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Four candidates vying to become Elmwood mayor

By **JEFF LAMPE**
 For The Weekly Post

Four candidates who have spent more than 157 years combined living in Elmwood are vying for the position of mayor in this city of 2,300.

This is the first contested mayoral contest in Elmwood since 2009, when John "JD" Hulslander, then 32, defeated Bob Howard. Hulslander served two terms, before outgoing mayor Bryan Davis took over. The other candidates are

Brandon Butler, 36, David Courson, 76, and Dave Ramsay, 56. Courson also served as Elmwood mayor, from 1979-83.

Ramsay has spent most of his work career in construction operations and sales for steel structures, including Meyer Utility Structures, who he worked for the past 10 years.

Courson is retired after working a wide variety of jobs, including being a mechanic, a garbage collector, a machinist at Caterpillar Tractor Co., a sales-

Election Coverage

Watch for stories next week on the races for Yates City Village President, Elmwood School Board and Farmington School Board.

man for various companies, a personal financial advisor, a human resources manager and a vice president at H&H Industries, Inc. of Elmwood.

Hulslander has spent the bulk of his career as an electrical

systems and hardware engineer and currently works for Kress Corp. in Brimfield.

Butler has worked 10 years in the supply chain at OSF St. Francis.

We asked the four candidates questions heading into the April 6 election. Here are their answers, edited only for space.

• *Why are you running for mayor?*

Butler: "I love this community and the people in it. I believe we have the potential to do

great things not just for Elmwood, but for central Illinois and beyond. I am running for mayor for the youth, because I believe sometimes they are forgotten about."

Courson: "To reverse a troubling trend toward lack of officials' responsiveness, including "analysis paralysis". To ensure the voice of citizens is heard and their concerns addressed. I have been stalled, dismissed and ignored by portions of the

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COVID EVEN IMPACTED ROBOTS

Robot teams adapt

COVID forces remote robot building

By **KATIE HAHN**
 For The Weekly Post

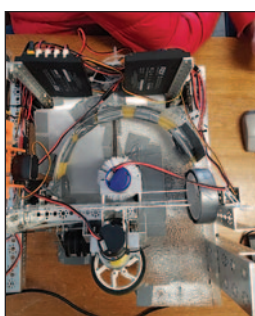
Local robotics teams faced big challenges during the 2020-2021 competition season. Last August, FIRST – an international organization that fosters student interest in science, technology, engineering, and math through robotics competitions – announced the upcoming season would not have any in-person tournaments. Instead, students were asked to compete in virtual tournaments by recording and submitting videos for judging.

Six area middle school and

high school teams had to decide whether they could safely participate in the altered remote season.

Elmwood and Williamsfield's school-sponsored robotics teams faced the same restrictions as school sports teams in the fall of 2020. According to Williamsfield teacher and robotics coach, Kathy Wight, the school's hybrid schedule and COVID policies made it impossible to get the middle school and high school teams together to build and program their robots.

Even though the Elmwood



Eisleys Soucie and Willow Carlton build attachments out of LEGOs for their robot during a FIRST LEGO League practice. The girls are members of Brimfield Public Library's T.N.T. team, which is open to students in 4th-7th grade. At left, This season Brimfield's FIRST Tech Challenge team built a robot that uses motors, sensors and a toilet brush to drive, pick up rings and launch them into a goal tower to score points.

Trobots, Williamsfield Bom-Botics and Williamsfield Bionic Bombers all had successful seasons last year and were eager to build on what they had achieved, the difficult decision was made

to sit this season out. Students and coaches did not waste the downtime, however. Elmwood science teacher and coach Cindy Alcaraz offered virtual after

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Gov. signs economic equity bills

By **PETER HANCOCK**
 Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker signed a package of four bills Tuesday that made up the "economic access, equity and opportunity" pillar of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus.

Speaking at a bill-signing ceremony at the Union Baptist Church in Springfield, Pritzker said the legislative package would go a long way toward addressing the harms caused by "systemic racism" that has prevented people of color from gaining full access to jobs, housing, state contracting and credit.

"Together these four bills mark significant progress in our efforts to close the racial gaps and eliminate barriers that have for too long unfairly held Black and brown Illinoisans back," he said. "While

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ROBOTICS: Toilet brush part of robot design

Continued from Page 1 school programming lessons to help keep her students sharp, and members of the Bionic Bombers FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team discussed ways to modify last year's robot in case restrictions eased and they were able to compete at the last minute.

Brimfield's three library-sponsored robotics teams discussed adding safety measures and decided participating in the remote season was possible. The Brimfield Public Library helped the teams find dedicated spaces where they could work together while still adhering to health guidelines. The 12 4th-6th grade students on Brimfield's two FLL teams and the six 9th-12th grade students on Brimfield's FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team did not let wearing masks and social distancing during practices slow them down. Each team built and programmed a robot that was able to complete a series of challenges designed by FIRST to score points.

Additionally, they mastered the use of video recording equipment and editing software purchased with

funds from a Project Next Generation grant so they could share their work with tournament judges. Students on B.U.I.L.T. and T.N.T., Brimfield's two FLL teams, also completed research projects with the help of experts in the fields of app design and virtual reality game design, who spoke with the team members via Zoom.

The students' hard work paid off. FLL team T.N.T. scored 295 points in the virtual Champaign-Urbana Qualifier and earned the Robot Design Award. FLL team B.U.I.L.T. achieved the highest score of 365 points in the virtual Chicago West Speer Academy Qualifier, which earned them the Robot Performance Award and a spot in the virtual State tournament in April.

While the Savage Penguins FTC team did not score well enough to advance to the next round of competition, tournament judges were impressed by the team's innovative incorporation of a regular household object – a toilet brush – into their robot design to solve the problem of moving the game's bright orange

plastic rings into the launching position.

Although Brimfield students and coaches are thankful they were able to compete in this year's virtual season, they are hoping for a return to in-person competition and collaboration next year.

"We get ideas from seeing the other robots and talking to other teams about how they approached a problem. It's really hard to see how something works from watching videos," said 14-year-old LJ Higgs of the Savage Penguins.

Elmwood and Williamsfield coaches are also hopeful that their teams will be able to compete in some form next year. All six teams are looking to recruit new mentors and team members in 4th-12th grade for next season. Those interested in helping the teams develop their technical skills or signing up a new team member are encouraged to reach out to their community's team sponsor.

Email Katie Hahn at khahn@brimfieldlibrary.org for more information about Brimfield's FLL and FTC teams.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Upcoming Events

- **Mystery Craft** – Brimfield Public Library has a “Mystery Craft” Night on Friday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. Limited seating, masks required. Call (309) 446-9575.
- **Egg Hunt** – Brimfield E-Free Church has an Easter Egg hunt Saturday, March 27, at 10:30 a.m. for kids age 1-12. Games, goodie bags, face painting. Attendees must wear a mask. (309) 446-3571.
- **Blood drive** – St. Patrick Catholic Church in Elmwood will have a blood drive on March 30 from 1-6 p.m. To register, call Ann at (309) 219-3900.

This Week's Events

- **Tai Chi** – Tai chi classes Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4 per class. Bring mat and water.
 - **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4 per class.
 - **Book fair** – Farmington Elementary School has an online book fair March 15-28. Find the Book Fair link under “News” on dist265.com, Parent Square or Scholastic-BookFairs.com.
 - **Egg Hunts** – Princeville Presbyterian Church is holding its first annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Square in Princeville’s Steven’s Square on Friday, April 2, at 6 p.m.
- The Princeville Lions Club has an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, at noon at Cutters Grove Park. Masks required. Ages 2 and up. Age groups: 3 and under, 4-6, 7 and up.

Future Events

- **Spring Suite** – Elmwood High School band students will not record until March 31, so the earliest Spring Suite will be available to watch on the school’s YouTube channel is April 2.
- **Tax Aide** – Brimfield Public Library offers AARP Tax-Aide Day on Monday, April 5, in the afternoon. Registration is required. Call (309) 446-9575.
- **Virtual chat** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library will hold a virtual Fireside Chat with author John Sandford on April 14 at 7 p.m. John Sandford is the pseudonym for Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist John Camp. His next book, “Ocean Prey” will be released April 13. This is an online Zoom Webinar. If you have questions, send to elmwoodlib@gmail.com by April 1 and they will be forwarded. Register with name and email address for the chat by April 1 to elmwoodlib@gmail.com.

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GUEST VOICES



Of Darla from Dahinda & turnips with tails

Rambling through central Illinois, pondering the power of a dog's digestive system.

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Met a nice woman the other day alongside a dusty road in view of the Spoon River. Almost as soon as I made her acquaintance, **Darla from Dahinda** had a request. "I don't really care about sports. Can you go back to writing that column in the other spot of your paper? That's the first thing I read."



Jeff **LAMPE**

Then the other day there was a caller named **Beth Davis** basically saying the same thing. Wow. Well, be careful what you wish for, because here we go. ... Actually, this space is more fun than the sports page, where I can't write about trees, turds, turkeys and tomatoes. Plus, there's so much hope in the world again that it's time for one more step toward normalcy. If **Patty Tusek** is emailing me to say the Yates City Harvest Home Festival is going to have a fundraiser dinner again, which they are on April 15 and which will include chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes and cookies, then it's time for me to get back to normal, too.

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For all the flaws of this prep football season, there was a great sense of pleasant familiarity to watch a game under the Friday night lights. Everyone felt it, even crusty coaches like Princeville's **Jon Caruthers** (who is not nearly as grumbly as he sometimes lets on). "It was funny. We were in pre-game warmups and **Hunter Boland** was just smiling. I asked him, 'Why are you smiling?' He said, 'I'm just happy to be out here and playing football.'" Sure there is no postseason. Sure COVID will cancel some games (probably needlessly). But

Boland's smiles are a reminder that at the root of all this, the reason we play is for enjoyment. For fun. As serious as sports can get, that's a great thing to remember. ... And watching a football game on a cool spring night was not much different than watching a football game on a cool fall night. The weird thing was seeing caution tape draped around **Dick Whitney Field** in Elmwood and so few people in the crowd. Plus, it was hard to identify folks wearing masks. **Rich Rushing** of Elmwood walked past at one point and I was not sure if he was a bank robber, a burly model for a jacket company or, **Rich Rushing**. At that moment, my time-tested defense mode of calling everybody "Hoss" or "Big Shooter" nearly kicked in. Sigh.

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Ever since our puppy started going outside, he has tried to eat everything he can get his mouth on. Leaves and sticks are atop his list, but so are the Chester blackberries carefully cultivated along a fence in the backyard. For the past two years, those blackberries have been allowed to entwine themselves in the fence, and they were developing quite an impressive array of branches. They are the gift of **Fran Stafford**, a kind soul who also enjoys her share of rambling and who somehow, like **Darla**, looks kindly on me. Alas, nothing can match the power of a Labrador puppy's need to chew. The second **Buck** dog in my life devoured most of the wooden siding on our garage when we lived in Decatur. The first **Buck** dog, who was not a Lab but was a handsome mutt, ate a hole in the vinyl floor in my parent's kitchen when we dared to go on vacation and leave him in the care of neighboring housesitter, **Hector Evanco**. Years later, a shaken **Hector** could only say, "I don't know where that linoleum went!" For better or worse, the third **Buck** dog, **BD3**, seems as though he is ready to carry

on after his knuckleheaded predecessors. About all that's left of the fancy blackberries, the brambles I had watered so religiously, are gnawed stumps. But as my late mother often said while looking at our barren yard, "There will be time enough to have a nice yard when you kids are gone." So it goes with young dogs. All things in life require compromises. Sacrificing a few brambles for the joy of a puppy is a relatively small cost. Sorry **Fran**. ... What else has the puppy eaten (that we know about)? A dead mouse, Andes mint wrappers, cat puke, the eye from a stuffed animal, enough rawhides to make shoes for all of Elmwood and opossum poop. Only the last item was too much for **Buck's** stomach to digest. Plus, the youngest boy is not sure he ate a mouse or a turnip under his "careful" watch, since in my son's creative mind, turnips also have tails. Parenting is still more difficult than raising a puppy.

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A potential advertiser recently asked, "Why put an ad in The Weekly Post?" The usual compelling reasons jumped to my lips. Later that night, I came up with another critical benefit of newspapers. Placing our paper in your recycling bin softens the sound of glass bottles being dumped into the container. The thicker the paper, the more we can help limit those embarrassing, bi-weekly, early-morning moments when the clinking of your recycling bin wakes neighbors. Or so I am told. ... Tree count: At last tally we had 206 oaks and chestnuts in pots with another 20 looking likely to sprout. ... Parting shot: The email Monday was so exciting. Journalists qualify for a COVID vaccine! The only thing dulling my excitement was the thought: Is the hated media the last to get vaccinated?

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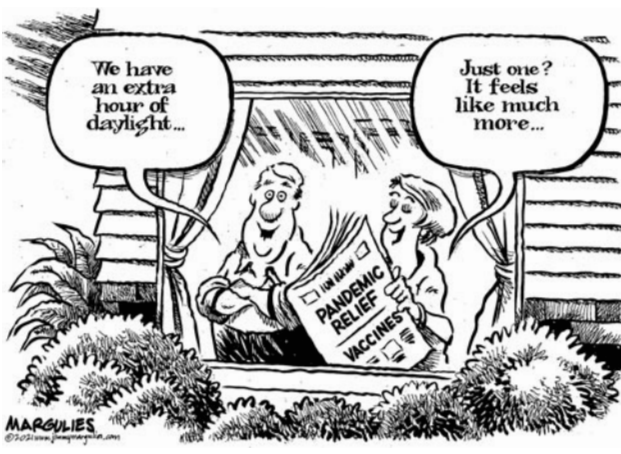

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Figuring the odds on Prospective Plantings

If you're a corn and soybean farmer or an ag commodity futures trader, one of the biggest make-or-break days of the year looms: On March 31, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will issue its Prospective Plantings report.

The much-anticipated report is the world's first look at USDA's best estimates for the upcoming year's planted acreage of major U.S. crops like corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton. Market bears and bulls usually find enough news in the report to rattle prices for weeks.

This March's numbers are even more anticipated than usual because key ag markets like corn, soybeans, and wheat – driven by shrinking U.S. supplies and continued high demand globally – are putting in their strongest performances in years.

That means U.S. farmers might be able to do what they do best – plant big acres and deliver big crops without prices falling to knee-shaking levels.

Just how big?

USDA offered a preview of 2021 planted acres in its mid-February Outlook Forum. In round numbers – none tied to actual survey data – it guessed U.S. farmers could plant 92 million acres of corn, 90 million acres of soybeans and 45 million acres of winter and spring wheat. If accurate, the combined acreage for corn and soybeans, at 182 million, would top 2017's record 180.3 million acres.

More importantly, USDA's 2021

soybean estimate is 6.9 million acres more than what U.S. farmers planted in 2020. While that's an enormous boost, (the overall crop, at an estimated 4.5 billion bushels, would be up nine percent from last year) USDA guesses 2021/22 soybean prices will average \$11.25 per bushel, or "slightly" better than last year, because more farmers will use today's good futures prices to price tomorrow's crop.

Well, it can hope.

Where soy gets the acres is equally hopeful. USDA believes today's strong prices will draw some Northern Plains spring wheat acres to soybeans (likely) and almost 2 million acres of planned cotton will, instead, be planted in soybeans. (Equally likely.)

Also, the "unusually high level" of unplanted acres across the Midwest in the last two years will return to "normal" and soybeans will sprout on many of them. (This is what USDA sounds like when it guesses.)

That's the February, no-farmers-surveyed case.

The March, farmers-surveyed Prospective Plantings report may confirm that bias, say market seers. If so, today's November futures market, dancing around \$12.50 per bushel, appears comfortable with an estimated 90-million-acre soybean crop on the horizon.

Of course, if USDA finds more than a 90-million-acre crop in the offing, futures prices could take a hit.

The silver lining to that cloud, however, is that added soybean acres means fewer corn acres because the acres have to come from somewhere. So, what's bad for beans will be good for corn.

But will farmers give up corn acres to grow more soybeans in 2021?

That might be a hard fight, write Brent Gloy and David Widmar in a March 15 blog for their firm, agricultural economic insights, or aei.

The straightforward math (using 2021 Purdue University crop budgets) show a clear, \$20-per-acre profit advantage to grow soybeans over corn, mostly because variable costs to grow beans (\$249/acre) are considerably less than corn (\$436/acre).

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To the aei team, the advantage then falls to corn. They say it this way: "In 48 percent of the observations, or about half the time, corn would generate a larger contribution margin than soybeans, even with soybeans' 'on average' advantage."

Most farmers state this concept differently. They put it this way: "just prefer to plant corn, all things being equal," because, in fact, in years like 2021, all things aren't equal: corn can be a big winner.

But betting on that would be like betting on the Prospective Plantings report.

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Brimfield school to get tough on late fees

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield School Board discussed delinquent payments of student fees that include registration fees, activity fees, etc. at their Mar. 17 monthly meeting. The school is currently owed \$4,701 in late fees, according to School Superintendent Tony Shinall.

“My question of the board is ‘How do you want to handle it?’ – withholding diplomas is not an option for seniors and withholding transcripts is not an option,” Shinall said. “Not allowing students to participate in graduation exercises is an option.”

This would apply to eighth-grade students, as well as seniors.

The range of fees presently owed is from \$95 to the highest being \$1,617. The school district has attempted to collect these fees from all who owe by mailing letters to those families. Shinall would also like to notify students that they may

not enroll in dual credit courses, if they owe fees.

With graduation set for May 15 and eighth-grade promotion also on May 15, families who owe payments have slightly less than two months to rectify this situation.

In addition to graduation, the board discussed not allowing a student to participate in activities that they owe fees for, such as sports.

The board informed Shinall that they will back his decisions on the collection of those late fees. Shinall plans to start with another letter mailing to delinquent families.

Board President John Thompson completed his four-year term on the board of education with this meeting. “I would like to thank all board members who we’ve worked with. The first couple of years were a little rough, but I’m glad I did it. It’s been a good experience and I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished the past four years,” Thompson said. “It’ll be a new board [next month], good luck. I think it’ll be a

good group to work with.”

In his report, high school principal Billy Robison said juniors will be taking the SAT on April 13, while freshmen and sophomores will take the PSAT the same day. Freshmen orientation will occur during parent-teacher conferences.

Grade school principal Julie Albritton reported there were 427 students in attendance. Spring break will occur March 29 to April 2, plus there is no school on March 26.

The school board approved all of the following: Spring 2020-21 coaches and volunteer coaches; teachers for second-, third-, and fourth-year probation, plus teachers’ tenure status and for continued tenure service; Kristin Wagner as part-time certified staff; Jake Lowery as high school social studies teacher for the 2021-22 school year; the retirement of elementary teacher Tina Schnake; and, finally, Julie Albritton’s and Bill Robison’s vacation time.

PUBLIC RECORD

Police reports

• **ELMWOOD** – A fight causing injuries to two brothers and charges against one were summarized in a March 14 Peoria County Sheriff’s report that mentioned an assist from the Farmington Police Department. The complainant told police that his brother, Jesse J. Eldridge, 36, of Elmwood, had kicked in his door and hit him with a baseball bat. Eldridge had fled by the time police were on the scene.

Observations at the residence were consistent with a physical fight as were injuries to the complainant. Police located Eldridge who told them his account of the fight, claiming his brother had stabbed him with a kitchen knife. The brothers had different accounts of what started the fight.

Jesse Eldridge had injuries necessitating transportation by BYE Ambulance to Methodist Hospital. Police found rifles in Eldridge’s house that

he insisted he thought were “pellet guns” and not “real firearms.” He was charged with home invasion with injury, aggravated domestic battery, criminal damage to property \$500-\$10,000, and unlawful possession of a weapon.

• **FARMINGTON** – Farmington police pulled over a driver on March 18 when it was noticed she was driving in the wrong lane in the 600 block of E. Fort St., according to a Farmington police report. Jacey Anderson, 21, of Elmwood was charged with DUI alcohol. Her car was towed and impounded. She was released with a Fulton County court date.

• **FARMINGTON** – Robert Mobley, 29, of Canton was charged on March 17 for driving while license is suspended, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and expired registration, according to a Farmington report. Two citations were issued to Mobley for violations of the Child Safety Act. He was given an April court date in Fulton County.

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EQUITY: Four bills passed in lame-duck session

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there is more work to do, we are a better state for what's in this legislation today."

The four bills all passed during the General Assembly's lame duck session in January. Among them was Senate Bill 1480, which restricts the ability of employers to use a person's criminal history in making

hiring decisions.

"Because of this new law, never again, should an employer refuse to hire someone based on a criminal conviction if that conviction has nothing to do with that type of job being sought," Rep. Sonya Harper, D-Chicago, the lead sponsor of the bill in the House, said.

Also included in the

package was Senate Bill 1608, which raises the goal for state contracting with minority-owned businesses to 30 percent, instead of 20 percent. It also establishes a new Commission on Equity and Inclusion within the Department of Central Management Services, to monitor and make recommendations for enforcing diversity requirements in state contracting.

Charles Harrell, president and CEO of the Information Technology Architect Corp., a Black-owned IT company based in Chicago, said stronger enforcement of those rules has been lacking for years.

"While the state agencies has frequently touted the number of vendors it has awarded certification, it has struggled to meet its obligation to create a fair atmosphere for certified vendors to fairly participate after a contract is awarded," he said.

The new law also creates the Illinois Community Reinvestment Act, which sets new standards for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to examine low- and moderate-income lending by state-chartered banks, credit unions and non-

bank mortgage lenders.

Another bill that was part of the package was Senate Bill 1792, which, among other things, caps the effective interest rate lenders can charge on payday loans and other small-dollar consumer loans at 36 percent, the same limit that applies under federal law to loans made to active duty service members.

The final bill in the package was Senate Bill 1980, which prohibits public housing authorities from considering a person's criminal history when deciding whether to rent or lease a housing unit to an applicant, unless it's required by federal law.

"Everyone deserves a place to lay their head at night without the shame of their past following them," Josephine Horace-Jackson, a member of the Restoring Rights and Opportunities Coalition of Illinois, said in a statement distributed by the governor's office.

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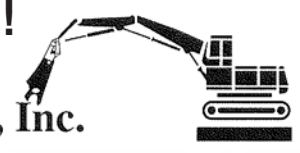


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ELMWOOD: No candidate favors cutting taxes

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city council. This should not happen to any citizen. To provide meaningful oversight of all city operations to prevent future elected and appointed office shortcomings.”

Hulslander: “I love Elmwood and want to help improve it and lead it into a successful future. I was born and raised here, greatly care about Elmwood, and want to give back to the community that has given me so much.”

Ramsay: “Elmwood is a special community. To stay that way, it will take some effort and vision. We have a great history in our town and our school has a great reputation, so there is a lot to build on.”

• *What are some things you hope to accomplish in your tenure as mayor?*

Butler: “As mayor I will start a mentorship program for our youth. I will work hard to bring in new businesses and work with the Elmwood Community Foundation on projects that will help everyone in our community. Another thing is working with other local mayors on bringing jobs to central Illinois. Working with the school with a job-shadowing program and also bringing in another festival for the summer. I want to work with the Phelps Barn committee on what we can do to use the barn and spread the news of Mr. Phelps.”

Courson: “To have a reliable procedure for auditing the accuracy of allocation of Elmwood’s share of revenues collected by the state and county. To help open new sources of ideas and opportunities, as through organization and commerce media groups, that will supplement the great work the Economic Development department is doing.

“To ensure there are 1-year, 3-year, 5-year and 10-year plans for water and sewer systems maintenance and development, street maintenance and development and surface water drainage.

“To rehabilitate city streets in addition to seal-coating. To have a workable plan and ability to extend curb and gutter and re-pave Ash Street from Rose east to Jarman.

“To maintain contact with our internet and cellular telephone providers about their long range plans for service so Elmwood does not become an information technology forgotten zone.”

Hulslander: “I would like to see our infrastructure, such as sidewalks and streets, continue to be repaired and improved. We have had some budgetary strings holding up projects. The chair of those two major committees is not running for re-election. I would like to ensure that we keep on the path forward Nick [McElroy] has put us on.

“The parks are another area where I would like to focus. Bob Paige has done a great job and I would like to continue to work with him and set

up a five-year plan to rebuild, reinvigorate and create new recreational opportunities.

“The city is on a great path for economic development. We are exploring, finding and creating tools to keep our business community thriving. I want to ensure we keep our focus to make Elmwood prosper.”

Ramsay: “One primary focus I’d like to see is significant effort to revitalize our central business district. Thirty years ago there was vitality and energy in our local businesses. We all recognize that business is conducted differently than it was just a generation ago, but we still need the core business district to help strengthen our community. I believe we can find creative ways to incentivize business to build and to stay and help keep our unique charm.”

• *Elmwood’s downtown TIF district will expire on April 19. Are you in favor of renewing the TIF district?*

Butler: “I believe right now the TIF should be extended. Development of the business district is a high priority. To continue building our businesses, I believe we should extend. We have a couple of buildings sitting empty right now.”

Courson: “The Fairgrounds Acres development seems to have been quite successful in increasing tax revenue and merging it with the Downtown has added options to the fund use. I am currently not in favor of extension. I feel it is time for the other local taxing bodies to receive the benefits they have been waiting for, which just may let them avoid a rate hike.”

Hulslander: “I am on the fence on this issue, with a leaning towards renewal. I would like to see a reasonable time limit if there is an extension. There are pros and cons for the TIF. The pros are monies and programs the city could offer to help revitalize businesses, buildings, and infrastructure in the TIF district. One con would be the additional tax money other groups may miss out on. Ultimately, I would likely side with the other taxing bodies that would be affected.”

Ramsay: “Of all the tools available to small towns, this is a powerful one. The constraints put on our spending limit where we can focus our money. The TIF gives us local control. It should be extended to allow us to use new (incrementally new) tax money, directed where we believe it should be best spent.”

• *Would you consider lowering taxes?*

Butler: “That is not something I can answer at this moment. I will say I understand that people are hurting right now financially and I will try and find a way within my power to help. I cannot say yes or no to lowering taxes.”

Courson: “Lowering taxes sounds good – until services drop below public tolerance. It is usually less expensive to maintain than to rebuild. But, I do not often reject an idea out-of-hand, and would consider reasonable arguments for lowering taxes.”

Hulslander: “I would consider it. I, like everyone, would be in favor of lower taxes. On that same note, we would probably need to cut or limit city services as tax money funds the vast majority of projects, payroll, equipment, etc.”

Ramsay: “Elmwood is a small community with a small budget. The taxes that the city controls don’t appear to be out of proportion in any significant way. Our goal should be a to align taxes with the norm and our budget.”

• *Anything else?*

Butler: “Being mayor isn’t just for a title, it’s to help people and move our community forward. I look forward to working with the community leaders and business owners. This is step one of a process that we have put together to be able to serve others.”

Courson: “There are many causes and projects that an individual would like to be involved in, and should be supportive of, that one may lose sight of the primary role of a mayor. My intent is to stay focused on mayoral duties.”

Hulslander: “I am the only candidate on the ballot with recent and applicable experience as mayor. As a current Alderman I can assure a smooth transition to the office of mayor as well as assist with the acclimation of the two newly elected Aldermen.”

Ramsay: “I spent six years in the U.S. Navy as a Nuclear Power Plant Operator and was attached to the USS Enterprise. We circumnavigated the globe in 1989 over a six-month period. That may not qualify me for mayor but I’m pretty sure no other candidate has done this.”

• *Notable:* Butler has been involved with Elmwood school athletics as a coach for the past eight years. ... Courson volunteered for the Elmwood Fire Department, was a Jaycees member, has helped with Elmwood Trojan Tool Day at the high school and completed a course in municipal water systems at Illinois Central College. ... Hulslander was appointed Ward 3 Alderman for Elmwood in 2019, was a volunteer with the Elmwood Fire Department for 12 years before retiring and was a former member of the Elmwood Zoning Board of Appeals. ... Ramsay created the Biddy Basketball program at the Elmwood Community Center in 1994, was an Elmwood School Board member, worked for ROHN to help develop Saudi Arabia’s civil defense communications infrastructure and recently stepped down as President of Maple Lane Country Club.

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By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Optimism over a more normal summer is evident in all walks of life, even at meetings of the Princeville Village Board.

During its March 16 meeting, the village board heard discussions about the village’s annual Heritage Days event, which was not held last year but is currently being planned for June 24-27 at Princeville’s Stevens Square Park.

More specifically, the board approved a request from the Akron-Princeville Fire Department seeking to use a city lot for their annual beer tent.

Village President Jeff Troutman said the board gave tentative approval of the beer tent, which is a fundraiser for the Akron-Princeville department.

“Heritage Days is supposed to be a go as far as I know,” Troutman said, noting the state is not yet allowing the issuance of special-event liquor licenses. “We can’t issue one until the state opens up a little more. It sounds like maybe in mid-April they will start to ease [liquor license] restrictions.”

The board also accepted the lone bid of \$15,000 which was received for a house and lot at 216 S. Walnut Ave.

The board also voted to approve an updated 2021 version of the Princeville Personnel Policy Handbook. Troutman said the new handbook includes “some clarifications and some state laws that were

added and were not in our original one.” All village employees were given a copy of the handbook that they are to return before April 6.

The board also approved reinvesting for another three months a \$100,000 CD that had expired. The investment will also be discussed at the next board meeting.

Troutman said the village is looking at different options for the money, but he noted, “we’re kind of limited with what we can do.”

The board also heard a treasurer’s report and committee reports before adjourning.

The next board meeting will be Monday, April 5, at 7 p.m.

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Favorite Author/Book: *Call of the Wild*
Favorite Restaurant: Chick-Fil-A
Musical Artist: Bruce Springsteen
Future Plans: Major in finance, graduate college and get a good job.
When Not Studying I: Run, fish, and hang out with friends.

EVENTS

SCHEDULE AND DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

APRIL 2 – SPRING SUITE Due to the weather forecast and several students being in quarantine, recording of the band portion of Spring Suite has been pushed back to Wednesday, March 31. Video of the performance will be posted on the school’s YouTube page by Friday, April 2.

APRIL 18 – ELMWOOD EXCELLENCE No live event. Award winners recognized in The Weekly Post. Students will receive medallions.

APRIL 20 – NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION An event will be held with limited guests. An indoor or outdoor ceremony is still being planned.

MAY 1 – PROM Will be held off-site with a meal and entertainment. There will be no Grand March and no dancing allowed.

MAY 6 – CLASS DAY This event will be held for graduates and streamed on the school’s YouTube channel for families to view.

MAY 6 – JH/HS SPRING CONCERT A virtual event will be recorded at school and released to view on the school’s YouTube channel.

MAY 13 – 8TH GRADE PROMOTION An event will be held during the school day for 8th grade students and streamed on the school’s YouTube channel for families. The 8th graders will be released from school after the ceremony.

MAY 16 – HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION This will be held on the football field with a limited number of guests for each graduate. Graduation will be streamed on the school’s YouTube channel as a live event.

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Elmwood buying new radio water meters

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood City Council heard at its March 16 meeting that new water meters are being purchased and will be installed around town.

“This [the new water meters] is to allow radios to be installed on individual water meters throughout town. It would be an incremental step to install them,” Councilman Nathan Brunnelson said.

There will be 250 new radio-meters purchased and the cost is \$125 each for an expenditure of \$31,250. Next year, 250 more meters will be purchased for installation.

The purpose of upgrading the meters is so that the meter reader and city hall can read all of Elmwood’s water meters remotely without having to walk door to door, as is the case presently.

At the last council meeting, Brunnelson indicated that an antenna to receive the readings would be installed at a high location in town.

Scott Hobart, of Maurer-Stutz, presented a schematic to the council indicating where six new lots would be located in Fairground Acres. Bidding will occur for this project, with bids being opened on April 9. Construction will commence in May with a substantial completion date of Aug. 31 and final comple-

tion by Sept. 30.

The council approved this agenda item.

The council also approved another contract with MWC Advertising, which provides local businesses with a social media marketing campaign. According to Elmwood Economic Development Director Amy Davis, “MWC Advertising is a shop local marketing campaign that enables businesses to reach more people and it is a sponsored carousel ad on Facebook.”

The council tabled discussion and action on Peoria Area Convention and Visitors’ Bureau (PACVB), which would promote Elmwood on a more regional level.

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State near COVID 'bridge' phase

By **JERRY NOWICKI**

For The Weekly Post

SPRINGFIELD – With 64 percent of the state's seniors having received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, Illinois is nearing the "bridge" phase of reopening that will allow for greater capacity limits at businesses and social gatherings.

That number must hit 70 percent to enter the bridge phase, which triggers a 28-day monitoring period. If virus transmission and hospitalization metrics don't worsen, Phase 5 can begin, removing all capacity restrictions.

As of Monday, the state reported more than 4.7 million doses of the vaccine had been administered statewide, while the seven-day rolling average stood at 92,148, the lowest it has been in two weeks.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health website, 13.8 percent of the state's population is fully vaccinated.

Gov. JB Pritzker said "about one in three" Illinoisans age 16 and older had got at least one vaccine dose, a number that must reach 50 percent to enter Phase 5, which is essentially back to normal for capacity restrictions.

All Illinoisans will be eligible for the vaccine as of April 12. On Monday, vaccine eligibility was expanded to university professors, members of the media and government workers. Information on where to find vaccine appointments is available at coronavirus.illinois.gov.

Per the bridge phase, the largest capacity increase is to social events, which can allow 250 people indoors

and 500 outdoors. Previously, those were capped at 50 people. Recreation activities are allowed with groups up to 100 or 50 percent of capacity indoors, while outdoor recreation is limited to groups of 100. Ticketed recreation events can hold 60 percent of a facility's capacity.

Restaurants and bars can increase capacity from 25 percent to 30 percent, and outdoor capacity is allowed

up to 50 percent for standing areas. In seating areas, parties of up to 10 are allowed and different parties must sit six feet apart.

For businesses, offices, retail stores and fitness centers, capacity increases from 50 percent to 60 percent. Amusement parks and museums can increase from 25 percent to 60 percent and theaters and zoos can have up to 60 percent capacity as well.



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 Registration fees will be collected at time of registration. Currently we are cash or check only. Please bring the following forms to registration if you have them available: live birth certificate, physical, dental, and current immunizations. These are all kindergarten required forms that must be submitted by October 1, 2021.
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Which witch hazel is the best to plant?

By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

A few years ago, we planted a witch hazel shrub at the east edge of our lawn. It has since grown into a sizable bush but never has it produced even one flower. Witch hazels tolerate sun or shade and a wide range of soils, except for heavy clay. Mine is situated according to the book and has never suffered from lack of water, compost or light. The dearth of flowers is a frustrating mystery to me.

Daughter Kathryn planted the same cultivar about the same time at her place. Right now, hers is in full glorious bloom. My witch hazel lacks the power to flower. Why? Perhaps it is under a spell. My only recourse, I guess, if I want to enjoy the spectacular early spring flowers, is to plant another one.

So which witch hazel will replace the ditched witch hazel? There are two native witch hazels, *Hamamelis virginiana* and *H. vernalis*. Then there are two immigrant species, *H. mollis* (Chinese) and *H. japonica*, and of course, the hybrids.

The witch hazel name comes from the Old English word *wych*, referring to the shrub's flexible branches (also the root word for "wicker") and "hazel," referring to the similarity of witch hazel leaves to those of the hazelnut species.

H. virginiana is called winter witch hazel because the cold-hardy flowers appear in clusters along its branches in late October as the leaves develop fall color. The intriguing flowers draw you in for a closer look, each consisting of four pale yellow crinkly streamers about an inch long. They're about the only source of nectar for insects at that time of year.

The six-inch leaves, broadly oval with a scalloped edge, turn from deep green to a rich golden hue in early fall. A mature specimen will



be multi-stemmed and vase-shaped, growing to 15 feet tall. The bark and roots of winter witch hazel are distilled into the astringent of the same name. The medicine is used for everything from varicose veins to hemorrhoids.

H. vernalis, sometimes called Ozark witch hazel, is the other American native. It blooms in very early spring. We're talking early March, just as temperatures begin to climb.

Its flowers have reddish-orange streamers pinned to the naked branches with darker red calyxes. On cold days the streamers will pull up tight against the branches to save themselves from frostbite. The leaves are smaller than those of its cousin but attain the same rich golden fall color. An adult specimen can be six to ten feet tall.

Two cultivars of Ozark witch hazel sport particularly nice fall foliage color. The leaves of 'Autumn Embers' turn a rich reddish purple while those of 'Sandra' turn bright orange-red.

The Chinese witch hazel has the most fragrant flowers. The buttery yellow blooms appear in early spring, sometimes late February.

Fall leaf color is yellow. The flowers of Japanese witch hazel can be yellow or red. Both species will grow to fifteen feet.

The hybrid witch hazels, *Hamamelis x intermedia*, are crosses of the Chinese and Japanese species and are the least difficult to find in the trade. The Chicago Botanic Garden is in the second year of a six-year trial of witch hazel varieties, most of them *H. x intermedia* crosses. You can find detailed information on their website. I'll probably give one of these a try, if I can find one at the nursery.

One such hybrid is *H. x 'Arnold's Promise'*, a serendipitous cross that occurred at Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum in the 1930s. That's the cultivar both Kathryn and I planted. She planted hers in front of evergreen yews and the yellow flowers against the dark green yew foliage makes for a spectacular show. Meanwhile mine just sits there, a promise unkept. A Harvard dropout.

I've decided that mine is probably not 'Arnold's Promise' at all, but a mislabeled cultivar not happy in these parts. Anyway, it's gonna take a ride on the chipper truck.



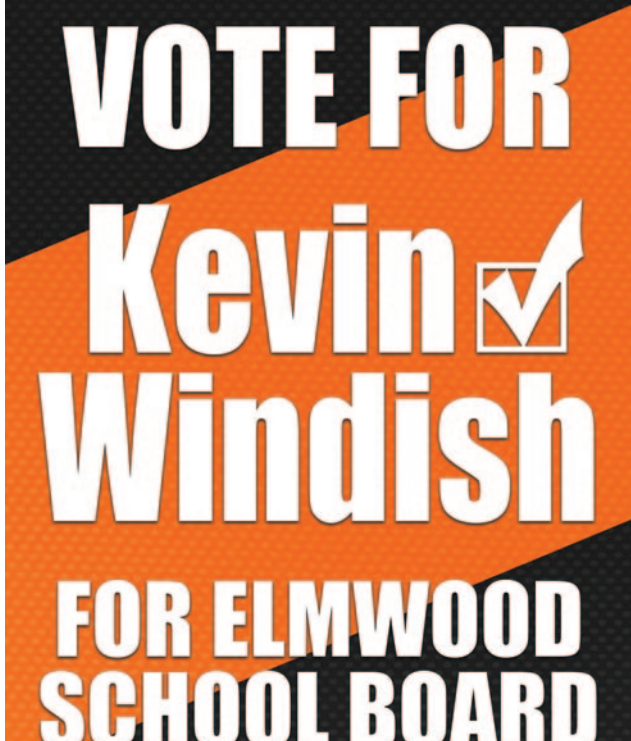
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Awards to college students will be awarded in July, 2021. Contributions can be sent to: P O Box 106, Farmington, IL 61531

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Peoria Airport receives \$2.7 million from feds

PEORIA – Congressman Darin LaHood (R-Peoria) announced that the General Downing - Peoria International Airport received \$2,712,631 in Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Appropriations funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

“Through no fault of their own, airports like the General Downing - Peoria International Airport have lost significant business due to COVID-19,” LaHood said.

The funding, authorized by Congress this past December, provides economic relief funds for costs re-

lated to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, debt service payments and combating the spread of pathogens.

Et cetera

• SPRINGFIELD – Educators in rural Illinois would have a means of advising one another and recommending changes to Illinois education policy to help their communities under a plan by State Sen. Dave Koehler (D-Peoria) to form a Rural School Advisory Council. SB 1819 is slated for consideration before the full Senate.

• SPRINGFIELD – A bill that would repeal a law that prohibits prison inmates from voting has been sponsored Rep. La Shawn Ford, (D-Chicago). Illinois House Bill 1872 was discussed in an informational hearing on Monday.

• EDWARDS – Jen Funk has been hired as Vice President of Development and Marketing at Wildlife Prairie Park. Funk spent 13 years as Director of Development at Bradley University.

Award-winning plants for 2021

By **BRUCE J. BLACK**
Illinois Extension

Gardeners still planning ahead what to plant may be interested to see this list of award-winning garden plants for 2021. The list is compiled by All-America Selections, AAS.

AAS is an independent non-profit organization that has tested varieties annually since 1933. An AAS Winners designation is the highest garden performance honor in the U.S. New plant varieties are tested every year at trial sites, including four locations in Illinois: three northern, and one central.

Independent judges, who are professional horticulturists, volunteer to evaluate trial entries against comparison plants. For the best plants suited to Illinois, look for Great Lakes or National winners.

This year, of six AAS winners, five are suited for Illinois – three vegetables and two flowers.

• Echalion, Creme Brulee (Allium cepa var. Creme Brulee): This is the first shallot to ever be awarded the AAS Winner designation. Grown from a seed, this is a sweet tender bulb that is easy to peel and matures earlier than other shallots with only 98 days to harvest. Regional Great Lakes Vegetable Winner.

• Pepper, Pot-a-peno (Capsicum annuum var. Pot-a-peno): A compact, early maturing jalapeno perfect for containers. This green jalapeno changes to red for a sweet, spicy flavor. Time to mature is 45 to 50 days for green fruit and 60 to 65 days for red fruit. Regional Great Lakes Vegetable Winner.

• Squash, Goldilocks (Cucurbita pepo var. Gold-

locks): This acorn squash is vigorous, high-yielding and disease tolerant. Bright orange with a rich nutty flavor and uniform shape, it can be harvested in 70-85 days. National Vegetable Winner.

• Celosia, Kelos Candela Pink (Celosia spicata var. Candela Pink): Like a tapered candle with showy pink plumes that keep color all season, this annual is 25-30 inches tall. Feed and water regularly for continued beauty. Re-

gional Great Lakes Flower Winner.

• Zinnia, Profusion Red Yellow Bicolor (Zinnia hybrida var. Profusion Red Yellow Bicolor): This annual flower blossoms with a bold red center encircled by golden petals. As the season goes on, the colors soften into shades of apricot, salmon and rose. Compact at 8-14 inches tall and beautiful all season. Great for a hanging basket or edging. Gold Medal Winner.

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ACROSS

1 Past artifact	52 Sunset's direction, in French	99 "Walker, Texas Ranger" star	10 "Hail, Cato!"	48 Dry as —	83 Email status
6 Steal the scene from	55 Tokyo sash	103 Ernie's buddy	11 High mil. rank	49 Birds flap them	85 Lustrous fabric
13 "Chicago P.D." or "Law & Order"	56 TV's "Warrior Princess"	104 Dialogue bit	13 "Enter"	53 Prior to, to bards	86 Service costs
20 Kagan of justice	57 With	105 — facto	14 Like many short plays	54 Get for less	87 Wood splitter
21 Indigenes	77-Across, has a connection with	106 Toothpaste tube inits.	15 Buddy	57 ENT part	88 Editorial page feature
22 Euphoric	58 "Ad — per aspera"	108 Louise's film partner	16 Safeguards	58 Abbr. at the top of a 111-Down	90 Consents to
23 Change in the side of a military formation	59 Resting atop	113 Fatty	17 Language of India	59 Actress O'Connor or Merkel	92 Film director Roth
25 Gates of philanthropy	60 Twilight	115 Old ad question that's apt for this puzzle's theme	18 Limerick writer Nash	59 Actress O'Connor or Merkel	93 Missouri-to-Iowa direction
26 Karate instructor	64 Liaison	119 Colonist, e.g.	19 Strike heavily and loudly	60 Comic Caesar	95 Licorice-like seeds
27 Female bleater	68 Excited, with "up"	120 Russia and Turkey's place	24 Mazda roadster	61 "Jeepers!"	96 People using lassos
28 Not docked	69 Wipes away	121 Good odor	29 Ordinance	62 Pot-au- — (French dish)	99 Bracelet part
30 Perfect site	70 Single bullet, say	122 Own	32 Belgrade's land	63 Suffix with 93-Down	100 Baseball's — Nomo
31 Court throw	77-Across	123 Distributing	33 Vatican City surrounder	64 Popular typeface	101 Army squads
33 Really funny	78 Dress up	124 Benefactor	34 Suffix with Wyoming	65 Actress Jane	102 Used oars
36 Talk up	79 Sign gas		35 Retained	67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro	103 Sink part
40 Get tangled	80 Last letters		36 Grand — (race event)	66 Portable bed (shrinking Asian lake)	106 — Sea
42 Paid to get a hand	84 Big bother		37 Uncouth	67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro	107 Arnez of 1950s TV
43 Body that voted for the trial resulting in Charles I's execution	85 "Help!"		38 Premonition	67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro	109 Long Spanish river
46 "Baloney!"	86 Encountered		39 Film-rating gp.	67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro	110 Spinks of boxing
50 Creative flashes	88 Gnat's kin		40 Mall stall	67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro	111 Office note
51 Rain forest, for one	89 Oahu porch		41 Home to Hanoi, briefly	67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro	112 Not nearby
	91 Vision test		44 Mortgage claim	67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro	114 Bullfight cry
	94 Bow of film		45 Quick bite	67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro	116 — and cry
	97 Wine vat sediment		47 Kachina doll carvers	67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro	117 Noted period
	98 Most snooping			67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro	118 Present label

DOWN

1 NFL officials	12 Founded, on city signs	20 Like many short plays	28 Ordinance	36 Grand — (race event)	44 Mortgage claim
2 Fanning of "Maleficent"	13 "Enter"	15 Buddy	32 Belgrade's land	37 Uncouth	45 Quick bite
3 Have a slant	14 Like many short plays	16 Safeguards	33 Vatican City surrounder	38 Premonition	47 Kachina doll carvers
4 Quaint hotels	15 Buddy	17 Language of India	34 Suffix with Wyoming	39 Film-rating gp.	
5 Dessert items on sticks	16 Safeguards	18 Limerick writer Nash	35 Retained	40 Mall stall	
6 Colorful card game	17 Language of India	19 Strike heavily and loudly	36 Grand — (race event)	41 Home to Hanoi, briefly	
7 Covers with blacktop	18 Limerick writer Nash	20 Like many short plays	37 Uncouth	44 Mortgage claim	
8 Hearty dish	19 Strike heavily and loudly	21 Indigenes	38 Premonition	45 Quick bite	
9 Noon, e.g.	22 Euphoric	23 Change in the side of a military formation	39 Film-rating gp.	47 Kachina doll carvers	

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FLANK	MOVEMENT	MELINDA
SENSEI	EWE	ASEA
PASS	RIBTICKLING	EDEN
PROMOTE	KNOT	ANTED
RUMP	PARLIAMENT	PSHAW
IDEAS	BIOME	QUEST
XENA	TIES	ASTRA
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David A. Anderson
 FARMINGTON – David A. Anderson, 69, of Farmington, passed away at 4:51 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at Graham Hospital.
 He was born on Oct. 31, 1951, in Canton to William Earl and Evalyn (Cowser) Anderson. He married Patricia "Pat" Stear on Aug. 1, 1981, in Farmington, Ill. She preceded him in death on May 4, 2020.
 Also preceding him in death were his parents, one daughter, Joni Johnson, and one grandson, Christian Adkins.



Anderson

Surviving are three children, Dale (Patricia) Adkins of Farmington, Rhonda (Mark) Dawson of Farmington, and John (Helen) Adkins of West Peoria; son-in-law, David Johnson of Chillicothe; 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.
 David worked as a meat cutter at the Farmington Locker Plant for over 40 years. He was a member of the Farmington Moose Lodge 1571, Farmington Odd Fellows, Ducks Unlimited and the Farmington Sportsman Club.

A visitation was held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, 2021, at Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington. Services were held Monday, March 22, 2021, at the funeral home. Rev. Kevin VanTine officiated. Burial followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington.

Memorials can be made to the Farmington Rescue Squad 1100. To make online condolences you may go to www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

Solon Ray Ekhoﬀ
 PEORIA – S. Ray Ekhoﬀ, 91, of Peoria, passed away on Sunday, March 21, 2021, at his home.

Ray was born on July 2, 1929 in Aurora, Mo., to John F. and Olive G. (Beyer) Ekhoﬀ. He married Ruth Meylink on Aug. 24, 1950, in Cedar Grove, Wis. She preceded him in death on April 19, 2020, just a few months shy of their 70th wedding anniversary. Also preceding him in death are his parents and his brothers, Claire Gene Ekhoﬀ and Dean Ekhoﬀ.



Ekhoﬀ

Surviving are his siblings, Charlotte Pieper of Burns-ville, Minn., Judy McColl of Chillicothe, and Bruce (Rose) Ekhoﬀ of Peoria; children, John (Nohora) Ekhoﬀ of Peoria and Susan (John) Price of Brimfield; grandchildren, Lauren Coyle, Jessica (Dane Canada) Ekhoﬀ and Erin (Price) Pudik; and three great-grandchildren.

Ray wore many hats during his life. He first served in the U.S. Army. After the Army, he worked for Brimfield Bank for over 25 years, where he served as CEO and stayed active on the board for many years after his retirement in 1989. Ray also served as a board member for the St. Jude Children's Hospital Midwest Affiliate and the Peoria County Sheriff's Merritt Commission. He was the Medina Township Supervisor for many years. He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria and the First Baptist Church in Gulf Shores, Ala., where he taught Sunday school class.

Ray was an avid golfer, tennis player and a skilled woodworker. He made countless pieces of beautiful furniture and wooden crosses over the years that he gave to many of his friends and family members. After his retirement, he and his wife Ruth enjoyed spending many winters in Gulf Shores. Ray valued his faith, family and friendships and will be dearly missed by those who knew

him.
 The family would like to thank Ray's wonderful caregivers and OSF Hospice for their compassion and care, especially his nurse, Christine and CNA, Jason.

Services will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 1:30pm at Cumerford-Clary Funeral Home in Peoria. Visitation will also be on Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Swan Lake Memory Gardens. Memorials may be made to OSF Hospice and St. Jude Midwest Affiliate.

Online condolences may be made through www.cumerforclary.com.

Daniel W. Kinney
 FARMINGTON – Daniel W. Kinney, 24, of Springfield, formerly of Elmwood, passed away at 1:22 a.m., on Monday, March 16, 2021, in Springfield, Ill.



Kinney

He was born in Springfield and came to live in Elmwood after being adopted and raised by John and Elizabeth "Beth" (Martin) Kinney. They survive.

He is also survived by one brother, Michael Kinney; two aunts, Kandice Guppy and Sarah Cox; four special cousins, Patrick, Thomas, Abigail, and Nathan Cox; and many more aunts and uncles.

Daniel loved playing and watching sports with his dad, John. He spoke last to his dad on Monday morning to talk about the Illini basketball game on Sunday. Daniel always seemed like a lost soul. Maybe now he can find peace.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Imogene Thompson

ELMWOOD – Imogene H. Thompson, 94, of Elmwood, died Friday, March 19, 2021, at her home.

She was born June 12, 1926, in Peoria County, Ill., to Andrew F. and Edna M. (Hoffman) Hauk. She married Sidney F. Thompson on Feb. 28, 1948, at her parents' home at Rural Route 2, in Peoria, Ill. He preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 1994. Her parents; brothers, Howard and Andrew Hauk; sisters, Helen Schick and Irene Guyer also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Louise Thompson of Elmwood, and Sherri (David) Schooley of Memphis, Tenn.; three sons, Kenneth



Thompson

(Diane) Thompson of Elmwood, Keith Thompson of Bloomington, Ill., and Larry Thompson of Elmwood; eight grandchildren, Amber (Dru) Lesnick, Stacey Seipel, Andrea (John) Bray, Caleb Ashlyn, Arlana, Savannah, and Ian Schooley; four great-grandchildren, Colten Seipel, Rose, Nathaniel and Gideon Bray; one sister, Leila Beetler; one brother, William Hauk; sisters-in-law, Helen Hauk, Dorothy Cunningham, Joyce Hauk, and Suzanne Thompson;

many nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.

Imogene graduated as Valedictorian from Brimfield High School in 1944 and received her Associate Bachelor Degree from Blackburn College in Carlinville, Ill. She taught grade school for two years at Walters School near Mapleton, a one-room schoolhouse. She was a homemaker and farmed with her husband in rural Elmwood.

Imogene was a member of Bethel Bible Church in Edwards and founding member of Elmwood Bible Church. She taught Good News Club and 5 Day Clubs in Elmwood for several years. For many years, Imogene and Sidney drove a van picking up children for Sunday School and church. She always said that the most important decision of her life was when she received the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior.

Imogene was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and was known as Grandma to many others.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m., on Friday, March 26, 2021, at LeHigh Cemetery in rural Elmwood. Family will be greeting friends and family at Brunswick Community Church, South Stone School Road, Trivoli, Ill., from 5-7 p.m., on Friday, March 26, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Faith Bible Camp or Child Evangelism Fellowship.

To leave online condolences

please visit www.oakshinesfuneral-home.com.

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

Ronald L. Hamm Jr.

KICKAPOO – Ronald “Ronnie” L. Hamm Jr., 53, of Kickapoo died March 16, 2021, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Ronnie was born on Jan. 5, 1968. He was the son of Ronald Sr. and Rosemary Hamm. He married Cheryl Hamm on Oct. 18, 1986, in Peoria. Ronnie is survived by his parents Ronald Sr. and Rosemary Hamm of Peoria; children, Jena (Andy) Slotter of Peoria, Jered (Cassidy Ioerger) Hamm of Kickapoo, Alyssa Hamm of Kickapoo, Tara (Sameed Osman) Hamm of Peoria; three grandchildren; brother Thomas (Jennifer) Hamm; and sister Heather (Paul) Brussow.

Ronnie was a graduate of Brimfield High School.

In high school he was voted most likely to become a pastor. He never officially earned that title but he was known locally as “Reverend Ronnie” and was frequently caught sharing the gospel to everyone around him. His favorite song lyric was “Carry on my wayward son, there’ll be peace when you are done.”

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50 Years Robert & Marjorie LaFont

Bob & Marjorie were married April 3, 1971 at First Baptist Church, Mineral Wells, Texas. They have 2 children: Steven (Heidi) LaFont of Peoria & Sarah LaFont of Missoula, Monana. They have 3 grandchildren: Madeline & Charlie of Peoria & Siam of Missoula. Bob retired from Caterpillar after 41 years in Data Processing & Parts Service Marketing. Marjorie retired from U of I Extension as a Nutrition & Wellness Educator with 38 1/2 years service. They live in Edwards. A renewal of vows & reception will be held at a later date due to Covid.

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ICAC selects all-conference basketball team

By Weekly Post Staff

Brimfield senior Luke Groeper and Elmwood junior Andrew Marincic were voted to the six-player ICAC All-Conference boys basketball team.

Also picked for the first team were junior MacArthur Briggs of Delavan, senior Jacob Schleich of North Fulton and Peoria Christian senior Daniel Duncan and junior Wes Hunt. Seniors Adam Centers and Luke

Hoffmann of Elmwood were both second-team selections, as was sophomore Graham Wight of ROWVA-Williamsfield. Other second-teamers were Delavan seniors Sam DeJesus and Gavin Kipfer, senior Tyler Hutchinson of Illinois Bluffs and senior Michael Whalen of Peoria Heights.

Juniors Max Walters of Brimfield and Carson Malek of R-W were honorable mention picks, as was senior

Ronnie Foster of Peoria Heights and junior Colton Teel of IB.

Brimfield No. 3 – While we'll never know how far the unbeaten Brimfield girls basketball team could have advanced this basketball season, the Lady Indians did wind up ranked No. 3 in Class 1A. The only teams ahead of Brimfield in the Associated Press poll were No. 1 Amboy and No. 2 Lanark Eastland.

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

In Re **ESTATE OF MICHAEL L. McINTOSH**)
 Deceased.) No. 21-P-00084

CLAIM NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **MICHAEL L. McINTOSH** on November 23, 2020. Letters of Office were issued on March 1, 2021, by the above entitled Court to **SHERYL A. McINTOSH-SCHMIDT**, of 710 West Timber Ridge Drive, Apartment 9, Peoria, Illinois 61615, 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 17th day of September, 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 1st day of March, 2021.

SHERYL A. McINTOSH-SCHMIDT, Independent Administrator of the Estate of MICHAEL L. McINTOSH, Deceased.

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NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of)
 MARY E. ABRAHAM, Deceased) No. 2021-P-00078

Notice is given to creditors of the death of MARY E. ABRAHAM on July 30, 2020. Letters of Office were issued by the Court to DENNIS A. RICKEY, 2727 W. Singing Woods Road, Dunlap, Illinois, as Executor, whose attorney of record is KERRY R. CORDIS, Attorney at Law, 129 N. Walnut Avenue, P. O. Box 445, Princeville, Illinois 61559.

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 11th day of September, 2021 or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative 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 representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: March 11, 2021.

DENNIS A. RICKEY, Executor of the Estate of MARY E. ABRAHAM, Deceased

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CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re **ESTATE OF MARY LOU DUCKWORTH**,)
 Deceased.) No. 21-P-00091

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **MARY LOU DUCKWORTH** on January 31, 2021. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **JEANNE ANN WOLFORD**, of 10823 West Farmington Road, Hanna City, Illinois 61536, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.**, 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 24th day of September, 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 3rd day of March, 2021.

JEANNE ANN WOLFORD, Executor of the Estate of MARY LOU DUCKWORTH, Deceased.

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as Trustee for the POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT Dated as of October 1, 2004 MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-WMC5 Plaintiff,
 Vs.
 William Butcher Special Representative for Harold E. Breitenbach, Kara E. Breitenbach, Nicholas Breitenbach, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Harold E Breitenbach, Joanne Hillsman, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of October 1, 2004 Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-WMC5, Defendants.
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 29th day of January 2021, by James Warren Schafer, SIGNED, and was witnessed by Robert L. Potts, Notary Public. This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 30th day of January, 2021, by Kenneth Paul Schafer, SIGNED, and was witnessed by Marjorie K. Wolfe, Notary Public. This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 1st day of February, 2021, by Irvin Bruce Schafer, SIGNED, and witnessed by Lindsey Hoffman, Notary Public.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me on this 5th day of March A.D. 2021. Rachael Parker, Peoria County Clerk.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)
MARY E. ABRAHAM,) NO. 2021-P-00078
 Deceased.)

NOTICE TO KATHRYNE ANN CARSON MURPHY WILL ADMITTED

You are named in the petition as an heir of the decedent. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate. Dated: March 11, 2021.

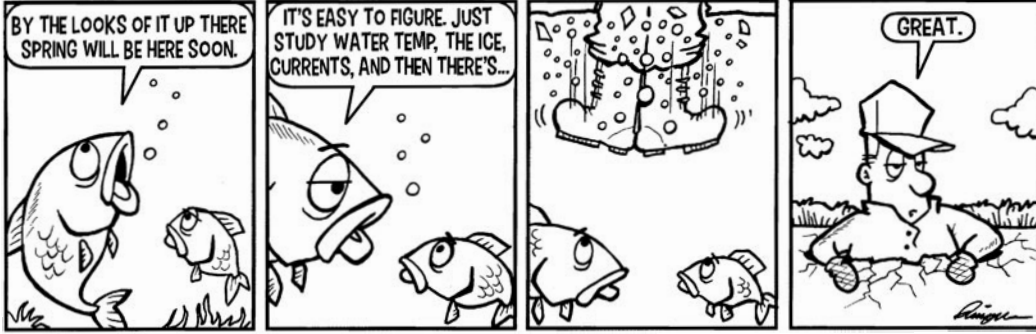
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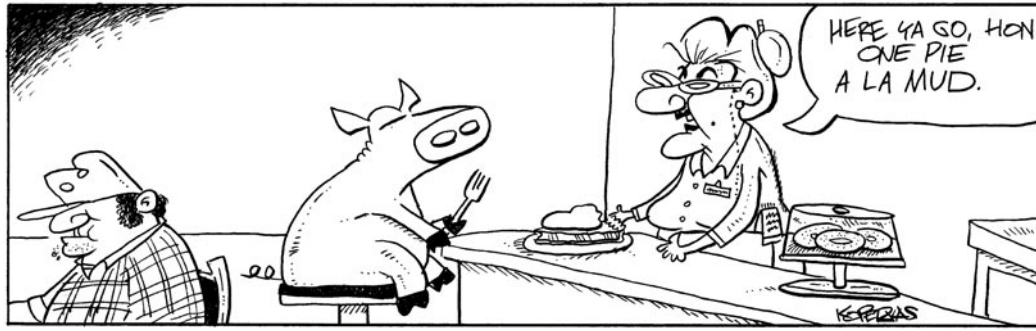
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- U.S. PRESIDENTS: The poem "O Captain! My Captain!" was written after the death of which president?
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Pages From The Past

Compiled by Walter Lampe

5 Years Ago

Beginning March 28, 2016, a section of Eden Road between Illinois Route 8 and West Cottonwood Road will be closed to traffic for construction of a new bridge crossing the Nixon Run Creek.

Between 7:40 and 8 a.m. two tornadoes caused destruction in Edwards, Trivoli, Norwood and Peoria.

10 Years Ago

The Career Development Division, a division of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois, named Jennifer Beard, Vice President at Farmers State Bank, Elmwood, as their "2011 Economic Educator."

20 Years Ago

Megan Rice of Princeville was winner of the Illinois Homecoming Queen Pageant at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. A senior at Princeville High School, she is the daughter of June Rice and the late Dick Rice.

Jamie Guzman (Schubach), a 1991 graduate of Princeville High

School, was recently crowned Mrs. Illinois United States 2001. She is the daughter of Rick and Linda Schubach of Princeville. Jamie resides in Indian Head Park, with her husband Maurice.

30 Years Ago

Carmen McCarthy represented Elmwood CUSD #322 in the Peoria County Spelling Bee.

Boy Scouts in Williamsfield had two days of activities in March; a can drive resulted in 300 cans of food being gathered, and on Sunday, March 10, a fund-raising breakfast earned funds for camping.

40 Years Ago

Don Morris, treasurer of the Dahiunda United Methodist Church, reported that \$4,000 had been realized from the March 7 Auction Sale.

First place ratings in the IHSA Music Contest were received by Christine Williams and Marcie Johnson for their flute duet.

50 Years Ago

Police officer Tom Harden received signed confessions Tuesday night, which solved a recent break-

in and theft in Farmington. The trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ladd was destroyed by a tornado that touched down northeast of Edelstein.

60 Years Ago

Williamsfield FFA members Jim Ross, Royce Coe and Larry Endres attended the DeKalb Awards Banquet at Macomb where they received awards as chapter winners for their corn growing records. They were accompanied by advisor, James Guilinger.

90 Years Ago

Highway officers Earl Buffington and David Settles, both of Farmington, were ordered to report for duty at Joliet yesterday to help put down riots which started during the day at the state penitentiary.

William Montgomery an engineer for the Sinclair Pipeline in Laura, was killed almost instantly when a valve blew off and struck his head.

Thieves looted the Sam Burns Confectionery in Edelstein and escaped with supplies and merchandise valued at \$150.

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FOOTBALL: Elmwood sits, Princes reschedule

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McMillin found senior Ty Anderson on a 40-yard fade route for the score. From there, Farmington made its big stand on a fourth-and-three run and then ran out the clock.

"We were just happy to get there and get out of there with a win. They are good and physical and it was a hard-hitting game for sure," Vallas said. "If it was a weightlifting contest, I know we would have lost."

Instead, Farmington had enough speed and seniors to make the most of the artificial turf at Galesburg.

"I think both teams really struggled on offense," Vallas said. "And we had a lot of our senior guys who really stepped up and played well for us."

He praised senior Drew Vawter, who overcame a rough beginning in his first start at center to play well, and Wyatt Perkins, who switched from cornerback to linebacker and guard, and Dridyn Lewis, who missed all but one game last season after breaking his leg in practice. Lewis was second on the team with 10.5 tackles. Shultz had 11.

Lewis also led with 24 rushing yards, though Vallas said that's an area the Farmers will need to work on. McMillin finished 10-for-20 with one interception for 178 yards.

"He played well," Vallas said. "A year ago he went [to Knoxville] and turned the ball over a whole lot. This time he did a nice job of playing within himself and playing within the system."

Farmington is home against Macomb, which opened with a 30-20 win over West Prairie.

"They've got a few real big kids and some fast kids," Vallas said.

Elmwood-Brimfield 40 West Hancock 6

ELMWOOD – One year ago, seeing an opponent pick up an onside kick and score on the first possession might have been problematic.

One year ago, West Hancock's Grant Sullivan might have crossed the goal line on what looked to be a sure touchdown run in the second quarter, instead of being stripped at the 1-yard-line.

Not this year. Elmwood-Brimfield (1-0) answered West Hancock's opening drive with two scores, one a 6-yard run by Max Thompson the

other an 8-yard run by Westin McCormick. And instead of West Hancock scoring on that run near the goal line, Thompson punched the ball out and recovered – sparking an 80-yard drive to end the first half that put E-B up 20-6 on a 1-yard run by Hunter Damron.

No question, this is a new year for E-B, which ran for 332 yards and 6.9 per carry and got 124 rushing yards from elusive senior Craig Ramirez.

"It felt good, and it's been awhile since we felt that," E-B Coach Todd Hollis said. "As the night went on, our offensive line really started to figure some things out. It's cool to see when you can make adjustments during a game."

While E-B piled up rushing yards, league newcomer West Hancock never even threatened in the second half, finishing with most of its 186 total yards in the first quarter.

"We had guys swarming to the ball," Hollis said. "There were guys around the ball all the time."

Senior Sam Rushing led with eight tackles and McCormick added 7.5 for the Trojans.

The only bad news for E-B came after the win, when it was learned that a COVID-19 case and subsequent contact tracing sidelined enough players that this Friday's game with Knoxville had to be called off. E-B also had its JV game last week called off for COVID issues and dressed just 21 players last Friday.

Hollis said coaches and players will continue to practice "virtually" during their quarantine and he hopes to be able to reschedule the Trojans' April 2 game vs. West Prairie.

Princeville 12 Mercer County 8

ALEDO – So much for the usual ground-and-pound Princeville attack. For the first time in Jon Carruthers' career as head coach of the Princes, his team won without scoring on a rushing touchdown.

Instead, Princeville relied on two long scoring passes by senior Sam Streitmatter to get past a physical Mercer County squad that was bent on stopping the Princeville run.

"They were physical up front and definitely took the run away from us," Carruthers said. "So we had to open it up a little bit and luckily we

had the capability to make some big plays."

Streitmatter's first scoring pass came at the end of the first half on a rollout play in which he bought time and then lofted a 45-yard bomb to Denver Hoerr in the end zone.

"Denver got behind their cornerback and Sam slung it down there," Carruthers said. "It was a heckuva coaching job: Just throw it really far and catch it."

Down 8-6 after the half, Princeville scored again in the third quarter as Streitmatter again scrambled to buy time, then found Grant Hunt open. Hunt did most of the work on the 74-yard score, running after the catch to put the Princes up for good. Streitmatter finished 6-of-13 passing for 148 yards and one interception.

From there, it was up to the Princeville defense, which limited Mercer County to 239 total yards.

"I was very happy with the defense," Carruthers said. "Our three down linemen really executed the gameplan well, taking up most of their defensive linemen so our linebackers could run free. They were dead tired by the end, because a lot of our linemen are playing both ways. They just gutted it out."

"Early in the season like this, defenses are going to be ahead of offenses with the short amount of prep time we've had."

Princeville was also happy to add an opponent this week, since Mid-County is unable to play while players undergo COVID quarantine.

On Sunday, Carruthers put a call from Knoxville, after the Blue Bombers learned their game with Elmwood was off. By Monday evening, the schedule had been altered, bringing Knoxville to Princeville this Friday at 7 p.m. – a precursor to Knoxville's switch to the Lincoln Trail Conference this fall.

"They are big, strong and physical," Carruthers said. "We've got our work cut out for us."

Mid-County

Mid-County's game with Monmouth United was cancelled for COVID-19 concerns.

Mid-County will also not be able to play Friday against Princeville, but plays its first varsity game on Thursday, April 1, at Stark County.

SCOREBOARD

Elmwood-Brimfield 40 West Hancock 6

West Hancock	6	0	0	0	-	6
Elmwood-Brim.	8	12	6	14	-	40

Scoring Summary
First Quarter
WH - Sinele 4 run (run failed)
EB - Thompson 6 run (Damron run)

Second Quarter
EB - McCormick 2 run (run failed)
EB - Damron 1 run (pass failed)

Third Quarter
EB - Thompson 12 run (run failed)

Fourth Quarter
EB - Damron 2 run (run failed)
EB - Shissler 32 run (York run)

Team Statistics

	WH	EB
First downs	-	-
Rushes-Yds	33-111	49-332
Yds per carry	3.4	6.8
Comp-Att-Int	6-14-1	1-2-0
Passing yds	75	20

Prairieland Blue

Overall	W	L	W	L
Farmington	1	0	0	0
Elmwood-Brim.	1	0	0	0
Rushville-Industry	1	0	1	0
West Prairie	0	0	0	0
Havana	0	1	0	1

Last Friday
Elmwood-Brim. 40, West Hancock 6
Farmington 20, Knoxville 14
Rushville-Ind. 38, Havana 22
West Prairie at Macomb

This Friday
Macomb at Farmington, 7 pm
Havana at Lewistown, 7 pm
S. Fulton at Rushville-Industry, 7 pm
W. Hancock at W. Prairie, 7 pm
Elmwood-Brimfield at Knoxville p.p.d.

Lincoln Trail

Overall	W	L	W	L
Annawan-Weth.	1	0	1	0
Princeville	1	0	1	0
Ridgewood	1	0	1	0
Mid-County	0	0	0	0
Monmouth United	0	0	0	0
Mercer County	0	1	0	1
Ottawa Marquette	0	1	0	1
Stark County	0	1	0	1

Last Friday
Princeville 12, Mercer County 8
Ridgewood 48, Stark County 22
Annawan-W. 24, Ottawa Marquette 6
Mid-County at United p.p.d.

This Friday
Mercer County at Ridgewood, 7 pm
Annawan-Weth at United
Stark Co. at Ottawa Marquette, 7 pm
Knoxville at Princeville, 7 pm
(Mid-County at Princeville, p.p.d.)

Tackles - P: Feucht 6.5, Boland 6, DeGroot 5.5, Garcia 5.5

Farmington 20 Knoxville 14 at Galesburg

Farmington	0	14	0	6	-	20
Knoxville	8	0	6	0	-	14

Scoring Summary
First Quarter
K - McClay 3 run (Fleisher run)

Second Quarter
F - Embry 22 pass from McMillin (pass failed)
F - Evans 45 pass from McMillin (McMillin run)

Third Quarter
K - Fleisher run (pass failed)

Fourth Quarter
F - Anderson 40 pass from McMillin (pass failed)

Team Statistics

	F	K
First Downs	14	10
Rushes-Yds	18-35	50-234
Yds per carry	1.9	4.7
Comp-Att-Int	10-20-1	1-5-0
Passing yds	178	18

Individual Statistics

Rushing - F: Lewis 9-24, McMillin 4-(-10), Embry 3-14, Evans 2-7.
Passing - F: McMillin 10-20-1 178.
Receiving - F: Anderson 2-50, Rutledge 2-36, Embry 4-40, Evans 2-56.
Tackles: F: Shultz 11, Lewis 10.5, Peckham 7, Johnson 7.

VOLLEYBALL: Brimfield's season put on hold

Continued from Page 20
The Lady Princes had beat United on March 17, 25-11, 25-13.
“We did well playing as a team,” Ouart said, “So far everyone has been contributing.”

Kielion had 11 assists and 4 aces and Schubach chipped in with 8 digs and 6 kills.

Princeville was to travel and play West Central on Wednesday, then faces off against Mercer County Saturday at home and ROWVA Monday at home.

Williamsfield

The Lady Bombers (3-1) reigned over West Central Monday in a three-game series, 17-25, 25-19 and 25-22. Molly Warner had 21 digs for Williamsfield and Kat Hunt had 8 kills.

The Lady Bombers also defeated Elmwood Saturday in a three-game series, losing the first 25-22 before rebounding to win 25-11, 25-21.

“Once we decided to wake up, we got our rhythm back and stopped making mistakes,” Coach

Jaime Trotter said.

Williamsfield beat Peoria Christian last Thursday in two games, going 25-22 in the first and 25-21 in the second.

The Lady Bombers were led by Warner, Hunt and Liv Farquer with six kills apiece. Farquer also had 11 digs.

Williamsfield's lone loss was to Annawan in a highly contested match, losing 23-25 in the first game, winning the second 25-22, and losing the third 25-21.

“It was back-and-forth all game and the energy was crazy,” Trotter said.

The Lady Bombers were home vs. Galva Wednesday and travel to face Weathersfield Saturday.

Elmwood

The Lady Trojans celebrated a win over Peoria Heights on Monday, 25-17, 25-19.

“We reflected on the last game and improved on what we could have done better,” Coach Felicia Appell said.

Alexia Herman racked up 14 assists for Elmwood, Annie Herman had 5 kills and Adeline Webster had 5 digs.

Elmwood lost to Williamsfield Saturday after starting off strong, 25-22. However, they dropped the next two, 25-11 and 25-21.

“We had trouble bringing it all together, and our chemistry was not like the last game,” Appell said.

Amelia Baldoni had five aces while Kate Yemm collected nine digs.

Elmwood won its season-opener on March 16 against A-Town.

“We worked very well together as a team and we did a great job of passing and attacking,” Appell said.

Yemm had five aces and Baldoni had five kills.

Brimfield

The Lady Indians' season is on hold for COVID related issues. Brimfield is scheduled to resume play on April 5.

“It breaks my heart to not be able to play,” Coach Penny Silzer said.

The Lady Indians lost to Havana Thursday, 25-21, 25-21. Hanna Burkitt put up 14 assists for Brimfield and Ella Lune had 6 kills.


Farmington

The Lady Farmers (0-3) lost to Valley on Monday, 25-16, 23-25 and 25-23.

Farmington suffered a two-game defeat against Lewistown last Thursday, 25-18 and 25-17.

And Farmington lost its opener on March 16 to Knoxville, 25-11, 26-28 and 25-18.

Farmington is at Monmouth Roseville Thursday.




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Thursday, March 25, 2021

Fast football start

Farmers, Princes, Trojans all win

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

GALESBURG – Fourth down plays decided a hard-hitting season opener between the Farmington and Knoxville football teams Saturday.

Three times Farmington quarterback Josh McMillin managed to complete touchdown passes on fourth-down plays to account for his team's scoring.

And with the game on the line, Farmington's defense stopped Knoxville on fourth-and-three from the Farmington 26-yard line with under a minute left to preserve a 20-14 win. The game was played at Galesburg's F&M Stadium due to wet conditions on Knoxville's field.

The Farmers defense also came up big in the first half after

Knoxville had grabbed an 8-0 lead. With the Blue Bullets driving, Kevin Shultz blitzed on a pass attempt and forced a fumble that the Farmers recovered.

"It was a dominating first quarter and a half for them and we felt like we were in trouble," Farmington Coach Toby Vallas said. "That gave us a spark."

From there, McMillin tossed his first TD to Riley Embry over the middle on a 22-yard post pattern on fourth-and-8. While the conversation failed, Farmington was back in the game.

"It was almost halftime and I looked at one of my assistants and said, 'This is the worst we can play and we're still in it,'" Vallas said.

Better than that, Farmington got the ball back and McMillin



Farmington seniors Dridyn Lewis (27) and Steve DeVries combine to tackle a Knoxville runner in Saturday's 20-14 win at Galesburg's F&M Stadium. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

hooked up on another big fourth-down conversion. This time the senior QB threw to Ethan Evans on a post pattern that went for 45 yards and gave Farmington a 12-8 lead 18 seconds before intermission.

"I think if we had a young team we might have folded up

[early in the game]," Vallas said. "But because they are older, they felt like we were in it and they kept at it."

After Knoxville scored in the third quarter, Farmington answered in the fourth – once again on fourth down. This time

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Princeville volleyball opens 4-0

By **VICTOR LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

The Princeville girls volleyball team came out strong in the first week of the season.

Princeville (4-0) beat Knoxville Monday in a two-game match, 25-17 and 25-19. Elle Schupbach had 13 kills for Princeville while Julianne Kielion collected 26 assists and Lindsey Meisenheimer had 16 digs.

Princeville won big over Wethersfield last Thursday, winning the first game 25-14 and the second 25-17.

"We clicked a lot better today than we did on Wednesday," Coach Charissa Ouart said "The hitters started connecting with the center more."

Kielion led with 27 assists and Schupbach had 8 digs and 9 kills.

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