the school community.

Shinall said local school districts have begun discussing what end-of-year activities will, or could, look like in regards to prom and graduation. He said "prom may not happen." Graduation is currently in the planning stage. He said there could be an outdoor ceremony or an indoor option using the district's camera system.

High school Principal Billy Robison said Homecoming week is in full force, plus FFA week is Feb. 22-26. Robison congratulated Haley Wallace for winning the Lincoln Senior Scholar award by receiving

multiple staff nominations. Also, eighth-grade visits occurred Feb. 23, during which students of the Class of 2025 discussed course selection options. Freshmen orientation will be planned, with COVID restrictions applicable.

A letter from Grade School Principal Julie Albritton was read and, according to the nurse's message, COVID numbers have increased slightly in the past two weeks.

Also, grade school graduation is scheduled for May 20 at 7 p.m.

In other action, the board approved:

- Gorenz and Associates for the fiscal year audit;
- The 2021-22 school calendar;
- The retirement of grade school special education teacher Melissa McCauley;
- The resignation of Terri Reeves as high school custodian and hiring Nathan Porter to fill that position;
- Hiring Kevin Faulkner as 8th grade girls basketball coach.

## GUEBERT: 'Agenda to change agriculture'

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of his Republican committee foes.

But it was less about committee politics and more about political philosophy, he now says. "You're picking winners and losers for no good policy reason, other than size."

Exactly, Peterson critics often replied; government shouldn't shower big benefits on Big Ag that it then uses to become even bigger.

New Chairman Scott made one other move that irritates his predecessor: He added "one of the most liberal members of Congress" to the committee, Rep. Ro Khanna, who, Peterson explains, "has been agitating me for the last two terms to get on the committee because he has an agenda to change agriculture and get rid of what we have."

Well, maybe not "get rid of" but at least reform parts of "what we have." Last May, Khanna offered legislation echoing Sen. Cory Booker's efforts to reshape the Packers & Stockyards Act to pare meatpacker influence in U.S. livestock and poultry markets.

Peterson, however, sees the California congressman very differently. Khanna, he explains, shouldn't even be in ag policy because he represents the high tech Silicon Valley and "not one inch of his district has anything but concrete on it."

Maybe so, but Khanna, a Phi Beta Kappa scholar in economics from the University of Chicago and a Yale Law School graduate, is what U.S. agriculture and Congress might need to meet the challenges of today's new farm and food environment – climate

change, market resiliency, alternative energy, pending water shortages, and increasingly powerful food buyers here and abroad.

If anything, the clear difference between old bulls like Peterson and rising roosters like Khanna is the difference to where a farm-centered ag policy often went and where a food-centered ag policy needs to go.

House Ag Chairman Scott has signaled his willingness to sort through those differences. Meanwhile, in Minnesota, Peterson will sort through his memories.

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### Police reports

• **ELMWOOD** – An Elmwood woman has decided to press charges against her former live-in boyfriend for taking her car without permission on Feb. 19, according to an Elmwood police report. The woman claimed he possibly took the car to go to Peoria to purchase illegal drugs. She also said he had no valid driver's license.

• **ELMWOOD** – A woman called emergency services on Feb 19 when a man who she was taking to a movie failed to meet her outside his Elmwood residence, according to an Elmwood police report. A BYE medical team with an assist by Elmwood police found the intoxicated man "between the bathroom toilet and a cabinet" where he had fallen. With low vital signs, he was transported to OSF St. Francis Hospital.

• **ELMWOOD** – Bryer S. Stage, 20, of Elmwood was charged on

Feb. 18 with a failure to appear in court.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Matthew E. Alwan, 23, of Princeville was charged on Feb. 19 with DUI alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol, and improper lane usage.

### Marriage licenses

• Audrey Rachel Campbell of East Peoria and Corey Carl Campbell of Princeville.

• Morgan Carole Weaver and Ian Robert Jones, both of Trivoli.

## State expanding vaccine eligibility today

By **TIM KIRSININKAS**

Capitol News Illinois

**SPRINGFIELD** – Gov. JB Pritzker said Monday that the state will move ahead with plans to expand vaccine eligibility under Phase 1B of its vaccination plan later this week.

A total of 73,181 COVID-19 vaccinations were administered statewide combined Saturday and Sunday. The state has administered over 2.2 million doses to date, with 4.4 percent of the state's population being fully vaccinated.

In an unrelated Monday news conference, Pritzker said the Thursday eligibility expansion will include individuals aged 16 and older who have comorbidities, disabilities and underlying conditions. Residents will not be required to provide proof of an underlying condition in order to receive a vaccine, he said.

"We're not making people walk in with papers from their doctor to prove that they have diabetes or to prove that they have cancer,"

Pritzker said. "We are relying on the honor system."

Residents currently eligible for a vaccine under Phase 1B include people aged 65 and older and front-line essential workers.

The state's seven-day rolling average for administered vaccinations stood at 55,499 Monday. The average vaccination rate has dropped over the past week as the state saw inclement weather and shifted focus to administering second doses to those who have already received their first.

"We saw a small delay last week because of weather nationally in the delivery of vaccines," Pritzker said Monday. "But now [health departments] are seeing many more second doses being delivered to them than they've seen before."

As of Monday, Illinois ranked 19th in per capita vaccine distribution with 14 percent of the state's population having received at least one dose, according to data from The New York Times. The state had previously ranked as low as 47th

nationally in late January. Roughly 4.5 percent of the population has received two doses.

Pritzker said the initial lag in vaccinations was due to a decision to stay in Phase 1A longer than other states.

"We wanted to make sure in Phase 1A that health care workers were covered completely," he said. Pritzker said he expects the state will receive up to 500,000 vaccine doses from the federal government this week, an increase from the nearly 300,000 per week the state has received in weeks past.

Additionally, a new single-dose vaccine from Johnson & Johnson could be granted authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in a Friday hearing. If approved, the new vaccine could make millions more doses available to states in the coming weeks.

More than 850 vaccination sites are currently open across the state, with more expected to come online in the coming weeks as the state builds vaccination capacity.

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## Elmwood council OK's MFT bid

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The City Council approved a Motor Fuel Tax sealcoating bid during an abbreviated meeting on Feb. 16.

The council approved a bid from Porter Brothers of \$123,624 to resurface several Elmwood streets. Elmwood has approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation to utilize \$163,900 that came as part of the Lilac Street detour project last year. That money was paid to Elmwood for the use of Lilac Street as a detour route when the state replaced the Illinois Route 78 bridge over Kickapoo

Creek.

The streets involved are Lilac, Jarman, Cypress, Palm, Laurel, South, Knox, Mound, Westfield, Sharon, Walnut, Morgan, Peoria, Locust, Quality Hill, Lynn, Hawthorne and Elm.

The council also approved a \$500 donation to the Summer Reading 2021 program at Morrison & Mary Wiley Library. This year's summer reading theme is "Reading Colors Your World." In 2020, the library raised \$2,315 in addition to items used as prizes to the readers. Money raised is used for prize baskets and paid programming.

## TESTING: Brimfield coops OK'd

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trators for the general improvement of scores in the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests, particularly in light of problems posed by COVID-19.

COVID considerations were also a topic during a recent building committee meeting, according to board member Mark Davis. He reported that due to state mandates, the school is currently taking in more outside air – up to 50 percent compared to the usual 30 percent. That has led to an increase in utility costs, Davis said.

Davis said the building committee also discussed possible summer projects that will be revisited during a June meeting and he noted there have been "small issues" addressed in the HVAC systems.

The board unanimously approved continuing its athletic cooperative agreement with Brimfield after some discussion prompted by board member Rick LeHew, who posed a two-part question.

"Are we happy with the coops and could we field teams on our own?" LeHew asked administrators.

McCoy termed the coops "awesome" while Superintendent Chad Wagner pointed to expected enrollment declines next year and said, "I'd be pretty concerned about our ability to field a team."

Elmwood and Brimfield coop in football, baseball, softball, cross country, football cheerleading and track and field.

In other action, the board heard that fifth-grade teacher Laura Stewart will take the seventh-grade English position currently filled by Chuck Vermilion, who is retiring. Wagner said Stewart's fifth-grade position will be posted.

Almasi said staff have done a good job providing live streaming of high school and junior high basketball games.

The board adjourned after 15 minutes to go into closed session, but Cantu said there would be no action.

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**Thank You**  
The family of Gerald Haist would like to thank family and friends for the visits to the house, phone calls, cards, flowers, donations made and memorials sent to the services.  
Thank you to everyone who came to the services.  
A special thank you to great granddaughter J'Lynn Haist for staying with Carolyn Haist.

**Richard LaFollette**  
WILLIAMSFIELD – Richard "Diesel Dick" LaFollette passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021.

Richard led quite an impressive life with lots of fun adventures from start to finish. When he was 18, he ran away to get married with no money and no clue how to get out of the state. He raced cars and motorcycles on race tracks and country roads. He was a fantastic driver and all-around great operator of any machine. His grandson, Ben didn't inherit that skill, it's a story involving Grandpa's snowmobile and a birdbath.



LaFollette

One of the things he was most proud of was being an Operating Engineer for Local 649, their "Blade-man," working on many projects including the Peoria Civic Center.

When not watching baseball, football, Dr. Phil or NASCAR (he loved Richard Petty), you could find him driving around his beloved Billtown, smiling and waving and maybe causing a little trouble along the way. Every now and then you could catch him at the Par-A-Dice Casino playing the poker machines and having some crab legs.

He was very "into" rules and would sometimes let people know when they weren't following them. So much so that at one point, he man-

aged to get four meals for \$4 at Steak n Shake (if only they had known how to word their board correctly which was changed after he left the drive-thru!)

Although he seemed tough, he would cry at a sad story or just because he felt things so deeply.

We are sure that everyone in town can thank Dick for some type of lesson or experience and also for all the golf balls on the roof of the school.

Richard Edwin LaFollette was born in rural Knox County on May 14, 1941, the son of Clarence and Hazel (Plum) LaFollette. He married Florann Johnson and Janet Crouch and later divorced.

Survivors include his girlfriend and companion, Sue Damitz of Williamsfield, Chad (Cassie) Bell of Pekin, a daughter, Denise (Keith) Fishel of Williamsfield; grandchildren, Lacy (Derick) Dykeman of Williamsfield and Benjamin Fishel of Peoria; and great grandchildren, Oliver "Bubba" Dykeman and Morton Dykeman. He was preceded in death by Billy Damitz, his parents and his brothers, William C. and Carl LaFollette.

Private graveside services were to be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Williamsfield Cemetery. A celebration befitting of everything that Richard deserves in a Celebration of Life will be held at later date.

Richard loved sitting at the park and would love the idea of memorials being directed to the Williamsfield Parks Association.

Rux Funeral Home in Williamsfield is in charge of arrangements.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at [www.ruxfuneralhome.com](http://www.ruxfuneralhome.com).

**Paul J. Newell**

YATES CITY – Paul J Newell, age 89, of Yates City, Ill., died at 3:20 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on June 30, 1931, in Chillicothe, Ill., the son of John H. and Blanche A. (Beaumont) Newell. He attended Senachwine Country School in rural Chillicothe. He married Mary C. Stoecker on June 18, 1955, in Chillicothe.

Surviving is his wife Mary Newell of Yates City; 3 sons: Randel (Leah) Newell, Roger (Julie) Newell, and Ronald (Debbie) Newell all of Williamsfield, Ill.; 1 daughter: Marsha (Doug) Strom of Dahinda, Ill.; 9 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, three sisters, one daughter-in-law and one grandson.



Newell

He served his country in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955, serving in Germany for 13 months. Paul was of Methodist faith. Paul began his farming career with his wife, Mary, on a grain and livestock farm south of Williamsfield where he raised his family and continued to farm with a hard work ethic for over 50 years. He loved caring for his

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**CryptoQuote**  
answer  
Solitude either develops the mental power or renders men dull and vicious. — Victor Hugo

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
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## OBITUARIES

livestock and took great pride in his precisely planted straight rows long before GPS was invented. Paul farmed with his sons until his retirement and was so proud that all of his children and grandchildren are involved in agriculture. He loved his family very much and will be deeply missed by all of them.

Graveside services were Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, at the Williamsfield Cemetery in Williamsfield. Pastor Teri Shane officiated.

Memorials may be made to the Williamsfield FFA Alumni & Friends and Williamsfield United Methodist Church.

Online condolences and/or expressions of sympathy may be sent through [www.hurd-hendricksfuneral-home.com](http://www.hurd-hendricksfuneral-home.com).

### Adam J. Ellison

FARMINGTON – Adam J. Ellison, 24, of Spring Bay, formerly of Washington and brother of a Farmington woman, died Feb. 14, 2021, at his residence.

He was born on March 5, 1996, in Peoria to Scott E. and Jennifer (Dinkins) Ellison.

Surviving are his son, Lucas Ellison at home; Lucas' mother, Samantha Schoon of Spring Bay; parents, Jennifer (Matthew) Ritterbusch of Peoria, Scott (Stacey) Ellison of Lacon and Shane (Michelle) Hendrickson of Eureka; sisters, Ellise Anderson of Farmington, and Emelia Ritterbusch of Peoria; and his grandparents.

A celebration of life will be held at

a later date.

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

### John A. Hilliard Sr.

FARMINGTON – John “Frog” “Ol’Man” Allen Hilliard Sr., 59, of Farmington died Feb. 18, 2021, in Morton.

He was born June 14, 1961, in Peoria to John Stokes and Jean Kay Ronk Hilliard. His parents and brother, Ronnie Hilliard, preceded him in death.

He married Christine Ray; she survives. He is also survived by his son, John (fiancée, Kelsi) Hilliard Jr.; daughter, Misty (Andrew) Formhals; and three grandchildren: Scarlett, Savannah and Everest.

Cremation was accorded and a memorial service was Feb. 23, 2021, at Brunswick Community Church in Trivoli.

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

### Marilyn Owen

EDWARDS – Marilyn Owen, 93, of Tremont, formerly of Peoria and mother of an Edwards woman, died with her family by her side on Feb. 18, 2021, at her home.

She was born June 8, 1927, in Tremont. She married William H. Owen on April 24, 1948, in Tremont, and he passed away on Oct. 5, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Becky (Bill) Porritt of Tremont and Sally (Dave) Maloof of Edwards; six grandchildren, Luke (Debbi) Porritt, Nathan (Bethany) Porritt, Alissa

(Dan) Hawkinson, Kara (Matt) Loomis, Joel (Lance Wahl) Maloof, Zachary (Alexis) Maloof; 19 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Carol Stuber of Tremont.

Her funeral was Feb. 22, 2021, at Northfield Christian Fellowship in Tremont. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Tremont.

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

### Vincent A. Sapinski

EDWARDS – Vincent A. Sapinski, 73, of Edwards, died at his home with his family at his side on Friday, Feb. 19, 2021.

Vincent was born on April 15, 1947. He married Paula Finks on Dec. 27, 1974, in Rock Island.

Survivors include his wife, Paula, three daughters; Dawn Kocher of Dahinda; Dana Goodmiller of Bettendorf, Iowa, Erica (Ryan) Knox of Edwards; one son Aaron (Chrissy) Sapinski of Edwards; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Vince was a member of the Peoria Skeet & Trap Club, the Amateur Trap Shooting Association, the Elmwood Trap Club and Ducks Unlimited for many years.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 at St. Mary's in Kickapoo. Visitation will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to mass. A private family internment will follow at Resurrection Mausoleum in Peoria.

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The expo is free and open to the public. Job seekers can network with businesses and organizations, explore career fields and learn about Sandburg's programs of study. Learn more at [www.sandburg.edu/career-expo](http://www.sandburg.edu/career-expo).

Masks will be required for all attendees and social distancing will be strictly enforced.

### College honorees

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

- At Augustana College in Rock Island, these students were named to the Dean's List (3.5 gpa or better): **Justin Anderson** of Elmwood (Elementary Education), **Karsyn Bennett** of Williamsfield (Neuroscience), **Erica Gamboe** of Edwards (Biology), **Cassandra Karn** of Brimfield (English), **Alexa Perrow** of Brimfield (Geology), **Madalyn Snyder** of Farmington (Undecided).
- At Missouri University of Science and Technology, these students were named to the Dean's List (3.2 gpa or better): **Dale Crosman** of Edwards (mechanical engineering), **Micah**

**Driesner** (engineering), **Bradley Grothaus** (mechanical engineering).

- **Abbey Pepper** of Elmwood has been named to the Southeast Missouri State University President's List (4.0 gpa) for academic achievement during the fall 2020 semester.
- **Alex Feller** of Hanna City was named to the Dean's List at the University of Iowa for the fall semester.
- **Michael Adlington** of Brimfield was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Marquette University (Mechanical Engineering).

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## Super Crossword

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**ACROSS**

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10 Floats gently  
15 Livens (up)  
19 Optic layers  
20 Female adult  
21 Accustom  
22 Roman 951  
23 Sweet capscicum variety  
25 Bacon piece  
26 Give kudos  
27 Queen, in Spanish  
28 Mickey & Sylvia hit of 1957  
31 Don —  
32 Suddenly become alert  
35 Tetley pouch  
36 Extremely scarce  
41 President pro —  
43 Brainy bunch  
44 Bit of Vail gear  
45 The "sum" of "Cogito, ergo sum"  
46 Bona —  
47 Christmas poem opener  
49 Sinister powers  
54 Wooded with tunes

58 Comic blows  
59 Fragrant  
60 Best Actress nominee for "Breaking the Waves"  
63 Turn aside  
64 Category  
65 Hit, as a grnat  
66 Place  
67 Lure for fish  
71 Deodorant target  
74 Song from "Oklahoma!"  
77 How fast a plane is flying  
80 Govt. agent  
81 Comic Gilda  
82 Deep pessimism  
84 Installed, as brick  
86 Actor Ladd  
87 Soft throw  
88 Chum  
89 Lhasa — (small dogs)  
94 Visibly angry  
95 Highly venomous cephalopod

101 Filled the fuel tank, with "up"  
103 User of four-letter words  
104 "— Smile Be Your Umbrella"

**DOWN**

1 Central area  
2 Make hackneyed  
3 Brush up on  
4 City near Monterey  
5 Fox Sports alternative  
6 High, rugged peak

7 Drake's music  
8 University in Nassau County  
9 Mechanical way to learn  
10 Prudent  
11 Part of ABM  
12 Animal coats  
13 French for "sad"  
14 Days of the week, e.g.  
15 Campus workstation locale  
16 Tending to radiate something  
17 Provided juice for?  
18 Pro or con  
19 Give relief to  
29 Composer Carl Maria — Weber  
30 Cheer shout  
31 Printer clog  
33 Org. in "The Martian"  
34 With 53-Down, requests  
37 Broken-down  
38 Knights, e.g.  
39 Tic-toe link  
40 Retired professors  
42 Defrost  
46 Was achy or regretful

48 "Holy cow!"  
49 Hoof or paw  
50 Totally dominate  
51 Good craps roll  
52 Keats work  
53 See 34-Down  
54 Place  
55 Novelist Tan  
56 Small bite  
57 Comedic actor Jackie H.S. junior's exam  
61 It has fluttery leaves  
62 Twirl, as one's thumbs  
63 Naturalist Fossey  
66 Con game  
68 "Anthem" writer Rand  
69 Suffix with hero  
70 The Raptors, on NBA schedules  
72 Engine stat  
73 "— culpa"  
74 "I think," in texts  
75 Half of hexa-  
76 Anwar of Egypt  
77 Culture base  
78 In a criminal way  
79 Book full of street maps

80 Desert in Mongolia  
83 Palme —  
84 Sonny boys  
85 Balm plant  
88 Most cheeky  
90 Maintains order over  
91 Prisms' color bands  
92 Was a better peddler than  
93 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs  
95 Youth org. with troops  
96 Delaware Valley tribe  
97 Cows' milk deliverers  
98 Pvt. s superior  
99 False appearances  
100 Street — (urban acceptance)  
102 Cut off stubble  
105 An inert gas  
106 Certain dwarf planet  
107 Clock info  
108 Gym litter's units  
110 Tomato variety  
114 Water, in Nantes  
115 Give relief to  
116 Irish actor Stephen

## Madigan out as top Democrat

By Capitol News Illinois Reporters  
SPRINGFIELD —

Former Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan announced Monday that he is resigning as chairman of the state Democratic Party, a post he has held since 1998.

The announcement came just days after Madigan resigned his seat in the House after a 50-year career in the General Assembly.

Madigan, 78, resigned his House seat Thursday, a month after he failed to win another term as speaker. He had served as the top officer in the House for all but two years since 1983.

Madigan handpicked his successor on Sunday, when he voted to fill the House seat he resigned with Edward Guerra Kodatt, a 26-year-old employee of Madigan's 13th ward organization.

• **Bailey running** — Illinois Sen. Darren Bailey, who gained notoriety for challenging Gov. JB Pritzker's COVID-19 executive orders last year, announced Monday that he will seek the Republican nomination for governor in 2022.

Bailey, a downstate Republican from Xenia, has cast himself as an outsider candidate who would stand up to who he referred to as "political elites."

• **COVID totals** — Hospitalizations and positivity rates for COVID-19 in Illinois continued on a steady decline Tuesday, decreasing for the 13th straight week.

As of Monday night, the state reported 1,488 individuals were in the hospital with COVID-19.

Meanwhile, the state has fully vaccinated roughly 4.6 percent of its population, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. A database compiled by the New York Times showed Illinois was last of the 50 states in percent of population that has received two doses as of Monday. It stands in 22nd for percent of population to have received at least one dose.

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# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



# R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

- GAMES: Which chess piece can only move diagonally?
- U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Nevada?
- LANGUAGE: What is a lexicon?
- HISTORY: What was the first sport played on the moon?
- LITERATURE: In his will, what gift did Albus Dumbledore give to Ron Weasley in the Harry Potter book series?
- MOVIES: What was the first Disney song to win an Academy Award for best original movie song?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Bermuda?
- INVENTIONS: Who first invented a successful vaccine for rabies?
- ASTRONOMY: Which two planets in our solar system do not have moons?
- MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MDCCCXII?

**Answers**

- The bishop
  - Carson City
  - A dictionary
  - Golf
  - A deluminator, which takes away or restores light sources
  - "When You Wish Upon a Star"
  - Hamilton
  - Louis Pasteur
  - Venus and Mercury
  - 1812
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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.

LNUVJBAY YVJQYE AYWYUNGL  
JQY TYFJZU GMYE NE  
EYFAYEL TYF ABUU ZFA  
WVRVNB. — WVRJNE QBON

## TOP 10 VIDEOS ON DEMAND

- The Croods: A New Age (PG)
- Judas and the Black Messiah (R)
- The Little Things (R)
- Wonder Woman 1984 (PG-13)
- The Marksman (PG-13)
- Land (PG-13)
- Monster Hunter (PG-13)
- News of the World (PG-13)
- Promising Young Woman (R)
- The War with Grandpa (PG)

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# Pages From The Past

Compiled by Walter Lampe

### 5 Years Ago

Elmwood's scholastic bowl team topped 12 other schools last Saturday to win a Masonic Academic Bowl Sectional. This is the fourth straight Masonic sectional win for Elmwood.

Four high-school seniors from The Weekly Post area were among 17 students honored at the 13th annual Lincoln Senior Awards Banquet in Peoria last Thursday. Tommy Cook (Farmington), Joseph Harmon (Brimfield) Gabe Inskeep (Elmwood) and Matthew Thole (Princeville) were all recognized for "demonstrating the traits of Abraham Lincoln."

### 10 Years Ago

Michael Houlihan of Brimfield was selected by his junior high teachers and coaches as recipient of the Illinois Elementary School Association Scholar Attitude Award. Michael, the son of Steve and Angie Houlihan, is an honor roll student who participates in baseball, basketball, band, speech and track.

### 20 Years Ago

Elmwood senior Megan Hayes was a National Merit Scholar Finalist. Her parents are Larry and Velma Hayes of Elmwood.

### 30 Years Ago

Kevin Patton's "Trojan Tribune" was picked as the winner of the contest for title of the Elmwood High School's newspaper.

### 40 Years Ago

Governor James R. Thompson

proclaimed February of 1981 "American History Month in Illinois" and urged citizens to take note of the nation's heritage.

The village engineer showed the Williamsfield Village Board blueprints of a new pedestal-type water tower to be erected just north of the present tower in Williamsfield.

### 50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kneer accompanied Mid Century Telephone board members to the 17th annual NTCA convention in Houston. They had the opportunity to see the 8th wonder of the world, the Houston Astrodome.

In Princeville, the high temperature during the week was 40 degrees and the low was 5.

John Wheeler of Elmwood bagged a 40-pound wolf near Oak Hill.

### 60 Years Ago

David Inskeep, a sophomore at the University of Illinois majoring in Agricultural Economics, was elected the new chaplain of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

The Princeville Canning Co. held its ninth annual Growers Banquet at the Edelstein Grade School with nearly 300 growers and guests presents.

### 85 Years Ago

W. Wyatt Ashbaugh of Princeville was re-elected president of the board of the Peoria County National Farm Loan Association.

### 90 Years Ago

Clayton Morse, of Farmington,

escaped serious injuries Sunday afternoon when his Ford rolled down a steep embankment on Illinois Route 97 near Middlegrove.

The largest crowd ever to be assembled at the Williamsfield High School gym saw the home talent play, "The Womanless Wedding," performed by 45 men under the direction of Mrs. Russell Farquer and Mrs. F.L. Regan. The entertainment benefited the Methodist Church by \$105.

### 100 Years Ago

Alvah McNaught and Patsy O'Hearn had a narrow escape from death when Mail Train No. 9 at Laura struck the rear wheels of their Ford Roadster. It threw them clean and made a junk pile of the car. The side curtains prevented them from seeing the train.

### 120 Years Ago

The Presbyterian Parsonage at Yates City was destroyed by fire early this morning.

Circuit Judge Gray entered a degree against the Monarch Coal and Mining Co. for non-payment of a mortgage on the Pond Lily Mine west of Farmington.

The City Hall block, in Farmington, that houses F.E. Crane & Co. hardware and store, a theater on the second floor, the Mason's, the Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs and the Eastern Stars on the third floor, was destroyed completely by fire early on a Tuesday morning. Losses from the fire totaled nearly \$20,000.

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY

In Re **ESTATE OF** )  
**JOHN A. SATZLER** ) 21-P-00046  
**Deceased.** )

#### CLAIM NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **JOHN A. SATZLER** on January 10, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on February 2, 2021, by the above entitled Court to **RONALD L. SATZLER**, of **16615 West Streitmatter Road, Princeville, Illinois 61559**, as Independent Administrator, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.**, of **118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the Administrator or both on or before the **20th day of August, 2021** or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the Administrator is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the administrator and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a copy of a form of petition to terminate independent administration to the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2021.

**RONALD L. SATZLER**, Independent Administrator  
of the Estate of **JOHN A. SATZLER**, Deceased.

Stephanie F. Schmiege, Esq.  
**WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.**  
Attorneys for the Independent  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-C PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Barbara L. Taylor; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 20-CH-00132

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/19/2020, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on March 24, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse  
324 Main Street, Courtroom 203  
Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 1 IN GRAWAY SUBDIVISION NUMBER THREE, A SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 64 AND 65 OF RAVINWOODS FARM, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 22, 1971 IN PLAT BOOK "Z-2", PAGE 125; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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course to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-20-03443.  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY

Case No. 21-MR-00106

In the Matter of the Petition of Cheyenne Grace Carter For: Change of Name Notice of Publication, Public notice is hereby given that on April 26, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main St., Peoria, Illinois, in Courtroom 203, there will be a court date on my request to change my name from Cheyenne Grace Carter to the new name of Cheyenne Grace Landsverk.

Dated February 16, 2021, at Peoria, Illinois  
/s/ Cheyenne Carter, Petitioner  
Robert M. Spears, Clerk of the Circuit Court

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On March 18th at 2:30 p.m., a meeting conducted by the special education administrator will take place via Zoom Video Conference at Farmington Central CUSD #265. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district. If you are a parent of a homeschooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Farmington Central CUSD #265, you are welcome to attend. If you would like to participate in the meeting, please contact Kerry Klesath at [kklesath@seapco.org](mailto:kklesath@seapco.org) or 245-1000, ext.1861 for the link to the Zoom meeting.

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### CLAIM NOTICE

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY

In Re ESTATE OF )  
**IRMA M. HOERR,** ) No. 21-P-00054  
**Deceased.** )

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **IRMA M. HOERR** on January 10, 2021. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **JAMES G. HOERR**, of 410 West Truitt Road, Chillicothe, Illinois 61523, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.**, of **118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **27th day of August, 2021**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 2075, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 8th day of February, 2021.

**JAMES G. HOERR**, Executor of the  
Estate of **IRMA M. HOERR**,  
Deceased.

**ROBERT L. POTTS, ESQ.**  
**WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.**  
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### EXHIBIT C (Form of Notice) VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE NOTICE OF VILLAGE'S ACCEPTANCE OF SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Village Board for the Village of Princeville, Peoria County, Illinois, has authorized by ordinance the sale of the Village-owned property described below by the public sealed bidding process.

The Village-owned parcel is described as follows:

**Location:** 216 S. Walnut, Princeville

**Size:** 0.18 acres

**Current Use:** Single Family Residence

**Zoning:** R-1 Residential

**Legal Description:** The North One-half (N1/2) of Lots Five (5) and Six (6) in Block Twenty (20) in the Original Village of Princeville, situated in the County of Peoria in the State of Illinois.

**Tax I.D. No. 02-24-233-005**

This parcel of property contains a single family home and a detached accessory building and is unoccupied. The property is open for public inspection, but arrangements will need to be made to view the two structures; contact Village Hall by phone at (309) 385-4765 or by email at [villagehall@princeville.org](mailto:villagehall@princeville.org) to arrange a viewing of the structures. **This parcel of property and its structures are being sold in its "as is" condition, and the Village makes no warranties regarding the condition of the property.**

The property will be transferred by quit claim deed at closing to the selected bidder. The winning bidder will be required to pay an additional \$500 for closing costs, which payment is over and above the accepted bid price. The winning bidder, at the winning bidder's cost, may also obtain a title commitment prior to closing.

**A bid sheet is available at Princeville Village Hall prior to inspection.**

All bids must be submitted to the Village Treasurer for the Village of Princeville before **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021**, in the manner provided below at the following address:

Julie Delbridge, Village Treasurer

Attn: Sealed Bid for 217 W. Evans St.

Princeville Village Hall

P.O. Box 200

206 N. Walnut

Princeville, IL 61559

The Village Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids received for this property sale. Any questions can be directed to Village Treasurer Julie Delbridge by phone at (309) 385-4765 or by email at [villagehall@princeville.org](mailto:villagehall@princeville.org).

Dated this **1st day of February**, 2021.

Sarah Cordis, Village Clerk

Village of Princeville, Illinois

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### CLAIM NOTICE

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY

In Re **ESTATE OF** )  
**LEE E. ZINK,** ) No. 21-P-00045  
**Deceased.** )

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **LEE E. ZINK**, on January 3, 2021. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **KAREN E RICHARDS**, of 305 North Union Street, P. O. Box 362, Yates City, Illinois 61572, and **NORMA J. BOWHAY**, of 23900 West Tucker Road, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, as Executors, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.**, of **118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representatives or both on or before the **20th day of August, 2021** or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2021.

**KAREN E RICHARDS** and **NORMA J. BOWHAY**, Executors of the  
Estate of **LEE E. ZINK**, Deceased.

**ROBERT L. POTTS, ESQ.**  
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# BOYS: Elmwood tops Farmington in OT, 39-36

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Friday, while Cole Daily tallied 15, Joey Smith had 14 and Williams had 10.

Streitmatter had 12 to lead Princeville in a 50-48 overtime win vs. Delavan on Saturday. Daily and Payton Garcia both chipped in with 11.

The other area of improvement for Princeville had been transition defense, a problem in losses to Kewanee Wethersfield and Peoria Quest. Kratzer said it took time to figure things out after graduating strong defenders Cody Thole and Carter Johnson. "We're kind of getting our legs under us and getting in game shape," Kratzer said. "Our halfcourt defense in the last couple games has been unreal."

Unfortunately for Princeville, United was able to score in transition. Princeville got within 34-31 with the ball early in the third quarter before United pulled away. United also defeated 9th-ranked Wethersfield (8-1) earlier this year. Wethersfield had topped Ridgewood by two on a last-second shot in an earlier LTC matchup.

The Princes are at West Central Friday and then come home to face Mercer County on March 2.

## Brimfield

After rolling to a 4-0 start on the season, the Indians struggled to solve Princeville's half-court defense in last Friday's 46-33 loss.

Luke Groeper led with 12 points.

"We lacked energy in the second half," Coach Scott Carlson said.

Prior to that, Brimfield had enjoyed a nice home win last Friday vs. Farmington, 45-41. After leading by nine in the final quarter, the Indians held on as Mason Kieser led with 20 points and was 6-of-8 on free throws in the final quarter. Levi Moon hit pair of 3-pointers in the fourth to finish with 11 points.

"Those [treys] were big and helped keep the momentum," Carlson said.

Carlson praised guards Jakoby McKown and Thomas Harmon and in-bounder Groeper for navigating Farmington's press.

"We did well defensively putting the clamps on [Corbin] Rutledge and [Ty] Anderson as best we could," Carlson said. "I was concerned about that and the pressure. But we took care of the ball all night."

The Indians (6-1) routed South Fulton Saturday, 61-16, and on Tuesday won at North Fulton, 52-47, despite making 3-of-13 free throws. Groeper had 15 and McKown added 11 vs. South Fulton. Groeper had 22 vs. North Fulton.

Brimfield is at A-Town on Friday.

## Elmwood

Last week was a tale of two games: One very good, one not so good.

After a one-day weather

delay, the Trojans upset Peoria Christian last Wednesday, 49-47, behind 20 points from Andrew Marincic and 18 from Victor Lenzi.

"The one big bright spot was Victor Lenzi had one of the best games he's ever played," Coach Josh Fugitt said. "I think he outplayed the Hunt kid from Peoria Christian."

Fugitt said Elmwood (6-1) was "fortunate" to have only two team fouls late in the fourth quarter. "We were able to use that to prevent them from getting a good look," he said. Peoria Christian was also whistled for two technical fouls and shot 3-for-21 from 3-point range.

Things were less rosy Friday at Knoxville, as Elmwood turned the ball over on 34 percent of its possessions.

"We're going to continue to have a hard time against better competition if we don't take better care of the ball, value the possession and play defense for longer periods," Fugitt said.

The Trojans heeded their coach Tuesday at home in a 39-36 win vs. Farmington in overtime. After trailing for much of the game, Elmwood rallied late and then got a key 3-pointer and two free throws in overtime from Andrew Marincic, who scored 20 points. Luke Hoffmann and Adam Centers each scored 9 points.

Elmwood is at Delavan Friday and home vs. Wethersfield Saturday.

## Farmington

The Farmers struggled early at Brimfield, but closed the gap in the final quarter as Corbin Rutledge had 5 of his 10 points. Ty Anderson added 14 points vs. Brimfield and had 18 vs. Elmwood on Tuesday. Rutledge did not play against the Trojans.

The Farmers are home vs. Knoxville on Friday.

**ROWVA-Williamsfield**  
The Cougars (1-5) got a much-needed win Feb. 16 at West Central, 49-45.

"We hung in there and, unlike some other games where we've hung in there, we had some things go our way at the end," Coach Bob Anderson said.

Ryan Haggerty had 23 points to lead R-W and Parker Hopping added 10.

That was the high point for R-W, which last Friday lost to Mercer County on Senior Night, 60-52.

Graham Wight scored 13 points and had several big offensive rebounds to lead the Cougars, who were down just four late in the fourth but "just couldn't get that key stop," according to Anderson.

R-W trailed by 18 at halftime Saturday at Peoria Heights but got within five before falling, 66-58.

R-W was to play Anna-wan Tuesday, Galva Wednesday and is at Stark County on Friday.

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# GIRLS: Princeville routs Ridgewood, 64-35

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"We didn't have a good first quarter but we were able to come back and make it close," Meyers said.

Olivia Caldwell led with 15 points.

Finally, Elmwood suffered a defeat at the hands of Farmington on Monday, 34-20.

"We kept up in the first half but fell apart in the second," Meyers said.

Caldwell led with 7.

Elmwood travels to Midwest Central Thursday and then faces Ridgewood on Saturday.

## Princeville

The Lady Princes (3-2) controlled the court against Ridgewood Friday, 64-35.

Prior to that, Princeville was to play Galva on Feb. 16 but the game was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Lady Princes were to play Monmouth United Tuesday.

Princeville will be home vs. Illini Bluffs on Thursday and then faces West Central Saturday at home. Princeville will travel to compete against Mercer County Tuesday.

# IHSA board OK's bass sectionals

From Weekly Post Staff Reports

The Illinois High School Association Board of Directors has voted to hold at least part of a state series for bass fishing this spring.

Bass sectionals will take place on May 6, with a rain date of May 10. The board plans to meet again in March to determine whether or not to hold a full state final round, or to conclude the fishing

season with the sectionals.

• **Sports schedules** – As a reminder, the local sports schedules will get even busier in March. Football practices are slated to start March 3, with first games in a six-game schedule to be played starting March 19.

Volleyball practice will start March 8, with first games allowed seven days later.

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## Brimfield girls ranked 4th

### Lady Indians run record to 9-0 with perfect week

By VICTOR LAMPE  
For The Weekly Post

The Brimfield girls basketball team is making the most out of an unpredictable season, going 9-0 so far and earning a No. 4 ranking in the state according to the latest Associated Press poll.

The Lady Indians topped Canton on Feb. 17, 44-29, with Haley Wallace leading with 16 points followed by Ella Lune with 10. Brimfield then beat Farmington last Thursday on its Senior Night, 57-46.

"Farmington shot really well, but we put on our press with four minutes to go and created some distance," Coach Maribeth Dura said, "It was a good game."

Lune led the Lady Indians to victory with 26 points followed by Wallace with 14.

On Saturday, Brimfield won over South Fulton 53-34 in a game with 35 fouls.

"There were a lot of free throws in that game," Dura said.

Wallace had 25 points to lead the Lady Indians with Lune scoring 11.

Brimfield won big over North Fulton Monday 71-36. Wallace scored 16 and Lune had 13.

The Lady Indians will travel to play state ranked A-town today, Feb. 25.

"We need to come out and play four quarters and not let down on defense," Dura said.

Brimfield will then play Bushnell-Prairie City Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and Lewis-town on Monday.

#### Farmington

The Lady Farmers (4-2) had a good

game on Senior Night Saturday against Bushnell-PC, winning 55-42.

"We had a lot of people step up and play big," Coach Bradley Whitcomb said.

Among those were Delaney Foster, who led Farmington with 19 points, and Reece Putrich with 16.

Prior to that, Farmington's 57-46 loss to Brimfield last Thursday was also a strong effort.

"It was a five-point game the entire time and it was very fun and exciting to be a part of," Whitcomb said, "We played phenomenal but we ran out of time."

Emma Vallas led Farmington with 12 points followed by Putrich with 9 and Foster with 8.

"We had a really balanced scoring, something that we have had all season," Whitcomb said.

The Lady Farmers beat Elmwood 34-20 Monday. Vallas led with 15 points.

Farmington was to play Knoxville Thursday and then A-Town Monday.

#### Elmwood

The Lady Trojans had solid games against some solid foes.

Elmwood (0-5) lost to Knoxville last Thursday, 50-32.

"We played pretty well but we got tired and lost our legs in the fourth," Coach Gregg Meyers said. "A couple shots needed to fall but didn't."

Paige Svymbersky led with 8 points.

Elmwood was defeated by Rowva-Williamsfield 43-37 on Saturday.

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The Brimfield varsity boys basketball team for 2021 includes: Front Row (left to right) – Thomas Harmon, Mason Kieser, Jakoby McKown, Austin Baysingar and Levi Moon. Back Row (l to r) – Oliver Heinz, Max Walters, Luke Groeper, Caleb Tyre and Drew Kieser.

## Princeville's LTC hopes dimmed

By JEFF LAMPE  
Weekly Post Staff Writer

A recent 4-0 hot streak had the Princeville boys basketball team in good position for a Lincoln Trail Conference title. But Tuesday's road trip to Monmouth to face unbeaten and state-ranked United likely ended those thoughts.

Princeville lost 57-41 at United (9-0), which is tied for 7th in the latest Associated Press Class 1A poll. That marked the second LTC loss for Princeville.

Since starting the season 2-2, Princeville had heated up nicely thanks to balanced scoring and improved defense. The Princes (7-3) had

won four straight heading into Tuesday, including wins over Ridgewood (60-55) and Brimfield (46-33).

The latter came Monday, as Chase Williams led an 8-player scoring effort with 11 points. Sam Streitmatter also scored nine and has been on a tear lately for the Princes.

"We've been pretty balanced, but he's definitely stepped up his game this year on both sides of the ball," Coach Jeff Kratzer said. "His defense has been unreal. He has become our defender who is locking on the other team's best guard and making their lives miserable."

Streitmatter had 21 vs. Ridgewood last  
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Sam Streitmatter has been scoring well of late for Princeville. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

## EHS Scholar Of The Month



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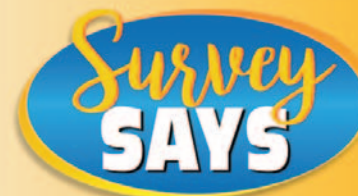
While fans can't attend Elmwood basketball games, you can still catch all the home action via live streaming online. High school boys and girls games are available on the NFHS network. Junior High games are streamed on the Elmwood 322 YouTube channel. Many road games are also being streamed. Check the websites for opposing schools for information.

### 2021 TROJANS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- 3/19 - WEST HANCOCK
- 3/26 - @ KNOXVILLE
- 4/2 - @ BWP
- 4/9 - MACOMB
- 4/16 - SOUTH FULTON
- 4/23 - @ FARMINGTON

### 2021 TROJANS JV FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- 3/22 - @ WEST HANCOCK
- 3/29 - KNOXVILLE
- 4/5 - BWP
- 4/12 - @ MACOMB
- 4/19 - @ SOUTH FULTON



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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April 6 - School resumes.

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