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Teacher, sub shortages worst in west-central Illinois

By RAYMON TRONCOSO Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — A shortage of full-time and substitute teachers reported throughout Illinois is worse in the west central region than anywhere else in the state, according to a new survey.

A majority of the 591 school districts who responded to the 2020 Illinois Educator Shortage Study, released Monday by the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, said they had a problem finding teachers, and most believe their situation is getting worse.

Statewide, 77 percent of the responding districts indicated at least a "minor" problem with teacher shortages. In the west central region, which stretches from Sangamon to Pike to Mercer to Woodford counties, 88 percent of responding districts reported a teacher shortage. That percentage is the highest among the survey's seven regions.

SONG DOGS SINGING

More than half of the state's school districts - especially those

in rural areas said the location of their schools negatively impacted their ability to recruit new teachers. Loca-



Meixner tion was by far

the most common reason cited in the survey for recruiting challenges.

Many superintendents attributed reluctance among prospective teachers from more metropolitan regions to move to the rural parts of the state for work as a contributing factor.

"I think the issue is just the rural setting. It's just a different quality of life for different people. For some it's fantastic; other people would rather live in different areas," John Meixner, regional superintendent of the

26th Regional Office of Education, said in an interview Friday. "The (candidate) pool has been shrinking and shrinking to single-digit candidates to, in some positions, literally zero people applying for jobs."

Illinois uses the IARSS and the organization's 38 regional superintendents, like Meixner, to act as intermediaries between the Illinois State Board of Education and the 853 school districts that Continued on Page 2

Coyotes searching for mates

By GRETCHEN STEELE

For The Weekly Post Song Dogs – or as you may know them better, coyotes are singing right now, and it's a song of romance. Late February and early March are considered peak breeding season in Illinois for coyotes.

A little like the deer we are so familiar with during rut, the minds of coyotes are occupied by the primal drive to find a mate and their behaviors may be different than their usual stealthy and sneaky selves.

Coyotes can be found nearly everywhere in Illinois, in virtually all types of habitat, including urban and suburban areas. They are most abundant in areas that provide a mix of woodlands,



Coyotes are on the move looking for love in early March, as their breeding season peaks in Illinois. Photo by Gretchen Steele.



An architect's drawing of a possible new City of Farmington building.

Farmington progressing with city building plans

By JEFF LAMPE

Weekly Post Staff Writer FARMINGTON – Planning is moving forward for a new City of Farmington building despite opposition expressed by a Farmington resident at Monday's City Council meeting.

The council voted 4-2 on Feb. 22 to construct a new building

the lots. During a public comment period Monday that lasted nearly as long as the regular meeting, it was said a potential new buyer for the property may have emerged.

Cassandra Anderson, owner of SoVia Home Showroom in Farmington, also voiced objection to building on the lots, located east of Diva Florist, which she said provide needed greenspace for the downtown and fit into a plan she previously presented to the council about making Farming-Continued on Page 7

grasslands, and farmlands, but often will prefer a mixture of farmland, woodland and grassland. It is not at all unusual for coyotes from

"rural areas" to travel into towns at night in search of easy pickings for food. An average home range for **Continued on Page 8**

costing an estimated \$1.6 to \$2 million on vacant lots owned by Sam Lillie on East Fort Street. Mayor Kent Kowal said Lillie has a copy of the agreement, but has not yet signed off on selling





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SHORTAGE: Sub situation termed 'serious

Continued from Page 1 make up the state's public school system outside Chicago.

Meixner oversees the 18 school districts in Fulton, Hancock, McDonough and Schuyler counties.

In the IARSS survey, only 6 percent of responding school districts in the west central region said they believe the problem is getting better, with 69 percent saying the teacher shortage was getting worse in some way.

In the 95 school districts in the west central region that responded to the survey, 50 classes or programs had to be canceled because a teacher could not be found to fill the position, and 46 had to be moved to online instruction only for the same reason.

School districts in west central Illinois also reported a significant struggle to maintain a pool of substitute teachers to manage classes during an instructor's sick or off days. Fulton and Brown counties reported the most severe substitute shortages - with 100 percent and 80 percent of responding districts, respectively, calling the situation "serious."

But 98 percent of responding districts in the region reported some kind of shortage problem. Nearly 45 percent called it a serious problem and 33 percent reported it as a major problem.

"This year obviously was more of an issue than ever before because of the pandemic and COVID and how we had to alter our entire learning and teaching method," Meixner said. "You're required as a school district to make sure you have a licensed or certified individual in front of the

kids. You can only imagine all the chaos it can bring when you have four, five teachers gone for whatever reason and you only have one or two subs. I mean, administratively how you juggle that, that's very, very, very difficult."

About half of responding districts in the area said the substitute shortage is significantly worse than five years ago; slightly less than the percentage of all rural school district that think so.

Over 99 percent of responding school districts in the region expect to have a problem with substitute shortages in 2022 and 2023.

Education researchers in Illinois say the reasons for the teacher shortage are numerous and complex, but it boils down to the fact that there are more veteran teachers around the state retiring or leaving the profession than there are new teachers coming out of schools of education.

The minimum wage for a teacher in Illinois is \$34,576 for 2021-22 and is set to increase under state law to \$40,000 by the 2023-24 school year.

The IARSS survey included policy recommendations to pursue to improve the dire situation.

Hybrid and remote learning can grant students more access even when a local teacher is not available, something Meixner said districts he supervises have pursued for science and foreign language courses.

The IARSS also suggested a credit recovery system for students who miss integral core classes required for graduation as a result of the pandemic and teacher shortages. For the ongoing shortage, state

agencies should develop improved and more targeted pipeline programs to incentivize potential educators in the university system to transition to jobs at Illinois schools with the most need, according to the report.

Meixner called it "a kind of growyour-own program that some districts are trying to start up or adopt."

"They may try to target kids in high school that they know would be probably really fantastic teachers," he said.

Districts that responded to the survey reported a combined total of 938 open teaching positions - 17 percent of 5,414 positions districts were looking to fill – were either unfilled or filled by someone who was not certified in that grade level or subject area. The largest number of those was in special education. Computer science teachers were also hard to come by, and districts reported trouble filling elementary education, math, physical education and science positions.

In the report, the regional superintendents offer a number of recommendations to ease the teacher shortage, such as continuing to extend some of the waivers Pritzker initiated to make it easier for new teachers to become licensed.

The superintendents also recommend Illinois lawmakers consider establishing a state-sponsored loan forgiveness program for teachers that work in districts with the greatest shortages or in hard-to-fill subjects.

Another idea is to expand a program Illinois State University has launched to offer teacher training courses at satellite campuses.

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• Auction cancelled – Dahinda United Methodist Church has opted to cancel its annual March donation-consignment auction due to COVID-19 concerns. Next year's auction will be March 2, 2022.

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Rural America not a corporate dump site

There's a clear lesson in the chemical and ethical cloud now shrouding AltEn, a 25-million-gallon per year ethanol plant just south of Mead, NE.

In fact, there's more than one lesson but the big one – how rural America is becoming a legal dumping ground for wastes created by corporate America - may be AltEn's enduring legacy.

The plant, opened as E3BioFuels in 2007, was to be unique because methane from an-

aerobic digesters fueled by manure from a nearby cattle feedlot helped power it. Distiller's grain, an ethanol byproduct, would then be fed back to the cattle.

That closed-loop



system was an engineering challenge. A boiler explosion in late 2007 led to bankruptcy and a long shutdown. In 2011 the plant was purchased by a Kansas City group with a new business plan.

But the plan, like the investor group, was murky. Recent reporting by The Guardian and the Lincoln (Neb.) Journal Star, shows that in 2014 the Mead plant, now AltEn, received a "conditional" permit to restart. In June 2015, AltEn notified Nebraska regulators that if it used "discarded seed" to make ethanol, the resulting distiller's grain would not be used for cattle feed but composted.

That revelation was an early indication that AltEn wasn't using farmgrown corn as its ethanol feedstock.



Moreover, reported The Guardian Jan. 10, AltEn was the only U.S. ethanol plant (out of 203) to use seed coated with "fungicides and insecticides, including those known as neonicotinoids, or neonics."

The reason was clear: "Instead of paying to incinerate unused treated seed or paying fees to dispose of it in a solid-waste facility," reported the Journal Star Feb. 14, "seed companies could haul or ship the seed to the village [of Mead]... where AltEn would accept it at little to no cost." And, boy, did it.

"AltEn soon cornered the market... receiving 'nearly 98 percent of all the discard created by the seed industry in North America..." It "touted to potential customers in (an) Aug. 3, 2020 email" that it was "processing 600,000 to 900,000 pounds of treated seed into ethanol daily."

Every pound, however, created byproducts - principally distiller's grain and water - laced with "neonics levels," explained The Guardian that were "just off the charts."

Way off. One neonic, clothianidin, has a "benchmark" of 11 parts per billion (ppb)," according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), explained the newspaper. One test at the plant, however, recorded "a staggering 427,000 ppb" in a sample.

Other contaminants hit lunar levels, too. "High levels of 10 other pesticides were also found in the plant lagoon," reported The Guardian, a wastewater system that "holds approximately 175 million gallons."

The details of AltEn's biomass mess-its peddling suspicious byproducts as a "soil additive;" the state's

shabby monitoring of the plant, its opaque ownership, and the seed industry's complicity in making Mead into "A dump for seed companies" all made for a classic case of corporate sharpies exploiting cracks in rural America. (Read supporting documents at farmandfoodfile.com.)

But that's an old story. BigBiz often turns rural America's eager search for new jobs, new taxes, and new people into a shovel to either ditch its dirty secrets or bury its dirty byproducts.

Big Meat, in fact, has been doing it for decades.

Iowa, for example, is home to 110 million head of livestock and poultry grown almost exclusively under contract for packer-integrators. The animals, calculates Christopher Jones, a research engineer at the University of Iowa, produce the equivalent waste of 165 million people, a number 51 times more than the state's actual population.

That creates a lot of "byproduct" just so America can enjoy cheap chicken, cheap eggs, and cheap ham.

That also creates a bigger problem when, inevitably, these byproduct "dumps" become a problem: Assigning fault is as rare as finding fixes and regulatory rules either don't exist or are purposely so vague that businesses often skate around them.

And that just stinks. For proof, ask the people who live in Mead, Neb. © 2021 ag comm

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Do you, like me, suffer from malaise? I do? And if so, why, and what can

In the 1970s, President Jimmy Carter supposedly worried that Americans were suffering from collective malaise, the French word for an underlying feeling of discomfort, uneas-

iness. Carter was roundly ridiculed. A few years later, President Ronald Reagan campaigned in 1984 on the theme, in sharp contrast: "It's morning again in America."

Jim

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Whether that

were true, the Reagan positivity fueled his successful re-election.

But today, I do feel a sense of personal malaise about how things are going in our country. Do you feel like

we do about it? The present brutal winter doesn't help, of course, and the prolonged pandemic has made me appreciate

how much I miss my former, lively social life with friends. Yet, I think my malaise goes deeper. For example, I am sorely distressed by the continuing, deep polarization,

even enmity, in Washington and across the country between otherwise generally decent people on both sides of the Trump/anti-Trump divide.

Second, the pandemic has resulted in a lost year of effective schooling for many, maybe most kids. I fear this will worsen the gaps that exist in American education. We can't seem to reduce much the yawning gap between the achievement of minorities and whites. Nor, for that matter, the

big gap in achievement between whites and Asian-Americans, as well as overseas Asian students.

Further, there appears to be American-probably worldwide - obsession with the pursuit of "things," as if owning stuff will comfort, amuse, satisfy us. Yet, we seem no happier overall.

To me, the above adds up to a worry over general American decline. Worse, I have the sense that many of my friends are resigned to this. Alas, malaise. But what to do about it?

First, short-term and practical, I think we need a massive program of summer school for kids of all ages, to help them catch up. Chinese students have not lost a school year, and as I have hectored readers before, we face

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Republicans face a real **Frump problem**

The designations "establishment Republicans" and "establishment Democrats" refer to those in each

I have watched the establishment Democrats go from calling themselves "Liberal" to adopting "Progressive" a couple of decades ago when Liberal became too negative a stand to

The Republicans have long been vatives, a designation which still

become Bernie Sanders and further left and is now identified by the general public as promoting a Socialist

Four years ago, the establishment

I taught some journalism was selectively reporting what was said or

son's own agenda. Please give me a call if you wish to discuss the validity of that definition during the last five years and far more.

Republicans face a real problem.

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Continued from Page 5 intense economic competition from that former, extremely proud "Middle Kingdom." With apologies for this inapt comparison, I feel like Winston Churchill in the 1930s, crying out for his countrymen to take Hitler's military preparations very seriously, which plaints were ignored.

As for summer school, or some such show of determination not to fall behind, we should tax ourselves to pay the significant costs of operating a major summer program. We cannot continue to overheat the printing presses with the production of endless streams of what I call funny money. First it was the \$2 trillion Trump tax cut in 2017, paid for wholly with debt, and now the multi-trillions in pandemic relief, all unsupported by tax revenue.

On a larger scale, we could use "a nice little war," to rally Americans. As to a war, "That's a joke, son," as Sen. Beauregard Claghorn of old-time radio used to say. Yet rulers around the globe have done just so through history, to

unify citizens and distract them from problems at home.

The only alternative issue I can think of that could conceivably rally most of us is that of, "Will it be good for our grandkids?" After all, I see bumper strips: "Ask me how much I love my grandkids!" I wonder if the people in the auto really know what we are bequeathing the little ones.

The unprecedented amount of debt I speak of above (approaching that of World War II) will sure not be good for our youngsters.

My very smart young friend, Jake Secrist of Farmington, suggests that our nation needs to think about updating our mission statement. Maybe, after "the pursuit of happiness,"

we should, I say, add, "the pursuit of harmony, at home and around the world." I don't know. You fill in the blank.

Can President Joe Biden, our governors and community leaders provide the leadership to rally us somehow? And would their leadership arouse energized followers? After all, if you and I don't rise to the occasion, it won't happen. Life is a struggle; always will be.

I know the above paragraphs sound hokey, yet it is bedrock. Civilizations rise and fall. Yet our present, relative national slide, if it be such, is not foreordained.

For many years, Jim Nowlan was a senior fellow and political science professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

PUBLIC RECORD

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Police reports

• FARMINGTON - James Smock, 29, of Deer Lodge, Mont., posted \$5,000 bond on a Fulton County warrant for aggravated battery charged Feb. 16, according to a Farmington police report. He got a new court date.

• FARMINGTON – Farmington police arrested Justin Stetler, 41, of East Peoria on Feb. 25 at a traffic stop for a nation-wide warrant related to a parole violation out of Colorado, according to a Farmington police report. He was transported to Fulton County Jail.

• Robert C.T. Scudder, 38, of Farmington was charged with aggravated domestic battery on Feb. 20, according to a Fulton County Sheriff's Office report.

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FARMINGTON: Water mains to be replaced

Continued from Page 1 ton a destination shopping community.

Anderson said her plan is closely aligned with the 2012 Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Farmington, which she urged council members to read.

"How can you base your decision on a \$1 million building if you don't have goals for a future plan," Anderson asked.

"We've had a lot of ideas from the community and we've looked at several different sites and plans," Kowal said. "This one now seems to be the very best. I know there is some opposition, but there are also a lot of people who support this."

Kowal met Tuesday with a representative of D. Joseph Construction and an architect to review plans for the two-story building and to discuss soil testing that must be done before the city can acquire the lots.

"If there is an issue with the ground there, we might change our mind and move to [another] property to the west," Kowal said. "But the plan right now is that everything is fine and we will build on that site."

Kowal said a council

member could change their mind and seek another vote at a future meeting, but added he does not foresee that happening.

Also Monday, Eric Larson of Illinois American Water provided "an annual update" on improvements to Farmington's water infrastructure.

Larson said Illinois American committed to investing \$1 million per year in Farmington's infrastructure for the first five years after taking over the city's water works in 2018.

Since then, Larson said the company has spent \$795,746 in improvements at the water production plant and another \$3.55 million on replacing water mains. Most of those new mains have been in the north and west parts of Farmington.

"That's where a lot of the water shortages were," Larson explained.

He said Illinois American plans to spend another \$635,000 to replace mains this year.

The council also unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2021-02, an amendment and upgrade to city laws regarding dogs that bite. The

changes eliminate the "vicious dog" category when dealing with dogs that bite, instead relying on a checklist to determine whether a dog should be classified as "aggressive" and a standard "findings of fact" form.

"It would allow us to move much quicker than what we have with the ordinances we had in place," City Manager Rollen Wright said.

Penalty for violating the ordinance or permitting violation of the ordinance is a fine of \$250-\$750.

The council unanimously approved Mike Nelson's request to hold a 5K memorial race at Farmington High School on June 26

for the group Hearts for Adi. The race is a fundraiser in memory of Adi Nelson, who had a congenital heart condition. Money raised helps purchase items given to parents that have babies in the NICU.

Farmington Police Chief Chris Darsham said his department hopes to start working on plans to assist elderly citizens become less likely to fall victim to the variety of phone scams now taking place. Darsham reported the following department totals for February: 197 calls, 43 traffic stops, 24 ordinance violations/traffic tickets issued, 15 reports, 3 crashes handled, 2 crimes against people and 2 arrests.



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Students should be 5 years old by September 1st 2021. A <u>certified birth certificate</u> from the court house or health department and <u>social security number</u> are required and should be brought the day of the screening. <u>A current physical &</u> immunization record will be required on the first day of school.









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COYOTES: Simple steps to keep coyotes at bay

Continued from Page 1 a coyote can be 2-10 square miles. Some coyotes that are considered "loners" may have a larger range than a pack group or family. Sizes of home ranges are also influenced by habitat quality, presence of nearby packs and seasons of the year – especially when coyotes are breeding or rearing pups. A "city" coyote often has a smaller range than rural counterparts.

Are coyotes a bit more aggressive during breeding season? Absolutely. Will they attack you or your child? The odds are slim to none that any human is going to be attacked.

But it pays to be "coyote aware" and to avoid behaviors that encourage them to visit our homes and areas where we recreate. Coyotes that become acclimated to humans and to a more populated environment tend to be bolder and less fearful. That is where problem encounters occur.

With a few commonsense precautions, negative coyote/human encounters can be greatly reduced. First, do not feed coyotes, or any other wildlife. Don't leave food outside handy and available – this includes things like pet foods, garbage cans, etc. Providing food, especially as a way to get a coyote closer for photos or in a misguided attempt to pet or tame the animal, increases the risk of being bitten and the odds of neighbors having a coyote issue.

When taking smaller indoor pets out for potty breaks or a walk, vary the schedule. Coyotes can notice a distinct pattern. Be aware that if you have an intact female dog, if she is in heat, she will be attractive to a coyote looking for love.

Male dogs are not exempt from aggression, either. They may be perceived as a threat with whom a coyote does not want to share his territory, or girlfriend.

Many negative encounters between coyotes and pets occur because pets were not adequately supervised or were allowed to roam freely.

If your pet gets in a fight with a coyote, do not use your own hands or feet to separate them. Try to break up the fight with a weapon, such as a walking stick.

Don't corner a coyote, if you encounter one. Make noise, wave your arms, blow a whistle and send it packing.

Keep small livestock secure in houses, coops and shelters that have been predator proofed.

If, despite your best efforts, you find yourself a little too close for comfort with a coyote, make noise, wave your arms, stomp, shout and generally present a threatening stance. Most often, this is enough to send them on their merry way.

If you have a coyote who remains aggressive, contact your local Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police Officer, biologist, or a nuisance wildlife removal service.

In the meantime, enjoy listening to the song dogs sing!





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MEETING ROUNDUP

Billtown village board discusses 2022 budget

WILLIAMSFIELD – The Williamsfield Village Board spent nearly four hours discussing the Fiscal Year 2022 budget and ways to reduce stop-sign violations during its Monday meeting.

The main topic was the 2022 budget and ways to prepare the village to start repayment in 2023 of an anticipated Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan for water infrastructure improvements.

In regards to stop signs, Board President Matt Tonkin said increased police presence and rumble strips have not been effective. The village is now exploring possibly installing speed bumps at one particularly troublesome intersection and adopting a "no tolerance" ticket policy, under which violations earn an immediate citation and no warnings.

In other business, the board voted to sign new contracts with existing garbage (Bouchez Trash Hauling) and recycling (Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc.) contractors and is looking at providing online bill-payment for water/sewer/garbage bills.

- Jeff Lampe Princeville board OKs MFT fund authorization

PRINCEVILLE – During a brief meeting Monday, the Princeville Village Board authorizes \$95,000 of MFT funds for the 2021 oil-and-chip program on village streets.

The board also authorized another

\$7,000 of TIF 1 funds to pay for oil and chip on the Princeville Aquatic Center parking lot and the North Water Tower parking lot.

Board President Jeff Troutman said the resurfacing work still has to be put out for bids.

Approval of the Village Employee Personnel Handbook was tabled pending further discussion with the village attorney.

Also, at the board's Feb. 16 meeting, Kevin Schick of Morton Community Bank discussed possible investment options for a \$100,000 CD that is set to expire. No action was taken and Troutman said the money will likely be reinvested in a CD for three months to allow for more research.

- Jeff Lampe



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OBITUARIES

G. William 'Bill' Hawk MONMOUTH - G. William "Bill" Hawk, 87, of Monmouth, Ill., passed away at Monmouth Nursing Home in Monmouth, on Thursday, Feb. 25,

2021, at 12:45 a.m. Bill was born on Sept. 19, 1933, in Roseville, Ill., and is the son of Clarence Mathew and Gertrude Irene Ross Hawk. Bill was raised in Roseville, where he at-

tended local schools and graduated from Roseville High School with the class of 1951.



Bill first married Kay Brownlee on Jan. 18, 1953, at Sugar Tree Grove

United Presbyterian Church of Hale Township. She preceded him in death in 1989. He later married C. Sue Smith Blackman on June 4, 1989, in Monmouth, and she survives him.

Bill has been a farmer in Warren County for his entire career, raising grain and livestock. He also served as a loan officer for the Production Credit Association in Monmouth for seven years. He retired from farming in 1996.

Bill loved music and loved to go to dances and dance with Sue anywhere they could. They also loved to travel

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and have done so for 22 years in the United States and Canada. Bill very much loved his family and was very much involved with his daughters and grandchildren and their educations. He wished to see that they all got their college educations.

He is survived by his wife, C. Sue Hawk of Monmouth and three daughters, Debra Kessler and Max of Beulah, Mich., Nancy Wright of Kickapoo, Ill.; and Alice Schreiner and Steve of Mint Hill, N.C. There are 8 grandchildren and 14 greatgrandchildren also surviving. Bill has two brothers surviving, Elmer Hawk and Marybeth, and Marvin Hawk and Diane, both of Roseville, Ill. He is preceded in his death by his parents, first wife, Lavonne Kay, and one brother, Clarence.

A private family graveside service and interment is planned at Warren County Memorial Park Cemetery. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no visitation hours with the family present are planned by his family.

Friends may stop in and pay their respects to Bill on Friday, March 5, 2021, during the day at the Turnbull Funeral Home. A public memorial service is planned by his family at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to either Little Cedar Church in Little York, or Heritage Bible Church in Monmouth.

For more information, or to leave a remembrance of Bill, please visit www.turnbullfuneralhomes.com.

Barbara Bridson

LAURA - Barbara Bridson, 92, of Dover, Del., formerly of Laura, has died. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services of Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

Emogene Knaebel

TRIVOLI - Emogene "Jean" Knaebel, 94, of Trivoli died Feb. 26, 2021, at her residence.

She was born March 25, 1926, in Ashland City, Tenn. She married Eldon "Bud" Knaebel on Oct. 6, 1946, in Olathe, Kan. He died June 20, 2013, in Peoria.

Survivors include one daughter, Pam (Mike) Ehrat of Trivoli; one son, Tom Knaebel of Trivoli; three grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Graveside services are today, March 4, at 1 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Clarksville, Tenn. Condolences can be left online at www.davison-fulton.com.

Steven L. Shaw

ELMWOOD - Steven L. Shaw, 79, of Elmwood, formerly of Peoria, has died. Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington is in charge of arrangements.



The Village of Princeville is now accepting applications for Princeville Aquatic Center Lifeguards for the 2021 Summer Season.

Applications can be filled out online at www.princeville.org or paper copies are available at Village Hall. Applications must be turned in by Monday, March 15, 2021.

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College graduates

• Haley Carter of Elmwood graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Early Childhood Education, magna cum laude, from Missouri State University.

• Hanna LeFort of Farmington graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Cell and Molecular Biology, from Missouri State University.

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BRIEFS

Williamsfield NSDAR honors local students

WILLIAMSFIELD - The Williamsfield Spoon River Chapter NSDAR presented DAR Good Citizenship Awards on Feb. 20 Caroline Colgan of Elmwood, Cora Doubet of Williamsfield and Kale Campagna of ROWVA. Awards are based on dependability, leadership, service and patriotism.

Doubet is involved in STEM, volleyball, theater and science club and is a student ambassador, Senior Class President, Student Council Vice President, National Honor Society Vice President and volunteers at the library and in Vacation Bible School.



Doubet of Williamsfield earned DAR Good Citizenship Awards on Feb. 20 in Williamsfield.

She plans to attend the Illinois Central College Honor's Program to study registered nursing. After graduating, she plans to attend UIC College of Nursing while working as an emergency room nurse.

Colgan is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, golf, Scholastic Bowl, drama club, speech, Key Club, National Honor Society, FFA, Irish Dance and Student Council and is a class officer. She plans to major in communications and history at the University of Illinois, Truman State University or Bradley.

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Reverend Marla B. Bauler 201 W. Evergreen, Elmwood (309) 742-2631 firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org Sun. Worship: 10:30 am Sun. School: 9:30 am St. Patrick's **Catholic Church** Father Joseph Dondanville 802 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-4921 Sat. Mass: 5:30 pm Sun. Mass: 9 am Tues. Mass: 8 am Tues. Confession: After mass **United Methodist Church** of Elmwood Pastor David Pyell 821 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-7221 elmwoodumc.org Sun. Worship: 9 am. 10:30 am Youth Sun. School: 9 am Adult Sun. School: 8 am FARMINGTON Farmington Bible Church Pastor Tony Severine 497 N. Elmwood Rd. Farmington (309) 245-9870 Sunday School: 9:30

Worship Service: 10:30 **First Presbyterian Church** of Farmington **Reverend Andy Sonneborn** 83 N. Cone Street, Farmington (309) 245-2914 firstpresfarmington.com Sunday School: 9:15 am Worship: 10:30 am Fellowship: 11:30 am

WILLIAMSFIELD St. James **Catholic Church** Father John Verrier Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N Williamsfield (309) 446-3275 stjameswilliamsfield.org Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 am Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 am in the summer) Williamsfield United **Methodist Church** Pastor Teresa Shane 430 N. Chicago Ave. Williamsfield (309) 639-2389 Sun. School: 9:30 am Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 am Sun. Worship: 11 am **YATES CITY** Faith United Presbyterian Church Reverend Marla B. Bauler 107 W. Bishop St., Yates City (309) 358-1170 Worship: 9 am

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Father John Verrier 314 W. Clay, Brimfield (309) 446-3275 stjosephbrimfield.org Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm Sat. Mass: 5 pm Sun. Mass: 10:30 am (10 am in the summer) Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 am St. Paul's Lutheran Church The Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod "Preaching Christ Crucified" "Liturgical & Reverential" Pastor Michael Liese 204 W. Clav St., Brimfield (309) 446-3233 Sun. Divine Service: 10 am **Brimfield E-Free Church** Pastor Donald Blasing 11724 Maher Road Brimfield, IL 61517 (309) 446-3571 brimfieldefree.org Worship: 10:30 am Sunday School: 9:30 am AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm, ages 3-12

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PRINCEVILLE Princeville United Methodist Church Pastor Zach Waldis 420 E. Woertz, Princeville (309) 385-4487 princevilleumc@mediacombb.net Sun. Worship: 9 am Sunday School: 10:15 am

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The Village-owned parcel is described as follows: Location: 216 S. Walnut, Princeville Size: 0.18 acres <u>Current Use:</u> Single Family Residence Zoning: R-1

Residential Legal Description: The North One-half (N1/2) of Lots Five (5) and Six (6) in Block Twenty (20) in the Original Village of

Princeville, situated in the County of Peoria in the State of Illinois.

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This parcel of property contains a single family home and a detached accessory building and is unoccupied. The property is open for public inspection, but arrangements will need to be made to view the two structures; contact Village Hall by phone at (309) 385-4765 or by email at villagehall@princeville.org to arrange a viewing of the structures. This parcel of property and its structures are being sold in its "as is" condition, and the Village makes no warranties regarding the condition of the property. The property will be transferred by quit claim deed at closing to the selected bidder. The winning bidder will be required to pay an additional \$500 for closing costs, which payment is over and above the accepted bid price. The winning bidder, at the winning bidder's cost, may also obtain a title commitment prior to closing. A bid sheet is available at Princeville Village Hall prior to in-

spection.

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

Julie Delbridge, Village Treasurer Attn: Sealed Bid for 217 W. Evans St. Princeville Village Hall P.O. Box 200 206 N. Walnut Princeville, IL 61559 age Board reserves the right to reject any

The Village Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids received for this property sale. Any questions can be directed to Village Treasurer Julie Delbridge by phone at (309) 385-4765 or by email at villagehall@princeville.org. Dated this **1st day of February**, 2021.

Sarah Cordis, Village Clerk Village of Princeville, Illinois Published 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of ELMWOOD, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 111 West Main Street, in Elmwood, Illinois, from and after the 13th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:00 P. M., the 13th day of April, 2021, at the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP HALL and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held following the Hearing.

DATED this 22nd day of February, 2021.

DIANA HALL, Elmwood Township Clerk.

Published 3/4/21

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY Case No. 21-MR-00004

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

Case No. 21-MR-00106

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

Dated February 16, 2021, at Peoria, Illinois <u>/S/ Cheyenne Carter</u>, Petitioner <u>Robert M. Spears</u>, Clerk of the Circuit Court Published 2/25, 3/4, 3/11/21

CLAIM NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY IN RE ESTATE OF

DAVID L. COYLE,) Deceased.)

) No. 21-P-00061

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of DAVID L. COYLE on January 26, 2021. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to EDNA M. BELLINGER, of 5054 East Elena Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85206, 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 10th 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 18th day of February, 2021.

EDNA M. BELLINGER, Executor of the Estate of DAVID L. COYLE, Deceased.

ROBERT L. POTTS, ESQ. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executor 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 becky@whitneyandpotts.com Published 3/4, 3/11, 3/18/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of ELMWOOD, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 111 West Main Street, in Elmwood, Illinois, the 13th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:10 P. M., the 13th day of April, 2021, at the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP HALL, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Township Trustees at the Public Hearing. DATED this 22nd day of February, 2021.

DIANA HALL, Elmwood Township Clerk.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LEGAL NOTICE

AD Storage of Central IL, Inc. is hereby posting notice that ALL personal property/contents belonging to Amanda Coulter, as well as any items stored for others, contained in storage unit #23 at the storage units located at 120 N. Walnut, Hanna City, IL, will be disposed of on 3/15/21 if the balance due is not paid IN FULL by that date.

Payment can be made by credit or debit card by calling (309) 385-1715 or by sending a certified check or money order payable to AD Storage, PO Box 415, Princeville, IL 61559.

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CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF IRMA M. HOERR, Deceased.

) No. 21-P-00054

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of IRMA M. HOERR on January 10, 2021. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to JAMES G. HOERR, of 410 West Truitt Road, Chillicothe, Illinois 61523, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 27th day of August, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 2075, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies. DATED this 8th day of February, 2021.

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

ROBERT L. POTTS, ESQ. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executor 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 becky@whitneyandpotts.com Published 2/18, 2/25, 3/4/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BRIMFIELD-MILLBROOK MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the BRIMFIELD-MILLBROOK MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the home of BOBBIE PHILBEE, Multi-Township Assessment Clerk, who resides at 21512 North Washington Street, Laura, Illinois, from and after 9:00 A. M., the 13th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:00 P.M., on the 13th day of April, 2021, at the BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP BUILDING, located on South Adams Street, in Brimfield, Illinois, in this Multi-Township Assessment District and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Multi-Township Board of Trustees, at the Meeting to be held following the Hearing.

DATED this 22nd day of February, 2021. BOBBIE PHILBEE, Clerk, Brimfield-Millbrook Multi-Township Assessment District.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the Matter of the Petition of Isaiah Edwin Kohlbuss Rosenbohm For: Change of Name Notice of Publication, Public notice is hereby given that on May 3, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main St., Peoria, Illinois, in Courtroom 203, there will be a court date on my request to change my name from Isaiah Edwin Kohlbuss Rosenbohm to the new name of Isaiah Edwin Kohlbuss. Dated January 6, 2021, at Peoria, Illinois

2021, at Peoria, Illinois <u>/S/ Isaiah EK Rosenbohm</u>, Petitioner <u>Robert M. Spears</u>, Clerk of the Circuit Court Published 3/4, 3/11, 3/18/21

. . . SUBJECT TO MANDATORY MEDIATION "THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION **OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR** THAT PURPOSE" W19-1244 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE **10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY. ILLINOIS** Community Loan Servicing, LLC; Plaintiff. VS. Sharon K. Van Ostrand;

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF

Defendants.

Case No. 20 CH 50

Judge Presiding

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, Sheriff of Peoria, Illinois, will on March 31, 2021, at the hour of 01:00 PM at 324 Main Street. Room 203. Peoria, IL 61602, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said iudgment mentioned, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit: LOT 27 IN BLOCK 4 IN EDGE-WATER TERRACE, BEING A SUB-

ON ROSEFIELD TOWNSHIP BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of ROSEFIELD, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the ROSEFIELD TOWN HALL, located at 16221 W. Southport Rd., Brimfield, Rosefield Township, Peoria County, Illinois, or by appointment by contacting Martin E. May, Rosefield Township Clerk, at (309) 634-6164, from and after the 13th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:15 P. M., the 14th day of April, 2021, at the ROSEFIELD TOWN HALL and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at a meeting to be held subsequent to the Hearing. DATED this 24th day of February, 2021.

MARTIN E. MAY, Rosefield Township Clerk. ON ROSEFIELD TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of ROSEFIELD, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the ROSEFIELD TOWN HALL, located at 16221 W. Southport Rd., Brimfield, Rosefield Township, Peoria County, Illinois, or by appointment by contacting Martin E. May, Rosefield Township Clerk, at (309) 634-6164, from and after the 13th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P. M., the 14th day of April, 2021, at the ROSEFIELD TOWN HALL, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the Public Hearing.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2021.

MARTIN E. MAY, Rosefield Township Clerk

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DIVISION OF PART OF LOT 1 IN UNDERHILL'S SUBDIVISION OF ROME FARMS, ALSO A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWN-SHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL ME-RIDIAN, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "T" AT PAGE 28, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND

STATE OF ILLINOIS. C/K/A: 14720 North Grandview Drive, Chillicothe, IL 61523 PIN: 10-07-176-011 The person to contact regarding

information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number W191244. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours. The property is improved by: Single family home . The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale. The real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and tenements, hereditament and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be sold under such terms. The Wirbicki Law Group LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540 Chicago, IL 60603 Phone: 312-360-9455 W19-1244 pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com I3164903 Published 3/4, 3/11, 3/18/21





Ordinance for the Township of MILLBROOK, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the home of BOBBIE PHILBEE, Millbrook Township Clerk, who resides at 21512 North Washington Street, Laura, Illinois, from and after the

13th day of March, 2021. NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:15 P. 13th day of April, 2021, at the MILLBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER, located in Laura, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held following the Hearing. DATED this 22nd day of February, 2021. BOBBIE PHILBEE. Millbrook Township Clerk.

Ordinance for the Township of JUBILEE, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the Home of ROBIN A. FORNEY, Jubilee Township Clerk, who resides at 15903 W. Brimfield-Jubilee Rd., Brimfield, Jubilee Township, Peoria County, Illinois, from and after the 12th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:45 P. M., the

ON PRINCEVILLE TOWNSHIP BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of PRINCEVILLE, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the home of MARLYS ELY, Princeville Town Clerk, who resides at 16609 Mendenhall Road, Princeville, Illinois, from and after the 13th day of March. 2021.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MILBROOK TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of MILLBROOK, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the home of BOBBIE PHILBEE, Millbrook Township Clerk, located at 21512 North Washington Street, in Laura, Illinois, from and after the 13th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P. M., the 13th day of April, 2021, at the MILLBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER, in Laura, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the Public Hearing. DATED this 22nd day of February, 2021.

BOBBIE PHILBEE, Millbrook Township Clerk.

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12th day of April, 2021, at the JUBILEE TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 12807 N. Princeville-Jubilee Rd. in Jubilee Township, Peoria County, IIlinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held following the Hearing. DATED this 25th day of February, 2021.

ROBIN A. FORNEY, Jubilee Township Clerk.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON JUBILEE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of JUBILEE, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection, from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P.M., weekdays, at the Home of ROBIN A. FORNEY, Jubilee Town Clerk, who resides at 15903 W. Brimfield-Jubilee Rd., Brimfield, Illinois, from and after the 12th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 P. M., the 12th day of April, 2021, in the JUBILEE TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 12807 N. Princeville-Jubilee Rd. in Jubilee Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the Public Hearing. DATED this 25th day of February, 2021.

ROBIN A. FORNEY, Jubilee Township Clerk.

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Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:15 P. 13th day of April, 2021, in the PRINCEVILLE TOWNSHIP BUILDING. located in Monica, Princeville Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held following the Hearing. DATED this 24th day of February, 2021.

MARLYS ELY. Princeville Township Clerk.

Published 3/4/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRINCEVILLE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of PRINCEVILLE, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., weekdays, at the Home of MARLYS ELY, Princeville Town Clerk, who resides at 16609 Mendenhall Road, Princeville, Illinois, from and after the 13th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:00 P. M., the 13th day of April, 2021, in the PRINCEVILLE TOWNSHIP BUILDING, located in Monica, Princeville Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the Public Hearing.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2021.

MARLYS ELY, Princeville Township Clerk.

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Continued from Page 16 Bushnell Prairie City.

Brimfield's front line led the way against A-Town in a 50-48 victory. Caleb Tyre led with 14 points, including sixth in the fourth quarter, and Luke Groeper added 11. Max Walters also tallied 11 and had two 3pointers in the fourth quarter.

"Caleb had his best game of the season so far and one thing that really helped is that it was one of the few games he was not in foul trouble," Coach Scott Carlson said. "He played well and played aggressive."

One day later, though, Brimfield lost to Bushnell, 48-38. Thomas Harmon led with 9 points.

"We kind of started the week and ended the week with games that lacked energy," Carlson said. "I'm finding from talking to other coaches that's easy to have with empty gyms and no postseason. I'm sure Saturday was kind of a letdown after Friday."

Bushnell scored the first 9 and led 37-16 at halftime. Brimfield got within two but could come no closer. The Indians beat Lewistown at

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home Tuesday (46-37), had a game with Annawan cancelled and are home vs. Elmwood Friday.

"Usually the most exciting part of the year is happening now," Carlson said. "One player even asked, 'Is there a chance for a postseason.' We had to tell him, 'No. Just go out and play and get ready for next year.""

Princeville

The Princes (9-3) won two in a row after suffering a tough Lincoln Trail Conference loss at Monmouth United back on Feb. 23.

First came a bounce-back road win at West Central (65-38) last Friday and then a Monday home win against Mercer County (52-43).

Tied 23-23 at halftime vs. Mercer County, Princeville got five treys in the third to take control. Joey Smith had three triples and led with 17 points, while Cole Daily added 16.

The Princes have just two games left: Friday vs. ROWVA-Williamsfield and Saturday at Peoria Heights. With 12-13 of his 16 varsity players also competing in football, Kratzer decided coming into the season to end shortly after the March 3 start of football practice.

"We gave them [Tuesday] off from practice since this is kind of the last night before their lives are going to get a little crazy," Kratzer said.

Farmington

A tough season for the Farmers (2-5) got tougher last week when top scorer Corbin Rutledge was sidelined for a series of medical tests. Without Rutledge, the Farmers dropped games to Elmwood on Feb. 23 and Knoxville (49-35) last Friday.

Farmington faced A-Town at home Tuesday, travels to Peoria Christian on Friday and hosts Monmouth-Roseville on Saturday.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

The Cougars lost at Stark County last Friday, 64-54, despite 24 points from Graham Wight, 14 from Ryan Haggerty and 13 from Carson Malek. After leading 47-44 with 3:04 remaining, R-W fell at Delavan, 56-50, on Saturday as Wight had 20 points and Malek had 14.

R-W faced Wethersfield Tuesday and is at Princeville on Friday.

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• Youngman serves clients from his office at 1300 W. Commerce Drive, Peoria 61615. The office phone number is 309-686-7050.

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GIRLS: Elmwood posts three straight wins

Continued from Page 16 Top scorers for Brimfield were Lune with 18 points, Wallace with 11 and Bedell with 10.

The Lady Indians were to play Wethersfield on Wednesday and then have four left, including a Thursday contest at Elmwood.

"We're just going to keep doing what we're doing and try and stay undefeated," Dura said. Elmwood

The Lady Trojans (3-5) defeated Peoria Heights Monday 37-28 on Senior Night to follow up a Saturday win over Ridgewood (40-32).

"We need to make sure we stay focused and continue to play good defense," Coach Gregg Meyers said.

Liv Meyers led Elmwood with 9 points vs. Peoria Heights while Hannah Burkiett led against Ridgewood with 16 points and three treys followed by Olivia Caldwell with 10.

"We had a good second quarter and hit some outside shots," Meyers said. The Lady Trojans were also victorious over Midwest Central last Thursday, 47-37, and made eight treys.

Caldwell led with 10 points. The Lady Trojans play Brimfield today and then face Galva Saturday in a varsity-only 1 p.m. game.

Princeville

Princeville (6-2) topped West Central Friday, winning 45-36.

"We struggled early on and lost an 11-4 lead in the first quarter, but we were able to pull away in the fourth." Coach John Gross said.

Ashleigh Brawley led the Lady Princes with 12 points.

Prior to that, Princeville defeated Illini Bluffs in a shootout on Thursday, 51-50.

"We trailed by 2 or 3 most of the game, but we kept our composure," Gross said.

Brawley led with 17 points and Caitlyn Thole added 16.

Princeville controlled Monmouth United on Feb. 23, 58-19. Brawley led with 21 and Thole had 11.

The Lady Princes were to play Mercer County Tuesday and ROWVA-Williamsfield on Friday.

AMPE: Make memories without playoffs

Continued from Page 16 has shown that, with fans mostly relegated to watching screens and the season nearing an end without the postseason games that usually generate so much passion this time of year.

No doubt, a March 3 start to "spring football" is hard to wrap the mind around. Myself, I am very grateful no jersey will be coming into my house on Fridays. Because one certainty of this football season is mud. Lots of mud.

Will fields ever be the same? It's worth the risk. Seniors have lost out on so much already that games under the bright lights are worth any grass seed that needs to be sown later. And volleyball will be less hard on the hardwood, methinks.

Players in both sports should take a chapter from this year's Brimfield girls basketball team. In the ab-

sence of postseason glory, the Lady Indians are aiming to become the first-Brimfield basketball team to finish unbeaten.

I like that. Makes me think back to my time in Decatur covering St. Teresa football. From 1972-76, St. Teresa won every football game it played, going 45-0 over four seasons. While the last two St. Teresa teams won Class 2A state titles, the first two never got that opportunity since there was not yet a postseason. Even

so, some in town argued that the best Bulldogs of all were not those state champions, but rather one of the unbeaten squads that never got to prove itself in the playoffs.

Or consider Pittsfield, which from 1966-72 won 64 straight. In 1970, the Saukees held opponents to negative rushing yards and did not allow a point, outscoring foes 341-0.

Hey, seasons can be memorable without playoffs. If nothing else, the chance to compete in real



Farmington

The Lady Farmers (6-3) topped A-Town on Monday, 43-37.

"We knew they were gonna be a tough matchup; they had a lot of talent and height," Coach Brad Whitcomb said, "We came back in the fourth and got aggressive."

Emma Vallas led Farmington with 16 points, of which 9 were from the free-throw line. Delaney Foster had 10, including a trey in the fourth to seal the deal.

"Sydney Foster did a phenomenal job against their best player," Whitcomb added.

Foul trouble hurt Farmington in a Feb. 24 loss to Lewistown, 46-31. Reece Putrich and Delaney Foster led with 9 apiece.

Farmington beat Knoxville on Feb. 25, 41-24. "Our defense played lights out," Whitcomb said. "They didn't score in the second quarter."

Vallas led with 12 followed by Foster and Putrich with 11 apiece. Farmington faces Monmouth Roseville today and Havana on Saturday.

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Football season odd, but welcome

Timing of the 2020-21 prep football season is unquestionably odd, even though snow and ice is thankfully off most Illinois fields.

Motivation for rescheduling an abbreviated season, however, is admirable. Sure, a six-game schedule is not what anyone wants. That's

true for much of what has happened since last March.

Changes came fast and furious when COVID arrived. One moment we were preparing for March Madness



in Peoria. The next, the tournament was off and sports became a second thought as the pandemic took over.

Fortunately, COVID cases are declining, restrictions are easing (though we still have a stupid 50fan limit for outdoor football games at the moment) and sports have returned as a welcome distraction from the many stark realities of our country.

No, it's not perfect. Basketball Continued on Page 15

LADY INDIANS ROLLING



Ella Lune (left) and Haley Wallace (right) combined for 37 points in three quarters Monday in a 68-30 Brimfield win over Lewistown. Photos by Collin Fairfield.

Aiming for perfection Brimfield girls continue unbeaten quest

By VICTOR LAMPE

For The Weekly Post No postseason? How about an unbeaten regular season.

That's the goal for the No. 3 ranked Brimfield girls basketball team (12-0), which soundly defeated traditional nemesis Lewistown on Monday, 68-30, to cap a very successful week.

"We played good defense and rebounded really well," Coach Maribeth Dura said. "I was happy with everything."

Haley Wallace led Brimfield with 19 points, Ella Lune added 18, Elynn Peterson had 15 and Sophie Bedell chipped in 10.

Prior to that game, the Lady Indians dominated Bushnell-Prairie City on Saturday, 77-49.

"It was a scrappy game but we were able to score a lot of points," Dura said.

Lune led Brimfield with 23 points with Wallace scoring 21.

The Lady Indians also won big over 8th-ranked A-Town, 53-30, last Thursday.

"We came out and played four quarters," Dura said. "We focused on finishing on short shots, and we never let down on defense." Continued on Page 15

Elmwood hoping for conference crown(s)

By JEFF LAMPE

Weekly Post Staff Writer Instead of scrambling for regional wins, local basketball teams are playing for pride and conference titles as the abbreviated 2020-21 season nears an end.

Elmwood (8-2) ended last week with league goals alive despite a Saturday loss to 9th-ranked Kewanee Wethersfield, 51-45.

The Trojans were in that non-conference game to the end before quick shots and the patience of a veteran team took its toll. Adam Centers had 15 points in the post for Elmwood and fellow frontliner Victor Lenzi added 10.

"Adam had his best game of the season and I felt part of it was we were executing our offense and getting him and Victor the ball," Elmwood Coach Josh Fugitt said. "Once we got behind, we lost that edge and we took some quick shots."

That non-conference loss did nothing to tarnish the Trojans' perfect ICAC Conference record, which improved with a Friday win at Delavan, 54-38.

"That was our most complete game of the year," Fugitt said.

Elmwood got up 14-7 early and used balance to stay in control. Lenzi and Andrew Marincic led with 14 points apiece, Luke Hoffmann scored 13 and Charlie Shissler added 11.

Much more dramatic was Tuesday's 50-47 win at Peoria Heights. Marincic sent it to overtime with a trey from the corner with 1.2 seconds left. Marincic then hit a 3 in OT, Lenzi made a layup and Hoffmann hit two free throws for the win.

Elmwood is at ICAC foe Brimfield on Friday.

The Trojans also have just one loss in the Prairieland Conference. That came to Knoxville (9-1) which is unbeaten in league play and will be tough to catch. Elmwood closes with home contests vs. Abingdon on March 9 and North Fulton on March 12.

Brimfield

Brimfield (7-2) followed a strong win over Abingdon-Avon on Friday with a lowenergy loss Saturday at Continued on Page 14

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