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Government revenue losses not as bad as feared

By **BILL KNIGHT**
For The Weekly Post

State tax revenues used for everything from law enforcement to transportation are better than expected after months of the pandemic, according to a new report from the University of Illinois’ Institute of Government and Public Affairs.

That said, the financial experience for local governments in The Weekly Post area has been mixed.

Illinois’ General Funds lost \$868 million from major revenue sources during the pandemic, says the 10-page study, “Data Indicate COVID-19 Impact on State Revenue Not as Severe as Feared.” That’s some 2 percent of total receipts for the General Funds, the state’s main accounts for spending on things like schools, health care, operations, etc.

Overall, there has been a decline of \$1.44 billion in all state

revenues. But that’s less than most estimates from the spring.

Those predictions anticipated an extended recession that would severely cut revenues.

“While most forecasters were expecting revenue losses of 15-20 percent from an extended recession, Illinoisans can meet the small net loss of revenue with relief,” said the report’s lead author, Kenneth Kriz, Ph.D., University Distinguished Professor at the U of I at Springfield and

Director of the Institute for Illinois Public Finance.

“In recent weeks, both the Commission on Government Forecasting and accountability and the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget have released updated forecasts that



Kriz

tacitly acknowledge COVID-19-related losses were small, and fiscal year 2021 revenue has been revised upward.

“Much of that [General Funds revenue loss] was caused by the delay of the federal tax filing deadline,” he said. “Well over half of that revenue loss has been recouped in fiscal year 2021, and General Funds revenues are actually running above what might have been expected for fiscal

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USDA needs to help solve carbon issues

One topic most red, blue, and green politicians – and, even more strikingly, farmers – agree on is climate change; it’s real.

In fact, notes a December 2020 Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll, 58 percent of Iowa farmers and landowners now agree that climate change is both occurring and is caused by either human activity or nature.



Moreover, if you add the 23 percent who told pollsters climate change exists but is only natural, 81 percent of Iowa landowners and farmers now believe climate change is real and ongoing.

Those numbers also suggest that most everyone in agriculture is at least somewhat open to ideas for on-the-farm carbon sequestration, a long-discussed strategy to both slow and reduce the

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BOWHUNTING BOOM



Even after a record-setting archery harvest in Illinois, there are plenty of deer herded up and feeding in snowy fields of the Prairie State.

Archers hit record deer harvest

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

What do you do in your free time when faced with a pandemic that limits your options severely? Evidently, the answer for some Illinois residents was to spend more time alone

in a treestand, socially distanced and bowhunting.

Archers in Illinois this season posted a record harvest of 75,544 deer during the 2020-21 season, which ran from Oct. 1 to Jan. 17. That is an 11.5 percent increase over last

year’s archery harvest of 67,743, which was also a record.

While last year’s archery boom was largely attributed to more hunters switching to crossbows, many observers speculate

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Billtown OKs major water upgrades

By **BILL KNIGHT**
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – The Village Board on Monday approved proceeding with the community’s next water supply infrastructure project, a plan prepared by engineers at Galesburg’s Bruner, Cooper & Zuck.

“This next water infrastructure project will encompass improvements to the water treatment plant [and the] addition of new ground-level storage, in addition to replacement and upgrade of water lines on East Gale Street to mitigate breaks and service disruptions there,” said Village president Matt Tonkin. Funded in part by an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan program, the work will take 12 to 18 months to complete.

“This will be a very large project but is anticipated to hopefully be the final large water infrastructure project for many years,” Tonkin said. “The total estimated cost is about \$950,000, in-

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GUEBERT: Will carbon sequestering pay ... or work?

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 impact of climate-altering atmospheric carbon. So far, however, farm-directed carbon storage has been a tough sell for two big reasons.

The first is the age-old dilemma for all farmers and ranchers: Does this new idea cost or does it pay?

Limited evidence from relatively new, private-financed efforts show decidedly mixed results. Payments, mostly in the \$30- to \$50-acre range, are often less than what participating farmers claim carbon storage schemes cost when bringing in and managing new elements needed for sequestration like cover crops, machinery modifications, extra data collection, and labor.

The second, bigger concern, though, is if carbon sequestration is even pos-

sible. Can farmers grab, for example, 10 percent of the earth's climate-changing carbon and put it back into the soil to help save the planet while feeding it?

Scientific theory says yes; in-the-dirt practice, however, says maybe and if so, it could take decades before minor amounts of carbon can be added to, then stored, in food-growing soils.

At least that's the conclusion of Iowa State University (ISU) research published in Nov. 2019. The 10-year ISU research project (that used winter rye as a cover crop) showed, "The ability of cover crops to stimulate microbes deep in the soil of farm fields leads to significant gains in water quality but does not necessarily increase the capacity of soil to store carbon..."

The main reason, according to the Iowa research, is

the same reason we need to store carbon in the first place: While crops do stimulate soil microbes to store carbon, they also "digest" at least as much carbon as they store. The digestion converts the carbon "to carbon dioxide, which is released to the atmosphere..." which then wipes out any "stored" carbon benefit.

In short, it's what plants were designed to do; asking them to do it differently might be a hard pull for both science and Mother Nature.

But neither is deterring investors and curious farmers from seeking new ways to marry future carbon sequestration with workday agronomy.

On Jan. 22, the Washington Post published a highly detailed, well-balanced examination of carbon sequestration efforts underway on a 10,000-acre, Maryland corn, soybean, and wheat farm. It included the farmer's hopes as well as his skepticism. (Links at farmandfoodfile.com)

Indeed, the farmer, Trey Hill, told the Post, farming for carbon "makes life a lot more difficult, and not necessarily more profitable."

Still, he, like many others who back "regenerative" farming, view carbon sequestration as not only possible, but necessary if the world is to avoid a climate - and food - catastrophe.

Maybe it doesn't work well right now, they admit, but more research, farm testing, and adaptation could provide other ways to some near- and long-term storage successes and profits.

Call me crazy, but that sounds exactly like the work the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) was created to perform.

USDA, after all, has the checkbook to finance public research to make carbon sequestration work and the bureaucratic skill to manage such a multi-disciplinary, multi-year push. It also has a public mandate to supply safe and abundant food today while ensuring the nation's means of food production tomorrow.

What could be more important for our children, grandchildren and the world?

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Elmwood considers sale to Masons

ELMWOOD — The Elmwood City Council did discuss selling a 14-foot wide piece of city property to the Masonic Horeb Lodge at its last meeting, but it was not in the city parking lot, as The Weekly Post reported in a Jan. 28 story entitled “Elmwood approves grant for cafe.” The newspaper erred.

The property being discussed is actually located in the vacant lot at 110 N. Magnolia, south of the Uptown Cafe building.

“They want to buy 14 feet south of the building, the length of the building,” said

Amy Davis, Elmwood’s economic development officer. Currently, a concrete pad used for outdoor dining occupies a part of the property.

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

If the property was to be sold, the city would maintain access to the parking lot. The proposal is scheduled to be discussed at today’s Elmwood council meeting.

“We’re figuring out what it’s going to cost,” Davis said. “It’s a work in progress.”

BILLTOWN: Many new ideas for park

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cluding required contingencies. The project will be funded via a low-interest-rate loan from IEPA, although the village is hoping and applying for a substantial proportion of this amount to be forgiven via the IEPA principal forgiveness program.”

In another improvement project, about 150 completed surveys have been returned to the village by residents providing suggestions on possible future plans for the Williamsfield Veterans Memorial Park.

“This is a fantastic response,” Tonkin said, “and sets an example of how input

from residents can be effectively solicited and considered in major decisions for the Village.”

Trustees also discussed but took no action on several topics:

- Multi-year proposals for new contracts on trash and recycling collection.
- Prioritizing work on streets and sidewalks to possibly be underwritten by Motor Fuel Tax funds.
- Plans for renovating and repairing the KP Hall to perhaps finalize a proposal to submit to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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- J. B. Morton

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GUEST VOICES



Of hellos, goodbyes & a rational fear of purses

Change is coming to The Weekly Post.

The big news this week is the resumption of sports at the high school and junior high levels. The fact all athletes should get to play at least a part of a season is very welcome.

But after a long layoff due to COVID-19 restrictions, some athletes will have to work hard to get back in game shape.

The same is true for our reporting staff, which is scrambling to catch up, to type in schedules and to track down attendance policies. Our plan is to cover sports as fully as possible, even though we may not be able to attend games or get pictures of the action.

As a result, the sports page is going to look a little different. Instead of live action photos, we will feature team pictures over the next few weeks. And there will be less reliance on game stories, with more emphasis on features.

Also, my columns in this space will migrate to the back page and will focus on prep sports, instead of the usual ramblings you see here.

To help fill this space, we are adding a weekly column from award-

winning agricultural journalist Alan Guebert, whose smiling face you can see on the front page this week.

Guebert grew up on a southern Illinois dairy farm and is a University of Illinois graduate who has been writing his syndicated "The Farm and Food File" column since 1993. While he recently moved from Delavan to Wisconsin, Guebert still has close ties to the Prairie State. We're happy to have him aboard.

The other reason we needed to add Alan is because we're going to be saying goodbye to Bill. Yes, at the completion of this eighth full year of publishing The Weekly Post, Bill Knight plans to retire.

How are we going to replace his countless bylines? I have no idea, but there's a good chance it will involve me doing more writing - until we can hire another writer.

While we will sorely miss Bill, I'm happy he will have more time to spend with his granddaughter, Alice. And I plan a better farewell column when the time comes - though there's still a part of me hoping Bill will change his mind.

...

I have had a fear of women's purses since a young age. Perhaps I was smacked with one at some point, though I don't recall that.

Whatever the reason, I've never felt comfortable venturing into a purse. As a kid, I never knew what

"lady stuff" I might find. As an adult, fear has been replaced by frustration.

My wife's current purse (there seems to be an endless rotation) is large and virtually empty. But that is deceptive, because there are numerous side compartments, zippered areas and hidden pouches designed to confuse.

In our house, each person has their own drawer in the kitchen. The idea is that by placing wallets, keys and other items in this drawer, they will not get lost. That works well for me and the youngest. The others? No. Keys and wallets are always missing and the older boys can never find their hunting licenses or permits.

My wife's drawer is immaculate, but seldom includes her car keys. I would say keys are in the drawer 10 percent of the time. But that's always the 10 percent when I am stealing her lip balm or hidden cash, never when I need to drive.

When I need her keys, I usually have to brave the purse. And that never works. The other day is a perfect example. I put my hand in every pouch available, but found no keys.

She yelled down to look in "the little side pocket in the middle." Sure enough, the keys were there. But I swear on Bigfoot's grave, that compartment was not there the first time I scoured that frustrating satchel.

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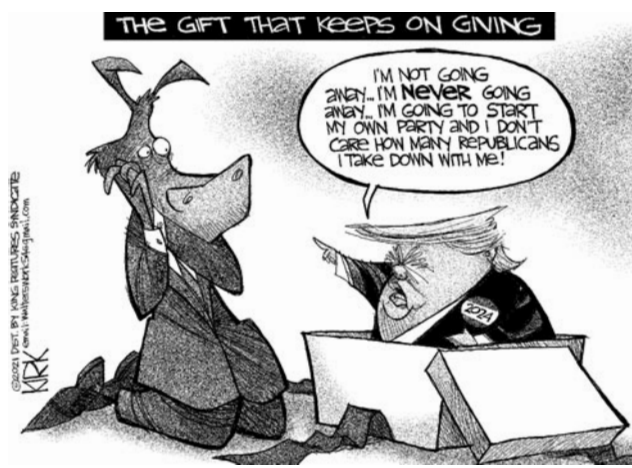
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GUEST VOICES



Don't take your mother for granted

To the Editor:

My mother passed away on Jan. 23, 2021, at 4:26 p.m. She was fun, full of life and stories and sharp as a tack at 93 years young; until the day in the hospital when a procedure was performed to determine what was needed to be done to an infected wound.

After days in the hospital, the effects worsened, so we had her moved back to familiar settings at her new residence. We were called by our brother-in-law to come, as she was slipping away. When I saw her, she was still sharp and could understand who and what was said. Next day, not so much. I panicked and feared she wouldn't understand what I needed to tell her!

I gathered my feelings, and, gracefully, God still left us our real mom for us to say our goodbyes.

What I told my loving mother was that children can take their mothers for granted so easily, and that I was sorry for doing so, that I loved her even when she said, "Go out and pick a stick (off a willow tree) for your spanking." She seldom used it, we got the point. They did leave a welt. I always tried to find one that would break. She laughed.

Thank you God, she was still there! She was gone the next day. I was devastated that I wasn't hold-

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Vickie Woodcock, Farmington

ing her hand at that precious moment!

So to all those young and old with parents still in their lives, beware, when mom is talking to you while you're watching the news and turning your ear toward the TV or phone and you're nodding your head or saying "Uh-huh," you may be taking for granted the person who birthed you, fed and bathed you, nourished you, protected you, provided for you, and defended you.

No matter what you did! This is and always will be your mom.

Larry Satterfield, Brimfield



Let's all take the vaccine as soon as possible

To the Editor:

In regards to Dr. Hickerson's letter last week, I appreciate the emergency room doctor's point of view, but I'm trusting the infectious disease doctors and the infection control experts. Let's all take the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as we can.

P.S. The only thing we can prove about Hank Aaron is that he's one of the all-time great home run hitters.

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REVENUE LOSS: Local impact fairly minor

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 year 2021.”

Officials from some municipalities – Brimfield, Farmington, Princeville and Yates City – agreed that they haven’t been hurt that much so far.

• Brimfield Village President Dan Fishel said, “We have looked long and hard at any pandemic cost to the village, and they are very small if any. I feel we are very solid financially as we expected.”

• Princeville Village President Jeff Troutman said, “As far as our financial forecast, the Village of Princeville would agree the impacts are far less than forecasted. I would say we should be within 2 percent of our budget.”

• Williamsfield Village President Matt Tonkin said, “We have seen revenues drop. Sales tax is down about 7 percent; gaming down 30 percent. We will make adjustments. I think perhaps the larger impact may have been on jobs and incomes of residents.”

• Yates City Village President Leslie Gavelys said, “The village is down some on revenues from the state due to less spending, but it’s not 20 percent.”

• In Farmington, City Administrator Rollen Wright said, “I don’t see that our community is seeing any shortfalls with financials. I’ve been concerned about how [COVID-19] was going to affect the City. I usually have the budget finished and have it passed before May 1 (when we are to have it in place by statute). This year because of the disaster proclamation is in effect, we passed our budget in October.”











Wright this week summarized Farmington’s 2020-2021 budget May 1- Dec. 31, and its year-to-date General Funds are at 79.55 percent. Its biggest drop is 55 percent from Oak Ridge Cemetery; its biggest surplus is in Motor Fuel Taxes, at 133.16 percent of its budgeted amount.

“We still have four more months in our fiscal year. We seem to have more funds this year, and we are still in our budget projection.”

• Elmwood City Treasurer Bonnie Beal provided a detailed summary, that shows the extent of Elmwood’s revenue losses. All its expected real estate taxes – \$298,621 – were received, she reported, but less than half of all other revenue sources have come in.

Among the worst were video gaming (just 22 percent of anticipated revenue), income taxes (51 percent of expected revenue), and sale and use taxes (51 percent of anticipated

Updated Peoria Co. Revenue Loss Projections

 Property Tax -5.00% -3%	 Interest Income -30.00% -19%	 Income Tax -26.00% -8%	 PPRT -22.00% -3%	 Sales -26.00% -11%
 Public Safety -32.00% -12%	 Public Facilities -32.00% -12%	 Other Taxes -32.00% -16%	 Penalties -50.00% -5%	 Charges for Services -18.00% -30%

Peoria County’s original estimates for revenue shortfalls are the smaller numerals, below which are adjusted forecasts. (PPRT is Personal Property Replacement Taxes, which replaced revenue lost when some taxes on businesses were dropped in 1970).

revenue). Overall, the City of Elmwood has received \$543,241 of its total of \$790,821 expected – 68 percent of anticipated.

Likewise, county officials concede that revenues are down significantly, but not at the catastrophic levels some foresaw.

“During the early days of the Governor’s stay-at-home order and when the economy looked like it was headed toward a recession far worse than the Great Recession of just a decade ago, Peoria County made some pretty dire revenue projections based on the best information and data available,” Peoria County Administrator Scott Sorrel told The Weekly Post. “We also reduced our expenditures to match what we expected in revenue loss. Throughout the rest of 2020, we closely monitored both revenues and expenses.”

Its updated projections of lost revenue, anticipated shortfalls remain, but they aren’t nearly as bad as feared. (See chart above).

“Revenues were still less than originally budgeted but not as bad as we had thought they would be during the stay-at-home order,” Sorrel added. “We still have several state shared revenues, like sales taxes, to be distributed to us.”

Fulton County had been dealing with deficits before COVID-19 emerged, but austerity measures have helped and maybe prepared the County for weathering the pandemic storm.

“The outlook in Fulton County is no different than most rural communities,” said Fulton County Clerk and Recorder Patrick O’Brian. “You could say the status is pending.”

“Two out of the last three years the county has passed budgets over \$1 million in the red. However, those budgets closed the years far below those projections with a loss

of \$153,000 in 2019 and \$400,000 in the 2020 year of the pandemic,” O’Brian continued. “In 2020 the County Board passed a \$223,000 deficit budget for FY 2020-21. The revenues were projected using the 2019 budget as a base. It was aided by a \$180,000 new revenue source in local cannabis taxes and around \$100,000 in savings on the group health insurance plan. On the horizon are potential losses of revenue due to the Duck Creek plant closure.

“Essentially, if the economy recovers and recent trends and state revenues hold, the county could finish the year in the black for the first time in many years,” he added.

“However, if there is a massive reduction in state revenues, the County Board will be tasked with cost-cutting measures throughout the year to account for those losses.”

Statewide, Illinois’ economy has made some gains toward recovery, said Kris, whose work analyzed state data on tax receipts through November 2020 plus consumers’ credit-card spending data. It benefited especially from federal stimulus measures, but as long as COVID-19 remains a public-health emergency, there’s little confidence of a sure, steady return to normal.

“Going forward, tremendous uncertainties remain, Kriz wrote. “Forecasts acknowledge potential COVID-19 spikes, vaccine rollout timelines, and political risk at the state and, more importantly, federal level.

“The state faces other budget challenges,” he added. “Some of those challenges existed prior to COVID-19 and some have happened recently but are not directly attributable to COVID-19 (voters’ rejection of the proposed graduated income tax constitutional amendment).”

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Police reports

• **DAHINDA** – Michael Martinie of Dahinda struck a deer while traveling southbound in the 1700 block of Knox Hwy. 12 on Dec. 28.

• **FARMINGTON** – Pulled over in his vehicle for a possible domestic issue originating out of Middle Grove, Nathan Christy, 31, of Farmington was cited on Jan. 17 for driving while license revoked, according to a Farmington police report.

• **FARMINGTON** – Farmington police located a man suspected of harassing staff at the Farmington Subway on Jan. 21. Jeffery Lee, 49, of Farmington was charged for domestic battery, according to a report. Subway management also permanently barred him from entering the restaurant. Lee could not post bond and was transported to Fulton County Jail.

• **FARMINGTON** – Farmington police reported two burglaries to vehicles on Jan. 31 at the Gaslight Trailer Park in the 100 block of W. Pearl Street. Items taken were keys

and a Norwood Tap beer chip.

• **ELMWOOD** – Several cases of unemployment fraud have been reported to Elmwood police officers.

• **YATES CITY** – Police responded to a report of two stolen inflatable Christmas decorations in the 100 block of East Bishop St. on Dec. 19.

• **YATES CITY** – A 14-year-old juvenile was arrested on Dec. 21 by Yates City Police for battery. The juvenile was released to his parents with a juvenile probation appointment.

Princeville moving forward with plan

By **BILL KNIGHT**
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Following a public hearing on Jan. 28, the Village Board on Monday discussed the Comprehensive Plan and plans to vote on a final version next month.

“Right now, there aren’t any revisions [in the draft],” said Village President Jeff Troutman.

Helped by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, the 20-year comprehensive planning process seeks to address 16 goals ranging from transportation, population and housing to land use, economy and community pride.

According to the plan’s 118-page draft – available at the Village’s website, www.princeville.org.

“The aim of this plan is to sustain the rural nature and small-town character of Princeville, highlighting the quality of its schools, parks and recreation options, and rich agricultural heritage. These high-class amenity offerings make Princeville an attractive place to maintain and establish roots, spurring further cooperation and collaboration.”

A previous open house gathered community opinions on Princeville’s strengths and weaknesses. Strengths include parks and local businesses, citizens said, and weaknesses range from infrastructure to downtown and residential issues.

Also, meetings with Princeville high school stu-

dents accumulated additional feedback, and youths liked the existing “small-town feel” and churches and wanted options for entertainment, evening dining and a grocery store.

In other news, the Board approved seeking engineering and design work for downtown sidewalks and lighting in anticipation of a \$130,000 state grant, which the Village expects to receive in about six months.

The Village received \$71,689 from the state-administered Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (CURE) grant to reimburse costs related to the pandemic.

Trustees OK’d an ordinance authorizing the sale

by sealed bid of property at 216 S. Walnut Ave. Details will be published before bids are opened March 16, Troutman said.

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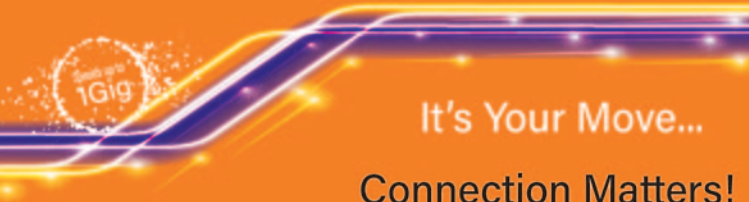
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DEER: Fulton Co. 2nd in deer totals

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the extra free time provided by the pandemic was more of a factor this season.

The record archery total helped boost the overall statewide harvest for the year to 162,575 whitetails for all deer seasons – well above last year's total of 153,174 deer. Of those, 54.6 percent of deer shot were bucks.

Locally, hunters shot 4,105 deer in Fulton County (second highest total in Illinois behind only Pike County), 2,497 deer in Knox County and 2,038

Top Deer Counties

Top counties in Illinois for total deer harvested by hunters in 2020-21.

County	Total
1. Pike	4,545
2. Fulton	4,105
3. Jefferson	3,996
4. Adams	3,949
5. Randolph	3,893
6. Jackson	3,597
7. Williamson	3,328
8. JoDaviess	3,212
9. Macoupin	3,121
10. Marion	3,075

in Peoria County.

The archery increase was dramatically ahead of

changes in other seasons.

• **Youth:** Youth deer hunters harvested a preliminary total of 2,321 deer during between Oct. 10-12, 2020, compared to 3,774 in 2019.

• **Firearm:** Hunters took a preliminary total of 76,579 deer during the traditional Illinois firearm seasons of Nov. 20-22 and Dec. 3-6, 2020, compared with 75,417 deer taken during the 2019 firearm season.

• **Muzzleloader:** Hunters using muzzleloading rifles harvested a preliminary total of 3,447 deer during muzzleloader-only hunting Dec. 11-13, compared with a harvest of 3,076 deer in 2019.

• **Late Winter:** The 2020-21 Late Winter Only and Special CWD deer seasons concluded on Jan. 17 with a combined preliminary harvest total of 4,684 deer, compared with a harvest of 3,164 in 2019-20.

There were 15 northern Illinois counties open to the CWD season. There were 20 counties open for late-winter hunting.

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The new Brimfield High School (BHS) building is celebrating its 10th anniversary of opening this year in August & the Brimfield High School Alumni Association (BHSAA) was also resurrected 10 years ago in May 2021. The old BHS (1936-2011) as many of you remember used to display BHS alumni class composite photos in its hallways. Over the years some of these photos were put into storage & many of them were completely ruined by water damage or damaged in some way. The BHS composite photos are now in a safe dry storage room in the new BHS & are not on display yet. The BHSAA is going to work in collaboration with the school & Superintendent on a project to restore, replace, & get these composite photos displayed in the new high school. The location of the future display of these composite photos would be on the lower level North hallway (the hallway that is straight ahead & behind the staircase after entering the South entrance by the office) in the new BHS building. This North hallway will be deemed the BHS alumni hallway. The composite photos are of varying sizes & are both displayed in portrait & landscape formats. BHSAA along with the financial help of the school will need to replace or repair some of these photos & display them in large poster size display panels that visitors can flip through. Some of these composite photos may need to be mounted on the wall as well because of their size & display format & won't consequently fit or look good in the display cases.

BHSAA is doing a fundraiser asking the alumni & the community to donate towards getting these photos restored & displayed once again in the new high school. Money donated towards this fundraiser will be allocated towards the BHS composite photos project only. Please donate towards this photo fundraiser to help keep the rich history of BHS & its alumni alive in our new school for years to come.

Donations (cash or checks payable to BHSAA) made towards this fundraiser can be sent to the BHSAA President at the address below. And please make sure to send a note that your donation is going directly towards the BHS composite photo project.

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The Brimfield High School Alumni Association (BHSAA) mails out BHSAA alumni & faculty membership renewal forms at the beginning of each calendar year in preparation of funding for the \$1,000 annual alumni scholarship to be presented to a BHS senior in May of that year. This year we will be giving away a \$50 Amazon gift card again to one lucky BHSAA paid member in a drawing from the first 25 memberships we receive back. Then we will be giving away a \$25 Amazon gift card to one lucky winner from the next 25 memberships we receive back. We will continue to give away Amazon gift cards as long as we keep receiving membership forms returned back in multiples of 25.

BHSAA was founded in May of 2011 (10th Anniversary this year) during the demolition of the old BHS & continues to grow as we head into 2021. The BHSAA has had two alumni banquets and a very successful trivia night in the past. The BHSAA will be having trivia nights on Saturday, April 24, 2021 and Saturday, September 18, 2021 both at the Brimfield legion, depending on the current COVID mitigations at those times.

Farmington council tables building plan again

By **BILL KNIGHT**

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Once more, the idea of escaping the current municipal complex and constructing a new facility was postponed at the City Council’s latest meeting on Monday.

A large crowd of people attended the meeting, apparently riled up by social media reports repeatedly asked for a price tag for a project with no site nor design yet determined.

A proposal to seek three architects to detail possible concepts for the new building was tabled.

The discussion on whether to relocate or to build new rather than spend millions of dollars on the deteriorating building is no secret, City Administrator Rollen Wright said.

“This has been dragging on for three years,” he said. “The Council made the decision to build, but it’s difficult to say how much it will cost with an unknown size and location.

“We haven’t got that far,” he continued. “If you’re building a new home, you can’t say how much it’ll cost if you

don’t have a lot and know what kind of house you want.”

Wright said the Council’s Building Committee plans to meet at 6 p.m. on Feb. 15 to try to nail down the City’s preferences on needs, square footage, storage, etc., and he intends to suggest agreeing on a dollar amount and to then start working backward from there.

“We’re making responsible decisions,” he added.

In other business:

• Police officer Emily Ordaz resigned and the Council approved Police Chief Chris Darsham hiring a full-time officer.

• Darsham reported that the department in January made 57 traffic stops, handled 2 crashes, issued 20 traffic citations or ordinance violations, re-

sponded to 4 property crimes and 3 crimes against people, and made 4 arrests.

• The Illinois Association of Police Chiefs notified Farmington that its Police Department has met the U.S. Department of Justice’s use-of-force eligibility requirements, which under the Safe Communities executive order enacted in June make law enforcement agencies eligible for federal grants as long as they maintain a use-of-force policy that follows all federal, state and local laws, including the prohibition on using chokeholds unless merited in a situation where deadly force is allowed.

• Wright reported that Farmington’s Tax Increment Financing fund in January spent \$1,000 for one redevelopment grant

and made a total of \$233,529.27 in “surplus payments” to Farmington Central school district, and Fulton County, plus a disbursement to Petersen Health Systems for a TIF-funded project.

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Patricia A. Dykeman

PRINCEVILLE – Patricia Ann Dykeman, 80, of Peoria, formerly of Princeville, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, at OSF Richard Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Patricia was born on March 17, 1940, in Peoria to Raymond & Elizabeth (Fuchs) Heiman. She married Harold Gene Dykeman on July 1, 1961, in Peoria. He preceded her in death on April 8, 2016.



Dykeman

Surviving are four daughters, Deborah Lambert, Mary Dykeman, Laura (Michael) Thorne, Sandra (Nathan) Barrick; one son, Steven (Jessica) Dykeman; 19 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Raymond (Ellen) Heiman and one sister, Susan Gratton. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Angela Dykeman; and a sister, Theresa Gratton.

Pat retired from Members Choice Credit Union in 2004 after many years of serving customers with a smile. She loved spending time with her family, and she and Harold were regular fixtures at the local coffee shops. She enjoyed the outdoors, whether gardening or taking a walk through the countryside. Back in the day, Pat and Harold could cut a mean rug at the local square dance halls. She was a lifelong member of the

Catholic church.

Visitation was Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. A funeral mass followed at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church, Princeville. Reverend Monsignor Brian Brownsey officiated. Burial was in the Princeville Township Cemetery following the funeral mass.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Mark Catholic Church, Peoria.

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

Barbara A. LaFollett

ELMWOOD – Barbara Ann LaFollett, 74, of Elmwood, passed away at 7:27 p.m., on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021, in rural Brimfield, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Oct. 10, 1946, to William "Eugene" and Mildred "Maxiene" (Zirkle) Johnson in Peoria. She married Larry LaFollett on July 23, 1965. He preceded her in death on July 27, 2019.

She is survived by two sons, Robbie LaFollett of Hanna City and Randy LaFollett of Elmwood; eight brothers; two sisters; four grandchildren, Dr. Kayte LaFollett, Megan (Richie) Spring, Jesse LaFollett, and Ryan



LaFollett

Stear; one great-grandchild, Bristol Stear; two step-great-grandchildren, Owen and Myles Spring; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; one sister; and her dog, Mini.

Barbara previously worked at Globe Auto Supplies and cleaned at Caterpillar. She was a farmer's wife and a full-time grandma. She enjoyed attending sporting events, mowing, bowling, dancing and playing cards. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and the rest of her family.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private service will be held with immediate family only. A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. Due to COVID mitigations, social distancing and face masks will be required.

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

Jacinto C. Tolentino

KICKAPOO – Jacinto C. Tolentino, 82, died Jan. 25, 2021, at his home in Kickapoo, Ill.

At his request, no services will be held.

Jacinto was born on Sept. 11, 1938, in Manila, Philippines, to Facundo and Juana Tolentino. He was preceded in death by his parents

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In a world of peace and love, music would be the universal language.
— Henry David Thoreau

Weekly SUDOKU

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and five siblings: Josefina, Ernesto, Romeo, Alberto and Antonio.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores and two daughters and their spouses; Joanna and Brian Fox and Jo and Nathan Beever; and six grandchildren.

Jacinto graduated from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines, with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology.

He came to the United States in 1970 with his sister, Josefina. He went by "Jack" to many who met him here in the U.S. Jacinto and Dolores were married in 1974 and raised their daughters in Galesburg. They then moved to Peoria and most recently Kickapoo.

He enjoyed gardening, shopping (especially for antiques), and going out to eat.

Oliver F. Buhs Sr.

BRIMFIELD – Oliver Franklin Buhs Sr., 86, of Peoria, brother of a Brimfield man, died Jan. 28, 2021, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

He was born on June 14, 1934, in Bartonville to Otto and Dorothy (Jacobs) Buhs. He married Shirley J. Parker on Feb. 11, 1950, in Peoria. She preceded him in death on Oct. 21, 2016.

Surviving are six children, Oliver (Cheryl) Buhs Jr. of Peoria, Gregory (Mary Jo) Buhs of Oconomowoc, Wis., Cheryl (Paul) Lohnes of Peoria, Peggy (Pete) Jain of Peoria, Gary (Stephany) Buhs of Peoria, and Lisa (Todd) Stroud of Peoria;

11 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and 1 brother, Samuel (Judy) Buhs of Brimfield.

Private burial of ashes will be held at Lancaster Cemetery in Glasford.

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Mary Lou Duckworth

HANNA CITY – Mary Lou Duckworth, 89, of Hanna City died Jan. 30, 2021, at Farmington Country Manor.

She was born on August 20, 1931, in West City. She married Leroy H. Duckworth on Sept. 20, 1958, in Peoria. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are one daughter, Jeanne (Daniel) Wolford of Hanna City; one granddaughter; and three step-grandchildren.

Burial of ashes will be held at a later date at Masonic & Oddfellows Cemetery in Benton.

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Shirley I. Gibson

PRINCEVILLE – Shirley I. Gibson, 82, of Peoria, a Princeville native, died Jan. 25, 2021, surrounded by loved ones.

Services will be at a later date. Shirley was born on March 19, 1938, to Robert and Isla (Morrow) McNeeley in Princeville. She married Scott Gibson on Dec. 5, 1986.

Surviving are her husband, Scott Gibson; two daughters, Tammy

(and Jack Terrell) Foster, Dawn (and Joel) Jackson; three sons, Donald Foster, Norman Foster and Tobin Gibson; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Denver Green

PRINCEVILLE – Denver Green, of Waukesha, Wis., formerly of Peoria and a native of Princeville, 84, died Jan. 21, 2021.

Denver was born Nov. 13, 1936, in Princeville. He married Sharon (nee Burk) on Jan. 27, 1957. She preceded him in death.

He is survived his children, Dr. Daniel (Lynne) Green of Elm Grove, Wis., Timothy (Sherry) Green of Barto, Pa., Andrew (Marita) Green of Waukesha, Wis., Matthew (Kimberly) Green of Wauwatosa, Wis., and Dr. Melody Green of Urbana; nine grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and one sister.

A memorial service will be held later this year. He will be buried in Princeville Township Cemetery. A graveside service will be scheduled in the near future.

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Catherine Satterfield

ELMWOOD – Catherine Satterfield, 93, of Elmwood has died.

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Winter pruning can boost berry harvest

From University of Illinois Extension URBANA – One of the simple joys of summer is picking berries straight from the bush and enjoying a sweet treat. Pruning blackberry and raspberry bushes now ensures a bumper harvest in the summer.

“As a child, my grandparents would send my sisters and me to the unmanaged portions of their property to pick just enough blackberries from the gangly, thorny bushes for a pie,” says Kelly Allsup, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. “Although, this was

a tactic to get us out of the house, if those wild berries had been pruned in late winter, we might have brought back enough for 10 pies.”

Pruning backyard brambles in February or March when the plants are still dormant forces them to branch out when they start to grow, which creates more wood on which fruit can grow.

Bushes have different pruning needs depending on their attributes. Ever-bearing plants need to be trimmed in late winter; To make pruning less intimidating, Allsup recommends identifying the cultivar to make a plan before bringing out the loppers.

Blackberry and raspberry bush canes, the bramble’s stems, are a mix of primocanes and floricanes. Primocanes are vibrant green,

new growth canes. These are not ready to produce flowers or fruit, except for fall-bearing brambles.

Floricanes are older, overwintered canes that produce flowers and fruit and can be productive for up to 20 years. These dark red stems are covered in a white bloom, which rubs off and is used by the plant as a sunscreen.

“Without pruning or cutting back canes, the bush produces less fruit and can harbor disease and pests,” Allsup says.

For example, on a semi-erect blackberry ‘Chester Thornless,’ remove floricanes and diseased canes until there are only six to eight of the strongest primocanes left. On these branches, cut back the tip of the stem to 5 feet. The primocanes will have lateral branches that should be pruned to 18-24 inches.

Most brambles produce

on biennial canes, but some are everbearing. If the primocanes that bore fruit in the fall are left to overwinter, they will fruit again, lower on the cane, in late spring and then die. By mowing down all the canes in late winter, there will be a more abundant harvest.

Erect brambles, common in both raspberries and blackberries, produce stiff, upright canes that need summer and winter pruning. Semi-erect brambles produce thick, arching canes that benefit from winter pruning. If not supported by trellises, these varieties will bend to trail along the ground t, limiting fruit production.

Root-suckering brambles create a hedgerow and spread by root suckers. They are thinned by cutting canes to the ground, leaving 6 inches between canes and removing any canes outside of the row.

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ACROSS

1 Ill will
7 Accepted blame humbly
14 Creatures
20 Mafia code of silence
21 Person of the hour
22 Bill Clinton's #2
23 Formalwear imparting a pleasantly optimistic feeling?
25 Flier Earhart
26 Tricky rascal
27 Some pipe shapes
28 Model of iPod
30 Weasel's kin
31 Room, in Spanish
32 G-men, e.g.
33 Appropriate underwear in a law court?
35 Gemini, e.g.
37 Unwanted plant growth
38 "Oh, sure!"
39 Neckwear making people unable to move?
44 ICU tubes
45 Burnt residue
48 Yellow hue

DOWN

1 Boulders
2 Oven brand
3 Sherpa land
4 Deep fissure
5 An Amerind
6 Brit. mil. fliers
7 Get — of (obtain)
8 Implements
9 Closing parts
10 Homer
11 Simpson cry
12 Rusty color
13 Singer — Marie
14 Sheep's call
15 "Rum Punch" novelist
16 "Yeah, makes sense"
17 Nick of film
18 Heartache
19 Scorches
24 "Angie" star
29 "Tommy" actor
32 E-I linkup
33 Royal flush
34 They're shot from air rifles
36 Modest reply to kudos
37 Comical sort
39 Scots' toppers
40 Many Apples

WEIRD WARDROBE

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42 Turkic language
43 Bit of lifting lingerie
44 I, to Freud
45 Curved line
46 Mani offerer
47 Quick trip
50 Helper. Abbr.
51 Gardening implements
52 Stock up on
55 As is fitting
56 Grabs the attention of suddenly
57 Cut to bits
58 Counteract
59 Buckeye State sch.
61 A bit drunk
63 Plaintiff
66 Regretted deeply
67 Lysol target
68 Jon who played Napoleon
69 Join together
70 Studio prop
75 Earring part
76 "I'm Real" singer's nickname
77 Pixie
78 Deteriorate
79 Kiss go-with, often

80 Stupefy
81 Seal schools
85 Mel who wore #4
87 Helpers in crime
89 — Mahal
91 Used a sofa
92 Elected (to)
93 Platform for Apple devices
94 Biceps, e.g.
95 Brunch dish
96 Thin
98 Slightly off
99 Regional
100 Hush money
101 Slide on a sled, say
102 Polyphonic choral piece
103 Opinion pieces
105 Lysol target
106 It's gathered in recon
107 "Pippin" director Bob
110 Mend, as socks
111 Mets' former stadium for lion or seer
113 Ending for lion or seer
115 — culpa
116 "Zip it!"

49 With 72-Across, 1920s-'30s design style
50 Royal flush card
51 A Marx brother
53 — Zedong
54 Ukraine city
57 Toadstool-shaped headwear?
60 Kilt wearer
62 Stew sphere
63 Moral errors
64 Actress Perلمان
65 Women's wear encircling a magazine?
71 Tooth filler
72 See 49-Across
73 Abbr. of fair hiring
74 Go bonkers
76 Beach where everyone dons athletic wear?
80 Do a tally of
82 Abbr. in personal ads
83 Sir Andrew — Webber
84 "— Day Will Come"
85 Be in debt to
86 Writer Joyce Carol —
88 Frequently, to a poet
89 Pull sharply
90 Waist wear inscribed with images of sun-orbiting bodies?
94 Castle trench
96 ERA or RBI
97 Sit as a model
98 Outerwear with huge pockets to hold LPs?
102 Verbal gems
104 9-to-5er's relieved cry
108 Telegraphic code creator
109 Slave away
110 Inside info
111 Pro at taking dictation
112 Frozen spike
114 Summer wear depicting cartoon scenes?
117 Weasels' kin
118 Looked scornfully
119 Messenger of the gods
120 Rains cold pellets
121 Mean rulers
122 Big bother

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Trivia test

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- SCIENCE: What kind of charge does a neutron carry?
- THEATER: Which 20th-century play features a character named Blanche DuBois?
- HISTORY: Which ancient Greek author is considered "the Father of Comedy"?
- LITERATURE: What were the first names of the Bronte authors and sisters?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut also is known as a filbert or cobnut?
- AD SLOGANS: Which brand of men's aftershave used the advertising slogan, "Be careful how you use it"?
- MOVIES: What was the title of the movie in which Kirk Douglas played the artist Van Gogh?
- GAMES: Which video game character was the first to be featured as a giant balloon in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade?
- MUSIC: Which Billy Joel song featured a couple named Brenda and Eddie, the king and queen of the prom?
- GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name of the African country of Zimbabwe?

Answers

- A neutron has no charge.
- "A Streetcar Named Desire"
- Aristophanes
- Emily, Charlotte and Anne
- Hazelnut
- Hai Karate
- "Lust for Life"
- Sonic the Hedgehog
- "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant"
- Rhodesia

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- Promising Young Woman (R)
- Our Friend (R)
- The War with Grandpa (PG)
- Pinocchio (PG-13)

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BRIEFS

Cook County suburbs exit mitigation tier

SPRINGFIELD – On Tuesday, suburban Cook County moved into more relaxed COVID-19 restrictions, leaving only three of the state's 11 COVID regions still under Tier 1 and Tier 2 restrictions.

Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11 have all entered Phase 4, meaning indoor dining and high school sports can resume in those areas.

Regions 8 and 9 remain in Tier 1 restrictions, which means indoor dining and bar service is allowed in a limited capacity.

Region 4 in the Metro East area on the St. Louis border is the only region still in Tier 2, which prohibits indoor dining or drinking.

Also Tuesday, the state's rolling seven-day average case positivity rate ticked downward to 3.7 percent – the lowest it's been since Oct. 8.

An additional 47 deaths were reported Tuesday, bringing the state-wide virus death toll since the pandemic began to 19,306 out of more than 1.1 million cases and 16.1 million test results reported.

Peoria County SWCD election on Feb. 10

EDWARDS – Peoria County Soil & Water Conservation District will elect two directors on Feb. 10 from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the USDA Service Center, 6715 N. Smith Rd.

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Illinois Sheriffs' college scholarships

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awarded in Peoria County. Scholarships must be used at institutions of higher learning in Illinois and applicants must be full-time students.

Applications are available online at www.ilsheriff.org. Mail or hand-deliver applications to: Peoria County Sheriff's Office, Attn: Ellen Balagna, 301 N. Maxwell Road, Peoria, IL 61604. Or you can email applications to ebalagna@peoria-county.org. Applications are due by March 15.

College honorees

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

- Jessica DeVries of Princeville made the Dean's List (3.6 gpa or better) for the fall semester at Aurora University. DeVries, majoring in Health Science, had a perfect 4.0 gpa.

- Sarah Stevens of Hanna City made the President's List at Illinois Central College with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.



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Jack Stevens

Jack Stevens was selected as Farmington Central High School's February Senior of the Month. Jack is the son of Curtt and Amy Stevens. He has three siblings; Austin, Paige and Reagan Stevens. Jack excels academically as he is in the top 5% of his class and is a member of the National Honor Society. Along with his studies, Jack is involved in various extracurricular activities including Golf, Track and Field, Science Olympiad, Mathletes, Marching and Concert Band, WYSE/ACES Team, and Scholastic Bowl. In addition to his involvement in school, Jack finds time to give back as he volunteers within the community. He assisted students through our tutoring program at FCHS and entertained children at the Wildlife Prairie Park annual Halloween event. He plans to attend the University of Illinois and major in Chemical or Environmental Engineering. Congratulations and good luck in all your future endeavors, Jack!

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Brimfield, Farmington girls return experience

By **VICTOR LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

With very little time to prepare and not much time to improve this girls basketball season, experience will matter even more in a compressed schedule. With that in mind, two area teams look best prepared for the six weeks to come.

Brimfield

The Lady Indians should once again be a powerhouse after losing only one senior from last year and retaining several key players including, seniors Haley Wallace and Megan Bowers and juniors Ella Lune and Elynn Peterson.

Brimfield won its fifth straight regional championship last year in a 25-win season.

Coach Maribeth Dura held one-on-one workouts with her players after COVID halted the start of this season.

Brimfield starts the season at home today against Illini Bluffs at 6 p.m. and then will then travel to face Princeville on Monday at 6 p.m.

Farmington

The Lady Farmers look forward to a promising team filled with experience with all five starters from last year returning.

"We were a very young team last year but with all of our starters returning, I expect us to respond much better this season and to push through any adversity we face" said second-year coach Brad Whitcomb. "We've got a very committed and competitive



Senior Haley Wallace is back to lead Brimfield's girls basketball team after averaging 18.8 points, 5.8 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game.

group of girls right now and I look forward to seeing all their hard work pay off."

Farmington will be led by seniors Emma Vallas, Sydnee Barton and juniors Reece Putrich, Delaney Foster and Emma Evans.

"We have some players that we will rely on to do the bulk of our scoring, but on any given night we could have six or seven different leading scorers," Whitcomb said.

The Lady Farmers hope to improve on the defensive end of the floor and focus on ending possessions with rebounds. With their leading rebounder on the team last year graduating, they will need to find someone to step up and fill that void.

"I fully expect us to compete every night and have an opportunity to win each game late in the fourth quarter," Whitcomb said. "Our conference is loaded

with talent and we will be challenged on a nightly basis."

Farmington finished 13-14 and placed fifth in the Prairieland Conference last season.

Farmington gets its first chance to show where they stand in the league Monday in an away game at traditional powerhouse Illini Bluffs.

Elmwood

The Lady Trojans head into this season hoping to compete in every game and work hard.

"Going into this season, we know that any game could be our last. If one of our players gets COVID, we get shut down," Coach Gregg Meyers said. "That being said, I know that we will play hard and do the best we can."

Seniors Molly Malone, Olivia Caldwell, Hannah Burkiett and Paige Svymbersky are expected to lead the Lady Trojans, who

graduated three seniors from last year's 13-17 finisher.

"This is a very coachable team with a great attitude and a good work ethic, although we are a little rusty right now, I am confident that we will be able to compete," Meyers stated.

The Lady Trojans will open at home on March 8 vs. West Prairie.

Princeville

The Lady Princes have also had a successful run the past few years, including last year's 30-3 regional title winner – the third regional win in the past four years.

Princeville will have work to do in replacing three starters who graduated last year: Brinlee Bauman, Emma Lane and Morissa Martin.

This year's most experience players are senior Ashleigh Brawley and junior Caitlyn Thole, who saw significant time last season. Coach John Gross is also expecting good things from sophomore guards Destiny Harwood and Brenna Schupbach. While Gross said the start of the season could be "rough" against a quartet of top teams, he expects this team to be playing well by season's end. "The expectations have not changed," he said.

Princeville will travel to start the season off against Kewanee Wethersfield Saturday at 1 p.m. in a varsity-only showdown and then host Brimfield Monday at 6 p.m.

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Princeville, others happy just to be playing

By **JEFF LAMPE**

Weekly Post Staff Writer

This was going to be one of those seasons for Princeville that you point to as a basketball coach. With four starters back and five players who played significant minutes on last season's 28-5 boys team, February should have been the time to start peaking for the postseason.

Not so much this year. But at least, as Coach Jeff Kratzer said Monday, there are games to be played.

"I'm just glad the boys are able to play," Kratzer said, echoing the comments of many coaches heading into the start of a shortened hoops season. "That's our No. 1 priority."

Even without a postseason to play for – or a Princeville Holiday Tournament to have enjoyed – the Princes still should be one of the area's best and a clear favorite in the Lincoln Trail Conference.

League play will dominate schedules this year and Princeville has the goods to contend for LTC glory.

Back for the Princes are four senior starters: do everything guard/forward Cole Daily (11.4 ppg, 5.4 rpg and 4.2 apg), 3-point ace Joey Smith (10.4 ppg, 38 percent on treys), Sam Streitmatter (8.3 ppg) and post player Peyton Garcia (6.4 ppg, 4.4 rpg). Daily is a four-year starter and Smith has been top-five for three seasons.

While Princeville will miss graduated glue-guy Carter Johnson and Cody Thole (whose season was cut short by injury), Kratzer should have enough pieces to complement the top four.

Post player Chase Williams added strength and size from last year and juniors Denver Hoerr and Grant Hunt provide the athletic ability and hustle to add a spark.

Even so, the Princes end their season on March 6, earlier than most. As Kratzker explains, "We

wanted to protect our football players and make sure they did not miss out on a week of their season."

Elmwood

The Trojans are a team that figured to give the Princes some good battles, but scheduling won't allow for that now.

Elmwood has five players back who saw a fair amount of varsity experience on a 24-7 regional finalist and three of its top four scorers: junior Andrew Marincic (11.3 ppg) and seniors Luke Hoffmann (10.4 ppg) and Adam Centers (7.6 ppg).

Bad news for the Trojans is that Marincic – who showed flashes of taking over games last year – is suffering from a knee injury.

"He has not practiced much in 3-4 weeks and I don't know when he's going to be ready to go," Coach Josh Fugitt said.

Elmwood will also sorely miss graduated 6-foot-7 defensive ace Braden McFall (11.2 ppg, 8.1 rpg). In his place, Fugitt will look for Centers to step up and for junior Victor Lenzi to take on a larger role inside.

"I think Adam is ready to show he's capable of leading us inside," Fugitt said.

Brimfield

A familiar inside presence will also be lacking for Brimfield, which will be without a Novak in the lineup for the first time in nearly a decade.

Even so, Brimfield likely has better size than most of its foes with the likes of 6-3 senior returnee Luke Groeper, 6-4 center Caleb Tyre, 6-1 junior Dunlap transfer Max Walters, 6-1 Levi Moon and 6-foot guard Austin Baysingar.

"We're not Novak-big anymore, but we have decent length compared to a lot of the 1A schools," Coach Scott Carlson said. "Shooting? We'll see."

Carlson rated defense ahead of offense so far in the shortened preseason.

Groeper was a starter last year and Baysingar split time with junior Thomas Harmon. Walters has some shooting skills and will fill in at forward and guard Jakob McKown is back from Nebraska, where he played on the JV team last fall for a 1,600-enrollment school.

"He's in the best shape of anybody on the team," Carlson said.

The coach also noted that this season is dedicated to the memory of Aaron Miller, a promising 6-3 junior who died in a tragic auto accident in August.

Farmington

The shortened schedule, a roster filled with football players and recent COVID direct-contact issues have Farmington Coach Jeff Otto viewing this season a bit like a "summer league." Heading into the season, five varsity players are sitting in COVID quarantine along with 9 of 11 freshman.

"We have some players, but I haven't seen some of them for awhile," Otto said. "My approach is probably way different than a lot of guys right now. I just want to give the seniors a chance to have some games and I'm kind of leaving it up to them a little bit as to how they want to do this."

Seniors include Ty Anderson, a three-year varsity contributor, Sam Fletcher, Brock Renner, Josh McMillin and David Peppe.

Headlining the junior class is returning point guard Corbin Rutledge, along with classmates Riley Embry, Ethan Evans and Jeremy Schlueter.

All should see time, as Otto rotates quickly to keep fresh legs in the Farmers' run-and-jump defense.

"We're not in great shape, as I'm sure most other teams aren't either," Otto said.

And Otto is also approaching his season with

football in mind, since most of his players participate in both sports. "Our weight training is going to be very different this season," he said.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

Veteran coach Bob Anderson approached this season a bit pessimistically.

"Every time we get a game against somebody where maybe we could win a game, we're going to have COVID come up," he said. "And when we play against somebody good, everybody will be healthy!"

Even so, Anderson has 16 games scheduled to meet the full LTC and ICAC slate.

Senior Ryan Haggerty and junior Carson Malek return after starting last year. Haggerty is a 5-7 guard who can go the basket and Malek is a 5-11 3-point shooter. Beyond that are plenty of question marks, though Anderson has high hopes for 6-foot Graham Wight and 5-8 Adam Kohl.

"We'll be looking for a fifth to go with them," Anderson said. "We're probably going to have to play some people off the bench because of our conditioning."

R-W got in its first practice on Monday.

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SPORTS: IESA hoping for track meet

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games, but not at JV games, and will livestream on the NFHS website.

Brimfield will have fans at games and streaming on the NFHS site.

ROWVA-Williamsfield will allow home fans but has no word yet on livestreaming of games.

So don't plan any road trips without first checking with the schools to see if fans are allowed. And keep checking back with the schools for streaming information.

The change also impacts coaches. "The scouting element and the preparation side are all different," Elmwood boys basketball coach Josh Fugitt said.

IESA Schedule

While the Illinois Elementary School Association has already called off the postseason for boys and girls basketball

and wrestling, while allowing those sports to play regular season games, the IESA is holding out hope for some other sports.

Girls volleyball is currently planning on playing regionals and sectionals before the March 10 end of the season. And sectionals and state finals for girls and boys track and field are still tentatively on the schedule as planned with the season to end on June 12. The state track meet is the cash-strapped IESA's largest fundraiser of the year.

The IESA said, "A decision on conducting those events will be made later and hopefully no later than March 1."

As in high school, some schools are allowing fans but many are not. Check ahead before planning any road trips. And some schools will be showing junior high games on their YouTube pages.



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Busy spring for sports

IHSA, IESA packing plenty into remainder of year

By JEFF LAMPE

Weekly Post Staff Writer

Sports are back and athletic directors, coaches and athletes are already caught in an onslaught of action that will likely continue through June.

The Illinois High School Association released a detailed schedule last week that provides all remaining sports a chance to field at least some portion of a season.

Due to the compacted timeline, though, the new schedule means multi-sport coaches and athletes will be doing some impressive juggling.

At this point, spring sports will be least impacted by the changes required due to COVID-19. Unlike fall and winter sports, those spring events are scheduled to have a

chance to compete in some sort of a state championship series – though what that will look like is still to be determined.

IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson said the IHSA Board wanted to, “do everything in their power to prevent spring sports from going two consecutive years with no postseason IHSA play.”

“There are obviously no guarantees, as risk levels by sport and local region mitigation statuses will factor significantly,” Anderson said. “Postseason could mean being limited to a regional or sectional level of competition, but we have not ruled out the idea of playing a full state

tournament in these traditional spring sports, if possible. The overwhelming feedback we have heard from athletic directors and coaches was that returning to play in all sports should be the main goal.”

Scheduling Issues

While there is time to work out the postseason for spring sports, the immediate challenge for athletic directors and coaches has been coming up with schedules for boys and girls basketball

games and hiring referees. Area conferences met hurriedly last week after the IHSA announcement and most created schedules that feature almost all league games.

While some basketball teams started last weekend, the first area high school to play is the Brimfield girls squad, which is home against Illi

ni Bluffs tonight.

Because sports will overlap, some are taking extra precautions. Jeff Kratzer is Princeville boys basketball coach and athletic director. His team is expected to be one of the area’s best. Yet Kratzer is intentionally cutting off the hoops season earlier than most.

“In my opinion, it’s unfair for basketball to play a gazillion games and baseball play a gazillion games and have football get just six weeks,” Kratzer said. “We need to protect our athletes and make sure they are as healthy as possible and make sure we don’t overuse them in

Hoops Previews

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IHSA SPORTS SCHEDULE

Illinois High School Association

Sport	IDPH Risk	Practices Start	Practice Dates Before Games	State Series	End Date
Boys/Girls Basketball	Higher	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Boys Swimming & Diving	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Dance	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	Virtual (2/27 & 3/6)	March 13
Cheerleading	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	Virtual (3/6 & 3/12)	March 13
Boys/Girls Bowling	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Girls Gymnastics	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Badminton	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	TBD	April 3
Boys Soccer	Moderate	March 1	7 dates	No State Series	April 17
Football	Higher	March 3	1st Game March 19	No State Series	April 24
Girls Volleyball	Moderate	March 8	7 dates	No State Series	April 24
Boys Gymnastics	Lower	March 15	7 dates	TBD	May 22
Boys/Girls Water Polo	Moderate	March 15	7 dates	TBD	May 29
Baseball	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys/Girls Lacrosse	Higher	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Girls Soccer	Moderate	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Softball	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys Tennis	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys/Girls Track & Field	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys Volleyball	Moderate	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Wrestling	Higher	April 19	7 dates	No State Series	June 12

IESA SPORTS SCHEDULE

Illinois Elementary School Association

Sport	IDPH Risk	Practice Starts	Practices Prior to Contest	State Series	End Date
Boys Basketball	High	ASAP	7 per individual	No state series	March 12
Girls Basketball	High	March 8	7 per individual	No state series	May 9
Girls Volleyball	Moderate	ASAP	7 per individual	Regional/Sectional	March 19
Bowling	Low			No state series	
Wrestling	High	April 5	7 per individual	No state series	May 30
Track and Field	Low	March 1	7 per individual	TBD	June 12

this very short timespan.”

Fans or No Fans?

Beyond scheduling and hiring referees are difficult decisions on how to handle attendance. The IHSA says the limit is 50 spectators, not counting players, coaches, officials and scorekeepers.

Even so, some schools like Elmwood and Princeville are so far planning to have no fans in attendance. Both schools

will rely instead on live-streaming home games so fans can watch.

Elmwood will livestream junior high sports on its YouTube channel and high school events at www.nfhsnetwork.com. There is a subscription fee for NFHS.

Princeville will stream junior high and high school events on its YouTube page. Farmington will have fans at varsity

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