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SHOOTING TO A SCHOLARSHIP

Balloons spur interest in archery

By LORI HEROLD
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – A passion for archery, a slew of awards and an athletic scholarship to a private university started with a few simple balloons.

When Brianna Hayes, a senior at Brimfield High School, was in grade school she attended a Fun Day in Bass Pro’s parking lot where she spent time in the archery booth popping balloons with arrows. Not long after, she told her father, Wil Hayes, “I want to do archery.”

That desire propelled her through lessons at Presleys Outdoors in Bartonville and 4H competitions through grade school before she moved on to compete at higher levels.

Today, among Hayes’ many medals, are a 2020 Indoor Target Illinois S3DA State Championship and a Shooter of the Year award.

In the S3DA (Scholastic 3-D Archery) tournament, Hayes was required to shoot six rounds of five arrows at 20 yards. She scored 149 out of the maximum score of 150.

Shooter of the Year combines the competitor’s top three shoots of the year plus the score at the state tournament. Brianna won by four points.

Brianna competes in the “open category,” which is actually more competitive than the hunting category. Tournaments are held inside and outside. She says she prefers the indoor competitions because “it’s hot outside, there are bugs, and I don’t like snakes.”

Also, the shooting distance of 20 yards indoors is consistent,

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Brimfield High School senior Brianna Hayes' passion for archery and target shooting has led her to a partial scholarship at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. Submitted photo.

Bridge to reality?

Event plans moving ahead

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

News of a “bridge phase” for reopening Illinois from COVID restrictions could come next week, according to Gov. JB Pritzker, who framed his comments in the context of the return of the Chicago Auto Show in July.

But the same news has played out at board and council meetings across the area of late. Life as we once knew it is slowly returning to normal, as indicated by approval of festivals and events that one year ago were cancelled by COVID.

Some events are weeks away, as in Elmwood, where plans are moving ahead for the June 5 Strawberry Festival, June 11 Farmers Market and Cruise-Ins.

Also just around the corner is Princeville’s Heritage Days, June 24-28. Meeting Monday, the Princeville Village Board donated \$3,000 to the Princeville Civic Association for the annual event.

“Heritage Days is going,

the Fire Department beer tent is not,” Princeville Village President Jeff Troutman said. “As I understand it, [Illinois] is still not issuing non-retail liquor licenses.”

Troutman said that could change in July – in line with Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot claiming her city will be “fully open” on July 4.

Pritzker would not provide specific dates, but said he remained “optimistic” about lifting some restrictions in the weeks ahead.

In Brimfield, the Village Board on Monday approved closing Illinois Route 150 for a pair of August gatherings: a Cruise-In to benefit diabetes and the annual Old Settlers Day event, which last year consisted only of a parade.

Williamsfield is meeting again this week to plan for establishment of a Farmers and Craft Market.

And Farmington’s City Council on Monday approved tusing Reed Park for two weekends of the Spoon River Drive in October.

Kevilus claims lawsuit filed vs. Farmington

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Disgruntled Farmington homeowner Arron Kevilus said at Monday’s meeting of the Farmington City Council that he has filed a lawsuit against the city.

Specific details were not yet available, though Mayor Kent Kowal did acknowledge the Fulton County lawsuit after Kevilus spent more than 11 minutes speaking during the public comment portion.


“We’re acting on the advice of our attorney,” Kowal said. “We’ll make a proper response at the proper time.”

Kevilus has been a frequent speaker at Farmington meetings, during which he generally criticizes the city’s role in construction of the Ulm Veterinary Clinic next to his home on E. Fort St. Kevilus has also erected hand-painted signs in front of his home that are critical of Kowal and the city.


The bulk of the council meeting was spent swearing in elected officials and welcoming new council members, including David Black, who was elected Alderman for Ward 3, and David Rose. Rose was appointed as Alderman of Ward 2 to fill a vacancy left after Leslye Smith opted not to seek reelection and nobody else ran for her position.

Sheila Peckham was appointed to replace Rose on the

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ARCHERY: Scholarship to shoot at Lindenwood

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like outdoor distances that can range from 5-40 yards. Hayes did mention, though, the “field” event is her favorite because of the variety of target sizes and shooting distances.

Hayes said motivating herself to practice can be a challenge, but it must have paid off at the first of the season’s outdoor S3DA shoot in Hudson, where she shot her personal best and placed first in her category – all while competing in the rain.

On April 30, Hayes signed to accept a scholarship to join the new archery team at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo., where she will head this fall after also receiving an academic scholarship. Though she received offers from five or six other schools, Hayes said she chose Lindenwood both because of the academic programs – she’ll major in art and design – and because she will have the distinction of being on the university’s first archery team under what her dad called “an assertive and ambitious coach.”

Hayes has had people encourage her through all the practices, preparation for competitions and pursuit of excellence. Among them are her parents, Wil and Emily, and the staff at Presleys Outdoors, who her dad said “bent over backwards” to work with her and offer an “awesome family atmosphere.”

“I have learned many things in archery, but one thing is my coach telling me to ‘Stand tall and proud,’” Hayes said.

FARMINGTON: New cop

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planning commission and Brian Putrich was named to the Zoning Board.

The council approved payment of bills that included \$17,088.50 to D. Joseph Construction for consulting, architectural work and soil testing done for a new municipal building on three vacant lots on East Fort Street. Last month, the council ended a contract with D. Joseph to manage construction of the building. Plans for a new building have been tabled and Kowal said there is no place to revisit the vacant lots downtown.

The council also approved Police Chief Chris Darsham’s request to hire a full-time officer to replace Nick Robbins, who resigned. Darsham said Farmington CUSD 265 pays for 180 days of the officer’s work while the city foots the bill for 80 days.

Kowal reported that a one-year extension may be available for a federal grant to help develop the Hanna City Rails to Trails project.

Finally, the council approved four \$2,000 grants in the Residential Redevelopment Program.

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Upcoming Events

- **Garage Sales** – Brimfield village-wide garage sales are May 7-8.
- **Cleanup Day** – Williamsfield’s cleanup day is Friday, May 7.
- **Graduation** – Farmington High School graduation is Sunday, May 9, at 2 p.m. at the football field.
- **Farmington Cleanup** – Farmington residential cleanup days are May 10-13. Roll-off containers will be placed at the Municipal Building, 322 E. Fort. St.
- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library offers bingo May 13, at 10 a.m. Win food and household prizes.

This Week’s Events

- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4 per class.
- **Tai Chi** – Tai chi classes Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4. Bring mat, water.
- **Blood drive** – A blood drive will be held in Farmington Monday, May 10, from 1-6 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 156 E. Vernon.

Future Events

- **Harvest Home** – A Harvest Home fundraiser dinner is May 20 at Yates City Community Center, 4:30-7 p.m., or until sold out. Carry-out only. Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, roll and dessert. \$9.
- **Autism Discussion** – Morrison and Mary Wiley Library will present the program “The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism & Asperger’s” by Dr. Temple Grandin on May 27 at 6 p.m. Grandin addresses the real issues of au-









tism that parents, teachers and individuals on the spectrum face every day. She offers helpful dos and don’ts, practical strategies and try-it-now tips, all based on her insider perspective and a great deal of research. Register for this online event at bit.ly/39neep2. This event is presented in partnership with

- Alpha Park Public Library, Brimfield Public Library District, Morrison & Mary Wiley Library and other libraries.
- **Strawberry Festival** – Elmwood’s 33rd annual Strawberry Festival is Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers needed. Visit Facebook page for details.
 - **Farmers Markets** – Elmwood’s first farmers market in Central Park is Friday, June 11, from 4-6:30 p.m. Markets held each Friday through Aug. 27. Vendor forms available online at www.elmwoodil.com/business-resources.
 - **Free Food** – Food for needy is offered in the pantry located in the northeast corner of grassy lot adjacent to St. Patrick’s Church in Elmwood.

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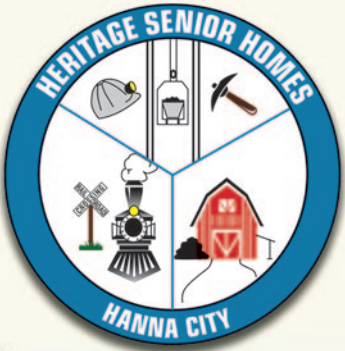
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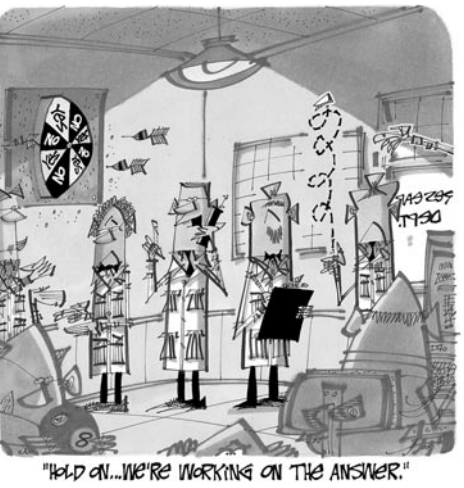





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— Walter Cronkite

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Ducklings are fun ... but also very messy



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As Jeff Lampe handed me five tiny mallards, newly hatched from his incubator, I said a silent prayer they would never encounter him again, especially in the fall.

I have a friend who gave up keeping chickens to raise mallards, knowing the work ends when the new adults join others of their kind in a southern migration. She enjoys these wild “pets” so, being a bird lover, I decided to try it, too.

I spent time online and asking my friend questions about raising ducks. I purchased an enclosure, a poultry starter kit and food specially formulated for ducklings. My husband was given the task of making a sturdy outdoor structure for when the ducks are old enough to be without extra heat.

Bedding for ducklings can be grass hay or pine shavings large enough that it can’t be mistaken for food. You can also use towels, and this is what I opted to do. Anyone who has kept pet birds – I have a cockatiel and two English budgerigars – knows that from the smallest finch to the largest parrot that birds are



Lori
HEROLD

messy. They poop anywhere they please and have appalling table manners. Wild birds are no exception.

Laundry is a continual chore.

When I brought the ducklings home, they huddled as close to each other as physically possible. I fussed like a mother hen (I know, wrong bird). Was the temperature okay? Check. Food? Check. Plenty of water? Check. Since they were settling in, I did not handle them right away. I just checked on them periodically and spoke softly so they would get to know my voice.

By early evening, they were different ducks! I was entertained as I observed them for several minutes running around, tapping their bills on the sides of the enclosure, grabbing bites of food and drinking a prodigious amount of water. Ducklings are thirsty little creatures.

The saying “like ducks to water,” doesn’t apply to human-raised ducklings. Mama ducks line their babies’ feather with oil so they can swim soon after hatching. Until they feather out, my ducklings will prob-



ably drown if I plop them in deep water. But they still can be encouraged to bathe. I introduced bathing with a paint tray that allowed them to easily walk in and out. They were suspicious of the tray until the third time I put it in the enclosure, and then the saying proved correct – they joyfully splashed around and lowered their bellies into the shallow water.

But ducklings grow very fast – twice their body weight in one week, according to my friend. Now at nearly 2 weeks old, I am using a baby pool with about an inch or two of water and an “island” (an upside-down fry pan covered with a towel). For now, the ducklings are residents of my house. In a few weeks, they’ll be able to go outside in an outdoor pen.

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Leaders creating lots of greenhouse gas

While everyone uses water, Americans use it up, noted Wallace Stegner, the preeminent writer of the West, in his 1992 book of essays “Where the Bluebird Sings to the Lemonade Springs.”

That shrewd observation is even more accurate today.

In fact, even though we’ve dammed every river west of – and including – the Missouri, pumped most underground aquifers to the edge of emptiness and captured every melting snowflake from the Rockies to the Sierras, much of the West remains in perpetual drought.

Worse, there is no end in sight for the region because the overwhelmed habitat now requires the overuse of water.

No one anywhere else should feel superior; we all totter on a ruinous edge of our own calamity: climate change. And just like the Westerners who continue to fuel the urban sprawl of waterless Phoenix, Los Angeles and San Jose, too many of us still believe climate change either isn’t a real problem or is someone else’s problem.

That’s especially so in American agriculture where even the mention of the phrase brings hoots, brickbats, and derision. Witness the latest national idea to mitigate climate change: President Joe Biden’s hope to protect 30 percent of U.S. land and coastal seas by 2030.

The yet undefined White House ef-

fort, slugged “30x30,” will require minimum effort to meet its coastal seas goal; already about 26 percent of U.S. coastal waters are protected.

The rub – especially for farmers and ranchers – comes on the land protection side because only about 12 percent of the U.S. is in what National Geographic magazine describes as “a largely natural state.” That means about 440 million acres, or an area twice the size of Texas, needs to be protected to meet a 30x30 target.

Enter the ag anger. That single figure, 440 million acres, say many national, state, and local farm and commodity organizations, means farmers and ranchers are obvious targets for a yet-unannounced federal “land grab” to meet the White House goals.

The fact that no such land grab is in the cards – no formal land and seas protection program has been announced by the White House – has not stopped farm groups, rural state politicians and ag conspiracy peddlers from promoting the “land grab” baloney far and wide.

Indeed, announced Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack in late April, the only aspect of 30x30 now underway by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is the exact opposite of a land grab: USDA is pursuing “a series of outreach efforts” that ask “a series of questions” of “commodity groups, farm organizations, and others” for “their input” on “creative and innovative ways to encourage folks to participate...”

In the meantime, Vilsack emphasized, “There is no intention to take

something away from folks.”

But that fact – that there is no 30x30 “land grab” in the works – did not stop “(g)overnors of 15 Mid-western states including Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota,” from sending a “letter to President Biden... saying they have not been adequately consulted on the program...”

Most likely because – once again – there is no “program.” A few days later, however, Vilsack had to again squash phony stories about how the Biden Administration hoped to drastically reduce America’s meat consumption as part of its recently announced climate change policy.

In fact, “Biden’s commitment didn’t include any targets for agriculture or any other sector,” reported the authoritative Agri-Pulse April 27.

Mostly because there is no formal climate change program yet. And, it seems, there will never be one if many of today’s ag leaders and rural politicians continue to peddle claptrap about “land grabs” and hamburgers. But that’s what their deceptions are really about; they like it just the way it is and tough luck to all who follow.

Which brings us back to Stegner’s experience of how most Americans see their role in the environment: we use it up. As we do, we don’t want to talk about it. Not honestly, anyway.

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PUBLIC RECORD

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Police reports

• **YATES CITY** – Michael D. Smith, 30, of Yates City was charged on April 27 with domestic battery according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s report.

• **HANNA CITY** – Michael S. Mapes, 50, of Hanna City was charged on April 30 with a violation of order of protection according to Peoria County Sheriff’s report.

• **HANNA CITY** – Wendy E. Layton, 54, of Hanna City was charged on May 2 with domestic battery, according to a sheriff’s report.

• **ELMWOOD** – Joseph M. Carrington, 32, of Elmwood was charged on May 3 with domestic battery, interference with a report of domestic battery and unlawful restraint, according to a sheriff’s report.

• **FARMINGTON** – A man has been charged and two others implicated in several thefts of catalytic

converters in Farmington, according to a Farmington police report. Christian Wagner, 26, of Peoria was charged with five total counts of theft over \$500 for four catalytic converters taken from Farmington’s bus barn on April 6 and one from Kitchen Cooked Inc. at 632 N. Main St. in Farmington on April 14. Wagner was interviewed by Farmington police and other agencies where he admitted to the thefts with the two other suspects.

• **FARMINGTON** – Police were called to a junk yard in the 400 block of W. Court St. on April 30 where a burglary was in progress, according to a Farmington police report. William Chaney, 18, of Farmington was charged with theft over \$500 along with two juveniles from Farmington and one juvenile from Canton.

• **FARMINGTON** – A traffic stop at around 2:15am on May 3 resulted in a traffic violation for the driver and a charge for the passenger, according to a Farmington police re-

port. Kiley Evans, 39, of Topeka was charged with possession of adult-use cannabis (3 grams) in a motor vehicle in an unapproved container. She was also wanted on a Mason County warrant for failure to appear on a charge related to driving while driver’s license is revoked. She was released and given a court date. The vehicle was impounded.

• **FARMINGTON** – Joseph C. Bazzell, 26, of Farmington was charged with a violation of order of protection on May 2 when he was observed by police at a protected address, according to a Farmington police report.

• **FARMINGTON** – The Farmington Police Department’s report for April showed: 328 calls for the month, 60 traffic stops, 34 reports completed, 31 ordinance violations, 21 assists to other police departments, 15 arrests, 10 property crimes, 6 crashes handled, 6 crimes against people and 12 miscellaneous items.

AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS PEORIA COUNTY
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
LAUREN CAGLE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 19 CH 00383
405 WEST ALBANY AVENUE PEORIA, IL 61604
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 20, 2020, Sheriff of Peoria County will on 06/02/2021, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 01:00 PM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
TAX NO. 14-28-352-028
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 405 West Albany Avenue Peoria, IL 61604
Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, two story one unit home, detached three car garage
The Judgment amount was \$132,448.72.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
The successful purchaser has the

sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff’s Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04666IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF’S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Plaintiff’s attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS - PEORIA COUNTY
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
MARSHA SKINNER A/K/A MARSHA M SKINNER SASSMAN A/K/A MARSHA MARIA SKINNER; THOMAS R SASSMAN, JR.; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 20 CH 00150
917 EAST FAIROAKS AVENUE PEORIA, IL 61603
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 17, 2021, Sheriff of Peoria County will on 06/09/2021, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 01:00 PM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and

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singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
TAX NO. 14-27-352-022
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 917 East Fair Oaks Avenue Peoria, IL 61603
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family, The property has a one car garage, The garage is detached, The exterior is vinyl siding, The color is white, The gas is off, The water is off, The property has a fence, The property is vacant,
The Judgment amount was \$72,065.97.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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SION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff’s Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-02470IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF’S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Plaintiff’s attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3167939
Published 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/21

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS
VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC, PLAINTIFF
vs.
KENNETH W. FLEEMAN; JANET K. FLEEMAN; DEFENDANTS
NO. 20-CH-00183
Judge Presiding
Address: 8730 N. Picture Ridge Road Peoria, Illinois 61615
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 6, 2021, I, Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois, will on June 7, 2021 at the hour of 8:30 AM at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Rm B-20, Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described

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real estate:
COMMON ADDRESS: 8730 N. Picture Ridge Road, Peoria, Illinois 61615
P.I.N.: 14-04-154-006
The real estate is improved with a single-family residence. THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$185,406.12
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may

be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff’s attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 20 8154. Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite 1125 Chicago, Illinois 60606 Email: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Ph. 312-541-9710 / Fax 312-541-9711 JB&A # IL 20 8154 I3167568 Published 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/21

Brimfield planning for Cruise-In, Old Settlers

By LORI HEROLD
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Plans for a Cruise-In supporting diabetes research and Brimfield’s Old Settlers Days summer festival are moving forward as planned after Monday’s meeting of the Brimfield Village Board, during which the board approved closing Illinois Route 150 for the events. The Cruise-In will be on Aug. 7 and Old Settlers Days will be from Aug. 12-14.

Brimfield School District Superintendent Tony Shinall spoke about an opportunity for the school to offer distance learning by outfitting a room in the high school with the appropriate technology. Funding would come from a USDA grant, with 15 percent paid by the school district. Moving forward this would mean Brimfield

schools can connect with other area schools to fill classes that would otherwise may not have enough students signed up to offer them.

“To do this, we need support from the community,” Shinall said. “It’s a three-year deal, after that we own the equipment.”

Shinall will work with the Council to draft a letter of support.

Council members were sworn in for the new year, except for absent new member Brandee Dibler, who replaces Rod Gilles. She will be sworn in at the next meeting. Nathan Porter was approved as a new Zoning Board member to fill a vacancy.

Mayor Dan Fishel called for a special meeting on May 17 to discuss property violations. This meeting will also cover budget review.

Moving forward, the board expects

to receive bids to put metal roofing on the second pavilion in the municipal park and to determine where to place cameras in the park.

The board also approved:

- A bid for the MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) of \$34,990 for seal coating Illinois and Jackson streets.
- A \$610 bid from Sharp Gutters for gutters on the food pantry building.
- A sign for the Food Pantry that says, “Brimfield Area Food Pantry.”
- A flag donation of \$250 to the American Legion.
- A \$5,275 reimbursement to Ralph Kingdon for half of what he paid to have tile drain work done.

Other discussion included acquiring bids for a tree on Knoxville Street to be removed and for possibly putting diagnostic cameras into the sewer system.

Williamsfield boards welcome new faces

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – The School Board and Village Board here met on the same night for a change and kept busy with at least one similar task: swearing in new members.

New trustees on the village board are Stu Hickerson (who has been a trustee in the past), Andrew Scott (who was appointed previously but will now serve a four-year term) and Jeremy Eagle. Stepping down were Stanley King and Pam Courson.

Gina Strom and Wes Wrage were welcomed to the Williamsfield School Board, replacing Brian Anderson and Chuck Ingle.

Once seated, the new school board elected Teresa Stewart as president,

April Bouchez as vice president and Jolene Tucker as secretary. The board also reaffirmed Dixie Brown as treasurer and agreed that regular meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

The main action item for the board was to approve the hiring of Williamsfield alum and current Galesburg High School basketball coach Ryan Hart as a full-time physical education teacher.

Superintendent Tim Farquer confirmed Tuesday that veteran coach Bob Anderson will be back to lead the ROWVA-Williamsfield coop for another season and issued this joint statement for the schools. “Coach Hart will work closely with Coach Anderson to ensure our basketball

program remains successful for years to come.”

The school board also approved the resignation of Kelly Nehls and approved athletic coops with ROWVA in golf, cross country, football and football cheerleading.

Graduation is planned for May 16 at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium.

The village board has started planning with the FFA Alumni & Friends for a Farmers and Craft Market. More meetings are planned soon.

The village also hired a summer helper for the maintenance department and is seeking a second worker.

Finally, the village is holding its cleanup day on Friday, May 7, and residents can put out unwanted items for pickup.

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Super Crossword

HANGING FRUIT

ACROSS

1 Muscat dweller

6 Imitate Daffy Duck

10 Chest muscles, informally

14 Coalition

18 Billiards shot

19 Not duped by

20 Folk legend Guthrie

21 Not-yet-final software

22 Involving three parties

24 One of the Clue suspects

27 1971 Stanley Kubrick film

29 "Shop — you drop!"

30 Sully

31 Middling

32 Old Italian painter

36 Singer Rawls

37 Honcho

41 Gruesome

44 Louvre, e.g.

46 False names

50 Explorer — de León

51 Shakers or Quakers

52 Most malicious

53 Tiny fraction of a joule

54 Heroine in Nintendo's Mario games

59 State boldly

60 Lisa of pop

62 More than friendly

63 Rock

66 Dictator Idi

68 Have control over

70 Hawaii's Mauna —

71 Lindsay of "Mean Girls"

72 Come to

73 New York City is said to be one

75 "Beetle Bailey," e.g.

77 Stuck — rut

78 Attain

79 "Quit it!"

80 Home pest

81 Mexican folk musician

86 WWII-era British gun

88 Collins of rock and pop

90 Fluorescent green

92 Period

93 Slaved away

97 Some Korean cars

98 The Antilles, e.g.

100 Tangle up

101 Some shiny plastics

104 Private college in the Bay State

106 Chew like a rodent

107 Ending for acetyl

108 Legendary hero of Athens

110 Regatta gear

114 "In case it's true ..."

116 Hotel phone abbr.

117 It may follow "Use by" on a label

124 Of no value

128 Irvine locale

129 Swamp grass

130 Prefix with present

131 Contends

132 Singer Bonnie

133 Concocted

134 "Auld — Syne"

135 Apropos of

136 Lauder of perfume

DOWN

1 Nona- minus one

2 Painter Chagall

3 Edible pomegranate part

4 Court plea, in brief

5 Desktops since 1998

6 Bygone theater chain

7 Like some hotel dining

8 Antares, e.g.

9 Tyler's successor

10 Infant food

11 Transgress

12 Attire

13 Capital of Bulgaria

14 Small pellets of shot

15 Not including

16 Peter of "Masada"

17 Len of stage and screen

23 Ref's ring decision

25 Krypton, e.g.

26 See

24-Across

28 See

27-Across

33 "Speechless" aier

34 Set up, for short

35 Actress Susan

37 Scot's cap

38 Bullring shout

39 Zadora of "Hairspray"

40 See

37-Across

42 Resembling a gorilla

43 Crowns for nobles

45 Spring (from)

47 Fourth prime

48 Suffix of languages

49 Sipping aid

51 Transgress

55 Fab Four drummer

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Princeville OKs donation to festival

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Village Board on Monday approved a slight change to zoning rules regarding the construction of fences and approved a donation to the Heritage Days festival.

Members of the Princeville Civic Association addressed the board and received a \$3,000 donation for Heritage Days, which will be held June 24-28. One change is that the fire department will not host a beer tent, since the state is not yet issuing liquor licenses for non-retail uses. Heritage Days was cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The board also heard a report from the Municipal Code Officer regarding some new violations of tall grass, debris and automobiles left in yards.

"He'll send them a letter," Village President Jeff Troutman said.

That business was for the old board before the new board was called to order later that evening and officers were sworn in along with board members elected last month – Teresa Gilroy, Spencer A. Wilson and Ricky Dean Pope, who is a new member.


In new business, the board heard that the Public Works Department had taken delivery of a new Chevrolet Silverado pickup, purchased from Uftring-Weston for \$37,000.

The new board also voted in favor of the fencing change in response to a recommendation from the Zoning Board, which requested that if anyone seeks a variance of the ordinance in regards to fence construction, adjacent property must owners must be notified by a letter from the Village Hall. Previously, the village ordinance had only required public notice in such a case, Troutman said.

Finally, Troutman noted that the village's new water meters have helped cut down on the number of past-due water bills that are on the books.

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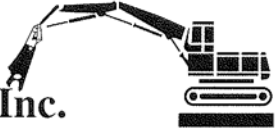
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Of mothers, career choices & the smell of dirt

Mothers and career choices float through my head as we race through this month of bittersweet celebrations and graduations.

My late mother, bless her heart, never told me what I had to do for a career. What mom did was support me ... in her own way. That meant she analyzed all the possible pitfalls of a decision and worried endlessly about possible problems – then gave her blessing. She made her life harder than it had to be – something I increasingly empathize with after inheriting the same traits.



Jeff LAMPE

But she also prepared me for this life of worrying too much by introducing me to the healing powers of dirt. It’s a topic I write about often and one that is so near to my heart that – if ever some hard-up institution of learning needs a graduation speaker – that’s what I will talk about. Graduate today, but keep dirt in your life always!

The onset of the pandemic brought that message home to many last spring. Sales of plants, vegetables and flowers skyrocketed. People who had nothing

else to do because of COVID restrictions suddenly turned to gardening. They stuck their hands in dirt and some worries went away.

So it goes for me almost every day. Visitors “marvel” at the hundreds of trees that dominate the front of our office. The cleaning lady mutters about tripping over them. Staffers must deal with friendly insects that live in all the peat moss and pots. I suspect many leave our office pondering my sanity – which would be a very valid concern if not for the trees.

See, when things get bad, there’s always a tree that needs tending or watering. When my undiagnosed A.D.D. kicks in after wearying of yet another story about yet another dry meeting, there are acorns to transplant or leaves to identify. Mom taught me that. When she was stressed or life sent her reeling, she went into her yard and dug her worries away.

Yes, dirt gets in the way of work sometimes. Cuffs on most of my dress shirts are stained. The bugs flying around are annoying. And growing trees takes lots of time. All of that is a small price for sanity and a fine way to remember mom, who had some quirky approaches to gardening.

The other day, my brother uncovered sheets of plastic bubble wrap mom had

put in her flower beds to keep weeds at bay. Previous archeological digs in the garden have uncovered layers of shingles she obviously thought might also help. They failed. Weeds always won and mom was too “natural” to use herbicides that might have got the job done. As if burying an old asphalt shingle or bubble wrap is somehow natural.

And she never wanted me to prune forsythias, fretting that would kill them. So I would hack them when she wasn’t around – then deal with the repercussions ... until the following spring when she would note the yellow blooms looked even better. I miss those exchanges. The closest I come now is when my hands are in the dirt, my mind wanders and I hear her words.

Which brings me back to that graduation speech I will never deliver. Living with a career choice is tougher than ever in this fast-changing world. The job you like after high school or college might not be the job you like in your 40s or 50s – or it might not even exist. There’s no easy answer. But among your coping mechanisms, keep your hands in the dirt after work or, better yet, at work in between tasks.

And remember the words of writer Margaret Atwood: “In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”

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Warm spells & cold snaps create headaches

By RON DIETER
For The Weekly Post

There once was a margarine commercial on TV warning us that “It’s not nice to fool Mother Nature.” Well, it’s not very nice of her to fool us either. Those warm sunny days around Easter this year had us thinking spring had arrived. Some landscape plants got fooled too.

Magnolias are a good example. The warm spell put them in a blooming mood. Many were in full flower when recent nighttime temperatures dropped into the upper twenties.

I have three such magnolias. They are cultivars of *Magnolia liliiflora*, the lily-flowered magnolias. Two are out in the lawn and the third is sheltered by nearby oaks and hickories. Of course the two on the open lawn really took a hit. Their lovely open flowers weren’t so lovely when they thawed out, turning to brown mush. Even the unopened buds were damaged. Although their inner petals were unscathed, the outer ones were frostbitten. Not pretty, even from a distance.

The sheltered magnolia had only minimum damage, even though it was really cold. I was surprised that the bare-branched trees provided it with any protection at all. Perhaps the trees limited air movement just enough to prevent the warm air near the ground from radiating skyward.

I have a fourth magnolia at my place that I am particularly enamored with. It’s a yellow-flowered variety, *Magnolia ‘Louis’*, which blooms later than those I’ve already discussed. When the buds are about to open they look like a flock of yellow finches perched on the branches. They open to primrose yellow cup-shaped flowers. Rather spectacular.

This year I went into panic mode when the weatherman issued freeze warnings. I wasn’t about to let Mother Nature massacre the yellow flowers, which were in the tight bud stage. Mine is a young tree, only ten feet tall or so. I bungee-corded the flexible branches up tight to the trunk and covered the whole thing



Taking extra precautions to protect this Magnolia ‘Louis’ earlier this spring prior to the onset of yet another cold snap paid off for author Ron Dieter, who was able to enjoy and photograph an abundance of yellow flowers.

with four layers of floating row cover, that lightweight spun poly material used to protect garden crops. I tied the corners together at the base of the tree and hung a 100 watt light bulb inside the “tent” to provide a little heat.

I removed the covers when the prognosticators gave the “All Clear!” The buds looked just fine and last week they opened up into beautiful yellow flowers. My efforts paid off. Take that, Mother Nature! While it’s possible the tree would have been okay without my intervention, since it blooms later and the buds were still tight, I wasn’t taking any chances.

At my former homestead, I had a star magnolia, *M. stellata*, which has pure white flowers consisting of 12-18 narrow strap-like petals. It typically blooms in early spring and that’s a problem. Every year mine was covered with promising buds. But I can count on two fingers the number of years its flowers had not turned to mush in freezing temperatures. After a frigid night, the whole shrub would look as though someone had decorated it with wet Kleenexes.

Windy days wreaked havoc on those delicate narrow petals too. So even though a specimen of *M. stel-*

lata in full bloom is a genuine Kodak moment, I don’t recommend planting it around here. While you may have a place protected from the wind, those sudden cold spells are murder on such an early bloomer.

Meanwhile in the flower garden, the daffodils, snowflakes and bluebells bowed their heads down close to the ground in the frosty weather but quickly recovered in the warm sunshine. I’m always amazed at how durable they are in the cold. Warm breezy weather, on the other hand, shortens their flowers’ lifespan considerably. It’s always something.

Old-fashioned bleeding hearts, *Dicentra spectabilis*, another delicate early bloomer, easily sustains a light frost, but its fleshy stalks will succumb to a hard freeze. I learned that the hard way last year.

This time I covered them with a couple layers of row cover. That protected them from the cold, even down to 28 degrees. Additional layers would provide even more safety.

So, Mother Nature, be nice. Please give us springs with nice gradual warm-ups. Quit foolin’ around.

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Heirloom flowers offer fragrance

By **NICOLE FLOWERS-KIMMERLE**
Illinois Extension

URBANA—Spring brings thoughts of beautiful, colorful, fragrant blooms that brighten landscapes after a long winter. But while many anticipate the arrival of the first flowers, pollinators, too, are on the lookout. Heirloom flowers provide them with more of the resources they require.

“Hybrids are a cross between two flower types that create specific traits such as flower shape, color, plant height, or disease resistance,” says Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle, a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. “These varieties are very uniform in the first season of growth. Seeds saved from those first plants develop into plants with much more variation.”

Heirloom varieties are open-pollinated. These flowers stay true to type if another variety does not cross-pollinate them.

“If you plan to save seed from your heirloom flowers, plant other varieties of the same plant at least 3 feet away from each other,” says Flowers-Kimmerle. “Plant them closer together to experiment with creating your own varieties.”

As good sources of pollen and nectar, these blooms attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Gardeners can plant heirloom flowers in groups to maximize benefits. Learn more about pollinator pockets at go.illinois.edu/PollinatorInfo.

“Heirloom varieties are also known to have more fragrance than modern hybrids,” says Flowers-Kimmerle. “You may notice that old-fashioned roses and sweet peas have more scent than newer varieties. Finding a unique bloom color that varies from the current trend is also possible with heirloom varieties.”

Because heirloom varieties are usually taller, they are excellent for cutting gardens and should be supported with stakes. These heirloom annuals, which can be planted directly into the garden, will produce an abundance of blooms.

• **Sweet peas**, *Lathyrus odoratus*, have beautiful, colorful, fragrant blooms. This vining plant does best in cool weather and is one of the first blooming annuals in the garden. Harvesting flowers encourages

more bloom growth, and they will produce blooms until the heat of summer. Look for old-fashioned heirloom varieties for the best sweet pea fragrance.

• **Bachelor's buttons**, or cornflowers, *Centaurea cyanus*, are hardy annuals that self-sow and are great for a flower bed or as an addition to cut flower bouquets. “These

pretty little blooms range in color from white to blue to burgundy,” says Flowers-Kimmerle. “They are a lovely flower to add to a cottage-type garden.”

• **Cosmos**, *Cosmos bipinnatus*, are delicate-looking flowers that are drought tolerant and prefer poor soils. Varying in color from white to pink, burgundy, yellow, and orange, these blooms are lovely bouquets. This plant will produce flowers from summer to fall.

• **Four o'clocks**, *Mirabilis jalapa*, are easy to grow from seed. Flowers open in the cooler evening temperatures, and their trumpet-shaped blooms have a lemony-sweet scent that attracts hummingbirds and moths. Flowers can be white, yellow, or magenta with stripes or splashes of colors on the petals.

For more details on growing flowers and pollinators in your area, locate your local Illinois Extension office at extension.illinois.edu/global/Where-We-Serve.



Cosmos (Cosmos bipinnatus) are delicate-looking flowers that are drought tolerant and actually prefer poor soils. Colors vary and blooms are lovely in bouquets. Photo by Pixabay.



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Growing ‘cole crops’ like broccoli is easy

By **RON DIETER**
For The Weekly Post

Now is the time to set out young plants of cabbage, broccoli and the like in the garden. All of the cole crops – cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, kale, kohlrabi and collards – are members of the Mustard family. “Cole” comes from the Latin for “stem,” referring to the edible stems of most members of the family.

Cole crop plants prefer cool spring weather and can easily tolerate frosts and light freezes.

New gardeners often won’t try any cole crops because they think they’re difficult to grow. But that’s not true, especially for cabbage, broccoli and kohlrabi. They’re really no more trouble than tomatoes and peppers.

Homegrown cabbage is much sweeter than store-bought, in my opinion. Although cabbage can be stored for a long time in a refrigerator, it loses that crispy crunch and sweet flavor over time. Lord only knows how long those store-bought cabbages have lingered in coolers from field to store. It always tastes best fresh from the garden.

If you started your plants from seed indoors, they’ll need some preconditioning (hardening off) to tolerate the outdoor environment with its cold nights, strong sunlight and wind. Toughen them up by setting them outside in a shady spot for a few days, bringing them in when nights are colder than 40 degrees or so.

During the hardening off process, plants strengthen their cuticle layer. That’s the waxy membrane on the surface of the leaves and stems that helps retain moisture within the



plant. The plants become stiffer and stronger, more resilient.

You can also harden off tender young plants by planting them in the garden and protecting them with a floating row cover. Row cover material breathes and allows rain and sunlight to pass through. You may be tempted to use plastic sheets but don’t do it. A sunny day will cook your cabbage and a hard freeze will burn any plants in contact with the plastic.

Cole crops planted early in the season get established and growing before the hot dry summer days arrive. And they will be growing during the longest days of the year, perfect for forming large firm heads.

Just like tomato plants, cole crops do best when the soil is kept evenly moist. This is especially true for cabbage. If subjected to a dry spell followed by rain, a cabbage’s inner leaves will begin to grow too quickly, causing the head to split open. If that happens, it’s best to harvest it right away.

And here’s a neat trick. If your cabbage is ready to harvest, but you’re not ready to use it, you can grab hold of the whole plant and give it a quarter twist. That will sever some of

the roots and slow down growth. The best way to keep soil moisture levels even is to use a layer of mulch. Use compost, chopped leaves, dried grass clippings or straw to cover the soil. Cole crops are heavy feeders so use a garden fertilizer according to directions.

Flea beetles, cabbage worms and cabbage loopers attack most cole crops, but covering the plants with a floating row cover right away after planting will keep them at bay. You can leave the cover over the plants all the way to harvest. A natural pesticide, commonly called Bt, or Dipel, or Thuricide, will control cabbage worms and loopers without harming beneficial insects. It won’t control flea beetles.

Growing broccoli is a cinch, but it’s important to harvest the main head before it breaks into bloom. Don’t let those little buds open into yellow-petaled flowers. If allowed to blossom, the plant will cease production. If you harvest the main head in a timely fashion, side shoots will develop to provide even more broccoli most of the summer.

There are dozens of varieties of cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower and the like. How do you decide which selections to grow? I recommend perusing a good vegetable seed catalog, such as Johnny’s Selected Seed or Burpee. There you’ll find detailed variety descriptions. Then order the plants from them or take your list to your favorite garden center. It’s much easier to do your research at home than trying to read the tiny print on the plant tags.

Want a green lawn? Don’t cut it too short!

By Weekly Post Staff Reports

Growing a lush, green lawn takes work. But it also takes some planning and a willingness to let your grass grow.

Too often, grass-cutting experts say, homeowners

scalp their grass too short – particularly in summer. While that may seem to make sense in the short term by giving more time between mows, the long-term effects are not good.

For one thing, the longer you leave your lawn, the greener it will be. Plus, longer grass shades out weeds.

With that in mind, try to never cut more than one-third of new growth. In the spring, that may call for mowing every three or four days. By summer, you can usually get away with mowing every 7-10 days.

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Cutting grass longer also helps avoid the browning up that typically happens as the year goes on.

And while watering has not been an issue yet, sooner or later, warm temperatures will take over, rain will stop falling and some homeowners will start watering their lawn. When you do, avoid wa-

tering at night. The best time to water grass is early in the morning. If you have an automatic sprinkler, set it for 6 a.m. Or if you have willing children or a cooperative spouse, have them go out and turn on the sprinkler. Watering early in the day allows the water to soak into the ground before the sun comes up. Watering in the evening has the opposite effect, and standing water on blades can create problems.

Beyond that, mowing tips are fairly simple.

- Keep your mower blades sharpened and consider having an extra set of sharp blades on hand.
- Vary mowing direction to reduce wear patterns.
- Don’t mow a wet lawn.
- Water infrequently and deeply, providing 1 inch of water per week.
- Fertilize in September and early May for best results.
- Seeding a lawn is about timing. The best time is in the fall between mid-August and mid-September.
- Aerate your lawn every three to five years to reduce soil compaction.
- Grass types matter. Pick fine or red fescues for shade but opt for Kentucky bluegrass, perennial rye or tall fescue for full sun.

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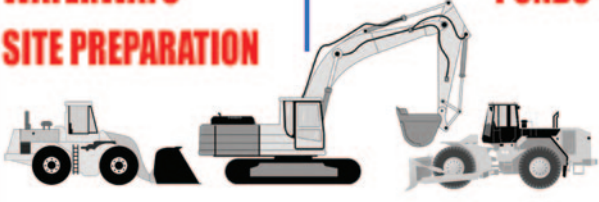
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College graduates

• **Jacob Harlow** of Elmwood will graduate from Illinois State University on Saturday cum laude with a bachelor of science in Construction Management. He is the son of **Joe** and **Cheryl Harlow** of Elmwood.

• **Tyler Svymbersky** of Elmwood will graduate from Loyola Chicago with a bachelor of science in Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience. He is the son of **Joe** and **Alesia Svymbersky** of Elmwood.

Farmington police officers earn awards

FARMINGTON – Farmington Police Chief **Chris Darsham** and Officer **Andy Steck** received honors during a recent gathering of the

Spoon River Valley F.O.P. #427 in Havana.

Steck was awarded the Medal of Valor for his efforts to rescue a Farmington woman from a house fire at 35. N. Wall St. on Sept. 16, 2020.

Darsham received the President Award for helping establish the lodge and accepting a leadership position as vice president. Darsham’s wife, **Mandy**, was awarded the **Chardy Lieb** Memorial Award for establishing the auxiliary branch of the F.O.P. #427 Lodge.

Peoria Co. taxes in mail

Peoria County Treasurer **Nicole Bjerke** said 82,500 tax bills were mailed to Peoria County residents by May 1. The first installment due date is June 8, and the second installment due date is Sept. 8. Questions on tax payments should be directed to the Peoria County Treasurer’s Office at (309) 672-6065, Option 5. For questions regarding exemptions call (309) 672-6910.

Elmwood welcomes new board, teacher

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board welcomed new members, thanked outgoing members and approved a new teacher on April 28 during its monthly meeting.

Welcomed to the board were newly elected members **Katie Vaughan** and **Kevin Windish**. That pair completed their school board oath of office in an organizational meeting that followed immediately after the final business meeting for outgoing members **Bill Frietsch** and **Rick LeHew**. **Frietsch** (12 years) and **LeHew** (8 years).

Dean Cantu was re-elected as board president, with **Val Ramirez** voted in as vice president and **Mark Davis** as board secretary. **Sherry Swindler** was appointed to a two-year term as board treasurer with her bond set at \$1.9 million.

Committee assignments are:

- Building – **Davis, Ramirez, Claude Keefer**
- Education – **Cantu,**

Keefer, Vaughan

- Finance – **Conklin, Cantu, Windish**
- Negotiation – **Cantu, Conklin, Ramirez.**

The board approved the hire of **Tricia Little** as a fifth-grade teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

The board also approved the final bill to Peoria Metro for the gym and locker room remodel project, which wound up \$138,116.71 under the \$1.25 million bonded. That money can be spent on other building projects.

Outgoing elementary principal **Dimitri Almasi** reported that 43 students are signed up for next year’s kindergarten class following an April 27 open house. **Almasi** said students have completed the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) tests and spring benchmark assessments will take place May 10-20. He noted there will be no end-of-year field trips due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Junior/senior high principal **Tony McCoy** said jun-

ior high students have taken the IAR tests and expects assessment data to be released at the end of August. Juniors also took the SAT on April 13.

McCoy said plans are moving forward for graduation on May 16 on the football field and for Eighth Grade Promotion on May 20.

In other action, the board:

- Established an order for deposit of district funds, with the top five as fol-

lows: 1. Farmers State Bank, 2. Elmwood Community Bank, 3. Bank of Yates City, 4. F&M Bank of Brimfield and 5. Bank of Farmington.

- Approved keeping all school fees the same as for 2020-21, with the exception that lunch prices will be adjusted once the USDA releases guidelines. Costs are currently \$2.85 for high school lunch and \$2.60 for elementary.



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The Prom Committee

The Farmington Central CUSD #265

Board of Education is seeking applicants for the unfilled two year board seat. The appointed position will expire in April 2023. While this application will be open until filled, it is the Board's intent to begin the screening process on May 10, 2021.



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At Pat’s request, a celebration will not be held, but we invite you to stop by to wish Pat well.

Please stop by on May 12th between 10:00 AM-5:00 PM to tell her how much she will be missed!

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OBITUARIES

Ronald L. Goldner

HENRY – Ronald Lee “Mouse” Goldner, 75, of Henry, passed away Tuesday April 27, 2021, at 1:44 a.m. at Proctor Hospital, Peoria.

Visitation was May 1, 2021, at Calvert & Johnson Memorial Home, 416 Edward St., Henry. Graveside services were held at Henry Cemetery, where full military rites were accorded by the Henry American Legion.

Memorials may be made to MSW Project, The Senior Nutrition Site, The Outreach Program of St. John XXIII Parish, or to the Henry Food Pantry.



Goldner

Ron was born Oct. 17, 1945, in San Diego, Calif., to Donald Lee and Mary J. (Johnson) Goldner. His mother later married Max Dycus. He was raised by his aunt and uncle, Jim and Adabell Pillman, throughout his grade and high school years.

Ron married Jean Waughop on Jan. 6, 1974. She survives in Henry.

Ron was raised with Jim and Adabell's children, Connie LaFollett, of Peoria, Brenda (Fred) Carroll, of Brimfield, Netta (Ed) Braun, of Missouri and Kathy (Jerry) Coffey, of Florida. Also surviving are Jean's sisters, Mary (Roger) Rutherford, of Sellersburg, Ind., and Becky (Jerry) Wyatt, of Edwards, and many nieces and nephews.

Ron graduated from Elmwood High School. He had served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1964-67, spending most of his time in Germany. He reached the rank of Sergeant.

Ron was employed by the Peoria County Highway Department. He then worked for Paul DeWeerth as a farm hand, Pabst Brewing for seven years until its closing, and later worked at B F Goodrich/Poly One for 25 years.

Ron was a lover of horse's and rid-

ing. He rode cross country with the “Wounded Warriors” when they were in Henry and rode to Bradford. He will be remembered for many things; one was his willingness to help others. He took care of many yards in Henry and did alot of garden tilling. He enjoyed riding his golf cart and was a very big fan of John Wayne.

Ron always supported and admired our veterans and police officers.

Online condolences may be made to www.calvertmemorial.com.

Jerold Wright

TRIVOLI – Jerold “Jerry” Wright, 81, of Trivoli, passed away April 17, 2021, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, Peoria. His private graveside service was at Penn Ridge Cemetery, Trivoli. Marc Boon, Jerry's son-in-law, officiated. Memorials may be made to Illinois State University Foundation. Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home, Farmington, is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry was born Nov. 20, 1939, in Canton, Ill., the son of Jarvis and Mary Wright, who preceded him in death. He married Norma Carson on Aug. 5, 1961, in Decatur, Ill. She survives. Jerry is also survived by three children:

Doug (Jean) Wright, Trivoli; CJ (Marc) Wright-Boon, Danvers; and Jane (Tim) Goeken, Delavan. There are seven grandchildren: George (Lana) Wright, Baton Rouge, La.; Hannah (Jack) Horky, Kansas City, Kan.; Zach Goeken, Delavan; Zach Kingston, Danvers; Alli Goeken, Delavan; Sarah Kingston, Danvers; and Matt Behrends, Delavan. There is one great granddaughter, Olivia, who brought great joy and happiness during this last year. Also surviving is his half-sister, Barb Garrott.

Jerry graduated from Farmington High School and started at the University of Illinois, but ultimately transferred to Illinois State Normal

University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree.

While at ISNU, he served as Vice President of the Industrial Arts Club, participated in the ISNU Jazz Band and Gamma Phi Circus, and was elected as President of Iota Lambda Sigma. He was also selected as one of 16 Outstanding Seniors. He taught high school in Midlothian, then came back to the Peoria area to first work as a director at a Boy Scout camp (he was an Eagle Scout) and then to obtain his Master's Degree from Bradley University. While at Bradley, he was elected to both Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Delta Kappa.

He joined Caterpillar in 1965 and worked there for 35 years in a variety of managerial capacities, most of which focused on training and development, including overseeing the development of the ThinkBig Technician Training Program, a collaborative program between Caterpillar and ICC.

Jerry was active in promoting education. He served as a member of the Balance of State Private Industry Council for the Governor's Office of Commerce and Community Affairs. He was a vice president and member of the Board of Directors for the Tri-County Industrial Education and Labor Council in Peoria and has served on several state committees related to the Education for Employment efforts in Illinois. He also served as a member of the U.S. Department of State's Overseas Schools Advisory Committee. He has been a member of the American Foundry Society, Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the American Society of Training and Development. He was elected as a Trustee to Illinois Central College in Peoria and served on the Board for 18 years and as Chairman three times. He was elected to the ISU Alumni Board and served a variety of roles during his time on the Board. In 2011, he was inducted into ISU's College of Applied Science and Technology Hall of Fame.



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OBITUARIES

While he was a rather accomplished career man, Jerry was most proud of his family. They wish to thank the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home staff for their care and compassion during his last days.

Max E. Young

DUNLAP – Max E. Young, 93, of Dunlap, finished his journey and joined his wife of 69 years, Gladys, in heaven at 1:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at his home.

Max was born on June 23, 1927, in Avon the son of Alva Young and Vola (Gillette) Hillyer. He married Gladys Barrett on Feb. 28, 1952, in Princeville; she recently preceded him in death on April 7, 2021 in Dunlap.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Ashcraft of Princeville and Brenda (Joseph) Slyman of Elmwood; three grandchildren, Chelcee (Justin) Owens, Sarah Slyman, and Michael Slyman; two great-grandchildren, Austin and Gavin Owens; and one half-sister, Martha Hillyer of Carthage. He was also preceded in death by one son, Michael Young and one brother, Robert Young.

Max served in the United States Army. He worked as a life-long truck driver, beginning with Ellis Turner in Princeville, then over 40 years with OK Trucking. After his retirement, he still worked with



Young

Long Rock Trucking and most recently with Caldwell & Son’s Trucking.

Max was an ace mechanic who could fix anything. He was full of wisdom and a great story-teller. He loved spending winters in Mission, Texas, with his wife. His family would like to extend a special thank you to the hospice nurses who cared for him, especially his CNA Angie.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2021, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Please wear a facial covering and respect social distancing guidelines. Burial will be in West Jersey Cemetery in West Jersey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dunlap Fire Department. Condolences may be left for Max’s family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

James N. Brentz

FARMINGTON – James Norman Brentz, 87, of Sandy, Utah, died April 23, surrounded by family.

Jim was born on May 9, 1933, to Harry and Esther Brentz in Pittsburgh, Kan. He grew up in Farmington, graduating from Farmington High School in 1951. He served with the U.S. Army in the Korean War.

Jim is survived by his wife, Judy; their daughters, Susan (Jay) Holland and Karen (Mardi) Perri; and four grandchildren.

Jim had two children from a previous marriage to Jean Brentz:

Chuck (Betsy) and Lisa (Alan) Heth. They blessed him with five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Nancy K. Gilles

PEORIA – Nancy Kay (Graf) Gilles of Peoria died April 30, 2021, at UnityPoint Health-Methodist, due to complications from COVID-19.

Born April 27, 1947, in Peoria to Edward and Geraldine (McKinsey) Graf, Nancy married Roger A. Gilles on Dec. 4, 1965, in East Peoria.

Nancy was a devoted wife and mother who dedicated her life to taking care of her handicapped son, Randy Gilles.

Survivors include her son, Randy Gilles of Edwards; and her sister, Jeanette Errion of Washington.

Darrell Latham

ELMWOOD – Darrell G. Latham, 71, of Elmwood, died April 26, 2021, at his residence.

He was born Jan. 6, 1950, in Peoria, to Carl and Norma (Mager) Latham. He married Karen Wolfe, and she preceded him in death in May 2014.

He is survived by one son, Paul (Phyllis) Latham of Elmwood; one brother, Pat Painter; one sister, Jackie (Jim) David; one grandchild, Noah Latham; and two step-children, Christa Loundsberry and Jacob Loundsberry.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. LAUREN CAGLE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFENDANTS. NO. 19 CH 00383 405 WEST ALBANY AVENUE PEORIA, IL 61604 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 20, 2020, Sheriff of Peoria County will on 06/02/2021, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 01:00 PM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

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at http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpilc.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-046661L

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3167416 Published 4/22, 4/29, 5/6/21

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. MARSHA SKINNER A/K/A MARSHA M SKINNER SASSMAN A/K/A MARSHA MARIA SKINNER; THOMAS R SASSMAN, JR.; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 20 CH 00150 917 EAST FAIROAKS AVENUE PEORIA, IL 61603 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 17, 2021, Sheriff of Peoria County will on 06/09/2021, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 01:00 PM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 284 IN MCDOWELL PLACE, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 14-27-352-022 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 917 East Fair Oaks Avenue Peoria, IL 61603

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family, The property has a one car garage, The garage is detached, The exterior is vinyl siding, The color is white, The gas is off, The water is off, The property has a fence, The property is vacant, The Judgment amount was \$72,065.97.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On May 19th, 2021 at 1 p.m. A MEETING CONDUCTED BY Brimfield Community Unit School District #309 will take place at the Brimfield High School in the Superintendent's office. The purpose of the meeting will be discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been, or may be identified with a disability, and you reside within the boundaries of Brimfield CUSD #309, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, PLEASE CONTACT TONY SHINALL AT tony.shinall@brimfield309.com Published 5/6/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 12:00pm, a meeting conducted by Princeville CUSD #326 will take place in the Princeville Board Office, 909 N. Town Avenue. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2021-22 school year. If you are parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Princeville CUSD #326, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Shannon Duling at 309-385-2213, ext. 1941. Published 5/6/21

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC, PLAINTIFF vs. KENNETH W. FLEEMAN; JANET K. FLEEMAN; DEFENDANTS NO. 20-CH-00183 Judge Presiding Address: 8730 N. Picture Ridge Road Peoria, Illinois 61615 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in

the above cause on April 6, 2021, I, Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois, will on June 7, 2021 at the hour of 8:30 AM at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Rm B-20, Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

A PART OF LOT 4 OF A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTIONS 4 AND 5, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4, RUNNING THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 4 A DISTANCE OF 180.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF PARK ROAD IN MOUNT HAWLEY MEADOWS FOR A DISTANCE OF 434.3 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 102 IN MOUNT HAWLEY MEADOWS; THENCE AT A RIGHT ANGLE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 75.58 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE, 170 FEET; THENCE AT THE RIGHT MAKING AN ANGLE OF 99 DEGREES, 41 MINUTES WITH THE PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED COURSE FOR A DISTANCE OF 284 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF LOT 101 IN MOUNT HAWLEY MEADOWS FROM SAID LOT 101; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF LOT 101 TO THE SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 101; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY SIDE OF SAID LOT 150.05 FEET; AND THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY SIDE OF LOT 102 TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL THAT PART OF SAID PREMISES WHICH LINES EASTERLY OF LOT 102 IN MOUNT HAWLEY MEADOWS AND NORTHERLY OF THE EXTENDED LINE SEPARATING SAID LOTS 101 AND 102 TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID TRACT; ALSO, LOT 101 IN MOUNT HAWLEY MEADOWS, A SUBDIVISION OF PARTS OF LOTS 3 AND 4 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes Gas Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 2 To the Gas Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois:

Ameren Illinois (or Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on April 8, 2021, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC or Commission) evidence (direct testimony) regarding the reconciliation of revenues and costs under the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rider with costs incurred in connection with the cost of gas from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The evidence is applicable to Rate Zone I (formerly the AmerenCIPS service territory), Rate Zone II (formerly the AmerenCILCO service territory) and Rate Zone III (formerly the AmerenIP service territory); and may result in changes in its rates and charges with respect to gas delivery services throughout the Company's gas service territory in Illinois. The changes in rates and charges will take effect after hearings and after the Commission issues its final Order.

The Commission docketed the filing as Docket No. 20-0875. A copy of the evidence may be inspected at the Ameren Illinois offices located at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/.

All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from Ameren Illinois or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On Wednesday, May 19th, 2021, at 9:00 AM, a meeting conducted by Elmwood District #322 will take place in the District Office, 301 W. Butternut, Elmwood, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2021-22 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of the Elmwood District, you are urged to attend.

To get the meeting invite, or if you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dr. Chad Wagner at 742-8462. Published 5/6/21

PART OF SECTIONS 4 AND 5, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE NORTHEASTERLY 30 FEET BY FULL DEPTH OF LOT 101 AND EXTENDING ALONG A LINE RUNNING PARALLEL WITH AND 30 FEET DISTANT FROM THE LOT LINE DIVIDING LOTS 101 AND 102 IN MOUNT HAWLEY MEADOWS, AS EXTENDED SOUTHEASTERLY; SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMON ADDRESS: 8730 N. Picture Ridge Road, Peoria, Illinois 61615 P.I.N.: 14-04-154-006

The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.

THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$185,406.12

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formation. Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 20 8154. Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite 1125 Chicago, Illinois 60606 Email: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Ph. 312-541-9710 / Fax 312-541-9711 JB&A # IL 20 8154 I3167568 Published 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/21

Princeville plans limited remote learning

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Hellos, good-byes and plans for the future highlighted a busy meeting of the Princeville School Board April 27.

Future plans include a fall school year that, at present, will offer remote learning services only to students with a medical exemption from a doctor. The administration is also exploring the idea of having an outside agency handle remote services.

“Our current plans are based on current guidelines,” Superintendent Shannon Duling said. “As we all know, current guidelines seem to change at any time.”

Board members elected in the recent election who will help make decisions on remote learning are Grant DeBord, Michael Harmon and Jeremy Duckworth. They were seated and the board also recognized outgoing member Drinda Schaffer.

The board elected Darwin Stahl as president, Harmon vice president and Sue Helfer secretary.

Board members heard a “wish list” from administrators in regards to the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund. Duling said the goal is to get direction about fund use. One area where

ESSER funds are likely to be used is in HVAC updates and in the purchase of technology for students. Technology Coordinator Kelly Jenkins said the school has ordered 480 Chromebooks and cases at an expected cost of \$103,680 in ESSER funds. These will replace current devices that are over 5 years old.

The board approved accepting the lowest bid of \$219,700 from the George H. Rump Construction Company for a renovation at the Unit Office/Head Start facility, contingent on funding from Head Start.

The board also approved spending up to \$25,543.71 for Go Math materials for grades K-5.

In other business, plans are moving forward for a May 16 graduation at 3 p.m. in the football stadium. If weather is an issue, graduation will be moved to the high school gym.

Eighth Grade recognition will be on the morning of the last day of school, which could be May 24, 25 or 26.

In personnel, the board: approved a two-year contract with Tracy Strebel as Innovative Practices Coach/MTSS Coordinator; approved Jada Crosse as ELL coordinator/teacher, subject to licensure; approved Deb Givens as MH/Daycare teacher; accepted resignations from aide Sabrina Sutherland

and PreK/ECE teacher Rachel Hall; and accepted the retirement of librarian Kathy Sullivan.

During public comment, the board heard from a parent of a home-schooled student who would like to change the district policy to allow participation in extracurricular activities. After discussing data on the subject from a survey sent to neighboring schools, the board decided to discuss the matter later this summer.

In other action, the board:

- Approved hiring EB Buildings & Lumber to “reskin” walls of the FFA Popcorn Stand and Concession Stand for \$11,608 and add a metal roof for \$9,442.
- Approved having board meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., following already scheduled May 18 and June 15 meetings.
- Heard Duling report that enrollment is at 680, down from 719 compared to April of 2020.
- Heard that the Legislature approved the district’s request to allow children of employees to attend Princeville schools even if they currently live outside of the district.
- Received a \$345,821.38 TIF payment from the Village of Princeville.
- Heard that the teacher’s union plans to start negotiations this year.

TRACK: E-B has half its 4x800 relay returning

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“Very fast turn around from football to track,” Carruthers said. “Kids are working to get in track shape and working on field events. I look for great improvement as the season goes on and the runners can get in shape and field events have time to practice and work on technique.”

The Princeville girls roster shows nine athletes who combined to place fifth at Wethersfield.

“After winning the [Lincon Trail Conference] team title in 2018 and 2019, it will be a tougher feat this year with the loss of four girls who finished in the top three in multiple events,” Coach Brian Wonders said.

Leaders he is counting on include seniors Grace Dearing and Carrie Gill. Dearing, a two-time state qualifier who was second at Wethersfield in the 100 (13.39) and 200 (27.72), is on the school record list for the 4x100 relay and the 200. Gill is also a two-time state qualifier who is on the school record board for the 4x100 relay and the 300 hurdles.

Sophomore distance runner Kyra Hilsabeck was second in the 3,200 (14:47.65) and fifth in the 1,600 (6:43.18) at Wethersfield.

The Lady Princes were also second in the girls 4x400 relay, with Amber and Ashleigh Brawley, Brianna Brodie and Hilsabeck running in 5:14.55. Three of those runners – Brodie and the Brawleys – will also score for Princeville in the discus. At Wethersfield, they swept spots 2-4. Brodie led with a throw of 28.42 meters and could qualify for state and compete for the LTC crown, Wonders said.

A big meet for Princeville will be the Lincoln Trail Conference gathering May 25 at Galva.

Elmwood-Brimfield

Not much is certain about this year’s Trojans. Well, we know they will field a state-caliber boys 4x800 relay. And they might have competitive boys distance runners, particularly in light of a sectional assignment that does not show much

resistance.

Beyond that?

“It’s really nice to be able to have a season this year,” girls coach Marcy Brugger said. “We have a large group of underclassmen who will be able to positively contribute.”

Four upperclassmen are on the E-B roster: seniors Caroline Colgan and Taylor Hierman and juniors Brooke Dawson and Lexi Lehman. Beyond that, Bruggers hopes for contributions from a strong sophomore class and some promising freshmen.

On the boys side, junior Thomas Harmon and senior Blake Rosenbohm are back from a fourth-place 4x800 relay that also included graduates Griff Inskeep and Alex Feller.

E-B has a tradition of 4x800 relay success and Coach Gregg Meyers hopes for more of the same, though he still has to determine, “who fills out the rest of the pieces.”

E-B had a May 4 meet with Farmington called off and got its first action Wednesday in a squad meet.

Beyond that, E-B looks very solid in the 1,600 with Harmon and senior Luke Hoffmann and in the 800 with Harmon and Rosenbohm.

After that are plenty of unknowns. Surely some 3,200 runners should emerge from the E-B cross country ranks. Jack Trone shows promise as a thrower. And Meyers said his sprinters are “working hard.”

“We’ve got some kids I think are going to be pretty decent,” Meyers said. “But right now it’s a guessing game about what I think we can do, because we haven’t had a chance to get out and do anything.”

Farmington

Farmington called off its first meet of the year Tuesday, and is left gpondering its team – as are many others. But girls coach Lillybeth Mendez was willing to venture some guesses on her team.

Mendez said Diedra Lange is a top returnee in the hurdles and jumps and said she “looks for her to make improvements from her sophomore season.”

As is Farmington custom, there is also a top-notch pole vaulter in the fold. This year’s vaulter is Miranda Hulsey. At the last state meet, then-Farmington senior Sarah Litchfield won a fifth-place medal by clearing 11 feet in the pole vault.

Expectations are also high for discus thrower Anna Webel, who placed fourth as an eighth-grader at junior high state with a throw of 105 feet, 8 inches. Webel was also fourth in seventh grade.

“After not having a season last year, we are looking forward to competing,” Mendez said. “We are hoping to have strong performances by our older goods.”

Mendez also has high hopes for freshman Kyleigh Miller in the high jump and sprints.

Boys Coach Brad Whitcomb has 13 athletes out, including seniors Sam Fletcher and Adian Basalay, who were on the 4x800 relay that went to state in 2019.

“Our team has several young athletes who have a lot of potential to be outstanding track athletes by the time they graduate,” Whitcomb said.

Some of those promising youngsters are Dane Hitchcock (hurdles), Hunter Darsham, Brayden Morse (distance), Logan Morse (relays, high jump) and Sam McMillin (sprint relays).

ROWVA-Williamsfield

Coach Chris Campagna has what he calls a young and inexperienced squad and lists Princeville as an LTC favorite. The R-W boys were fourth at Wethersfield on April 30 while the girls placed second.

Top finishers were junior Seth Johnson’s second-place in the 100 (11.99), a first in the 4x800 (3:42.07) and second-place relays in the 4x100 (49.07) and 4x200 (1:42.9).

The girls had four of the top six 100 hurdlers, a second-place 4x200 relay (2:04.04), triple jump winner Bella Voss (8.63 meters) and shotput second-place finisher Ali Cain (9.59 meters).

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BASEBALL: Errors hurt Princeville vs. A-W

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final score.

Ted Fritzenmeier kept the contest competitive by giving up just four hits and striking out five. Chase Williams and Kasey Juskiv led the offense with two RBI each.

The Princes dropped a pair to Lincoln Trail opponent Annawan-Wethersfield Friday at home, 11-0 and 10-5. PHS was only able to muster two hits. A bright spot was the pitching of Williams, who fanned 11 hitters in five innings and yielded just three hits.

“We’re a very young team. Williams was lights out. I had to take him out due to his pitch count. We have a busy schedule coming up, so our pitchers can’t be extended,” Princeville

coach Chris Delbridge said.

Errors took a toll on the Princes in the second game loss. The visitors got five in the first inning to set the tone. The Princes got offensive contributions from two RBI by JT Snyder and two hits off the bat of Liam McGrath.

Next up for Princeville will be a trip to Annawan-Wethersfield on Friday in Lincoln Trail action.

Farmington

Farmington (1-4) let an 8-3 lead in the fourth get away in a 10-9 loss to Bushnell-Prairie City-West Prairie Saturday in a doubleheader on the road in Prairieland action.

The hosts picked up two in the fifth frame and five in the game’s final at bat to get the win. Riley Embry

had three RBI and Brock Renner added two in the effort.

The Farmers won the nightcap of the twin bill 13-10. The visitors scored 11 times in the first three innings to help hold off 6 runs by the hosts in the fourth. Embry drove in three. Kane Fox, Sam Gronewald and Ethan Evans each recorded three hits.

On an outlook for the season, Farmington coach Justin Begner says, “We’re young, but have much upside and athleticism. We’re off to a slow start, but game scores so far haven’t reflected some good performances.”

“We’re knocking some rust off of our game, and should put things together soon.”

The Farmers are scheduled to play at home today (Thursday) versus Monmouth United in a non-conference matchup.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

ROWVA-Williamsfield (1-1) battled Brimfield-Elmwood last Friday, finally falling 10-8 in an ICAC showdown at Williamsfield. Seth Stewart fanned eight B-E hitters through five, yielding just three scores, but the visiting bats came alive with a combined seven runs in their final two at bats.

Brodie Secrist drove in half of R-W’s runs in the team’s effort.

R-W got the best of Midland, 12-2, in non-conference competition on April 20 in the team’s season opener. Secrist, Stewart and Logan Kuberski combined for six innings of pitching, striking out 16 and giving up just two hits. Denver Weedman collected three RBI and Hunter Ramage drove in two in the win.

The Cougars have a doubleheader in Williamsfield on Saturday vs Peoria Christian.



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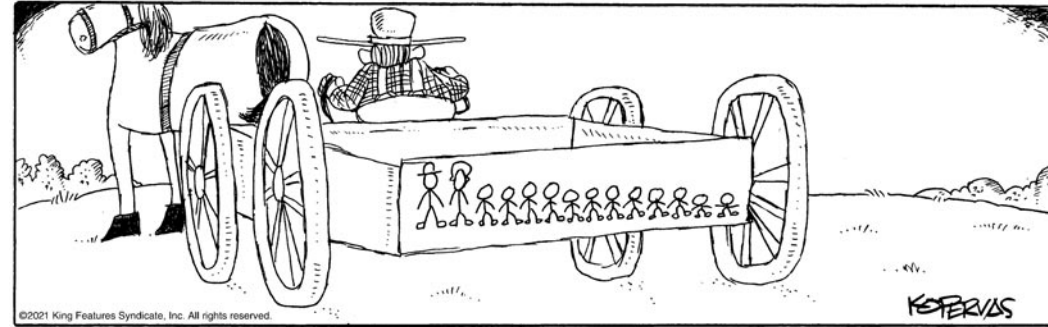
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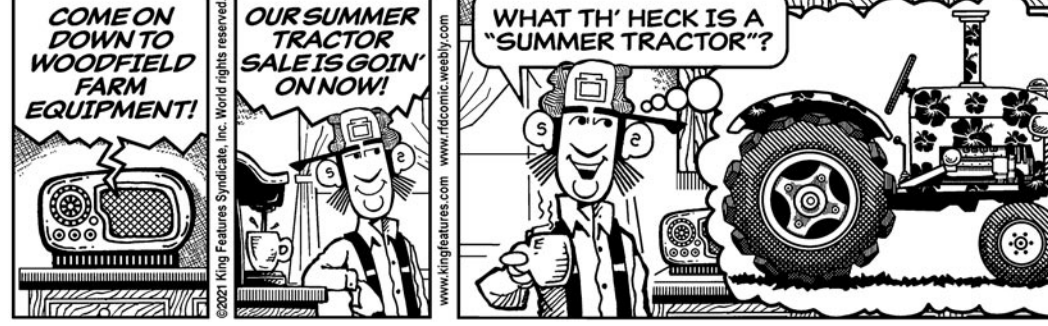
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.


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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Once known as the Gilbert Islands, what is the current name of the island nation?
2. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product's slogan is, "It gives you wings"?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to die in office?
4. MOVIES: What was the town's name in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life"?
5. ANATOMY: In what part of the human body is the ulna located?
6. TELEVISION: Which 1960s sitcom featured the catchphrase, "Sorry about that, chief"?
7. HISTORY: In which century did England's War of the Roses take place?
8. LITERATURE: The setting of which children's book is a place called Puddleby-on-the-Marsh?
9. MATH: What Arabic number is represented by the Roman numerals DCIX?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does a cytologist study?

Answers

1. Kiribati
2. Red Bull
3. William Henry Harrison
4. Bedford Falls
5. Forearm
6. "Get Smart"
7. 15th
8. "The Story of Dr. Dolittle"
9. 609
10. Cells

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9. The Courier (PG-13)
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B-E softball races to 6-0 start

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

Hits, runs and RBIs piled up for the Brimfield-Elmwood softball team in the past week as the unbeaten Lady Indians routed a pair of foes by a combined 42-4 score.

First came a 21-4 win over ROWVA-Williamsfield last Friday, fueled by Molly Malone’s five RBI.

Joining Malone in the hit parade was Haley Wallace, who went 4-for-6 with four runs scored, two doubles and a triple. Kierra Johnson added four RBI with two hits and scored four runs.

Marissa Unes also scored four times, as did Wallace, and B-E (6-0) finished with 21 hits and 7 walks.

Hessing allowed eight hits in the win over R-W.

Hessing was even better one day later, yielding just one hit and one walk in a 21-0 win over Richwoods.

CJ Troxell had a home run for B-E and racked up three RBIs, as did Wallace, Unes and Johnson. Wallace also scored four runs

Princeville

The Lady Princes fell to 0-3 after playing a string of tough competitors last Friday and Saturday.

The season opened with a 7-2 loss to Roanoke-Benson in eight innings. Ahead 2-1, Princeville yielded one run in the top of the seventh and then allowed five in the eighth to seal the decision.

Kiara Cilha and Bridget Gilroy both went 3-for-3 to rack up six of eight Princeville hits. Emmaline Perkins rapped out the other two, including a double.

Gilroy spun a complete game on the mound, yielding nine hits but just one walk to R-B.

On Saturday, Princeville was no-hit in a 12-2 loss to Metamora. Cilha and Briana Brodie both scored after drawing walks for the Lady Princes.

Princeville’s bats woke up in Saturday’s

second game, a 16-7 loss to Dunlap. McKenna Roberts, Taylor Catton, Perkins, Gilroy and Greta Dwyer each had two hits for Princeville, which scored six in the first inning but saw its lead slip away.

The Lady Princes were to return to action today (Thursday) at home vs. Ridge-wood in a doubleheader starting at 4 p.m.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

The bats have been hot for R-W (3-2), which is averaging 8.2 runs per game and posted a pair of 12-2 wins over West Prairie on April 29.

Katelyn Aldred was 3-for-4 with four RBI in the first win and had a triple and home run. Kateleena Hunt, Olivia Farquer and Jenna Woodside each had two hits for the Cougars and Aldred allowed six hits and one walk from the mound to get the pitching win.

In the second 12-2 victory, Hunt had three hits, Madison Nelson drove in three RBI and Ashlyn Murdock had a timely hit to plate two more as R-W scored in every inning. Ava Landon pitched to the win, allowing five hits and three walks and fanning four in six innings.

That doubleheader win eased the pain of a 17-1 loss to Geneseo on April 27 in the season opener.

R-W suffered another rough outing last Friday in a 21-4 loss to Brimfield-Elmwood before rebounding with a 12-3 win over Knoxville on Saturday. Calyn Garza had three hits (including a triple) and drove in three runs in that win and Farquer was 3-for-3 with two runs scored and a double. Other two-hit Cougars were Nelson, Hunt, Godsil and Morian Fleming.

Aldred fanned nine and allowed five hits to get the pitching win.

R-W was scheduled to get back into action Wednesday at West Central and today (Thursday) vs. Annawan-Wethersfield at Oneida.

Princeville dominates all-LTC VB

By Weekly Post Staff Reports

After an unbeaten volleyball season, Princeville dominated the Lincoln Trail all-conference volleyball selections.

Five Lady Princes earned a spot on the 10-player LTC first team and three more earned third-team honors.

First-teamers included seniors Elle Schupbach, Ashleigh Brawley and Lindsey Meisenheimer along with juniors Julianne Kielion and Amber Brawley.

Other first-team picks

were Maddy Diaz and Veronica Miller of United, Ella Manuel of Annawan, Emma Ellenberger of Wethersfield and Megan Schaley of West Central.

Kat Hunt and Molly

Warner of Williamsfield were picked for the second team.

Third-teamers include Princeville players Olivia Menold, Jesenia Horton-Meza and Caitlyn Thole.

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B-E BATS HEATING UP

Indians out fast

Bats help B-E baseball to 6-1 start

By PHIL JOHNSON

For The Weekly Post

Scoring runs has not been a problem so far this spring for the Brimfield-Elmwood baseball team.

B-E (6-1) pounded Annawan-Wethersfield 18-3 on Saturday in non-conference play with a pair of seven-run innings in the second and fifth innings. Caleb Tyre got the pitching win. Marty Gensler collected four RBI in the win and Kyle Binder drove in three.

One day earlier, the Indians plated nine in the final three innings to secure a win over ICAC rival ROWVA-Williamsfield, 10-8. Jude Strahm had three RBI, and Frank Kelch hit a round-tripper for his second straight game.

Charlie Shissler pitched the first 5.1 innings and Austn Baysingar got the win in the final inning.

B-E got a 9-5 non-conference victory over Mid-

west Central in Manito back on April 29. Drew Bryant tossed five scoreless frames before Midwest Central woke up in the sixth. Charlie Wake stopped the hosts from coming all the way back in the seventh.

Kelch drove in five, which included a long home run. Gensler and Mason Kieser each collected a double on the day.

“Our hitting approaches have been good, and we’re doing little things very well. Our pitchers are throwing strikes. Our defense is good, and we’re avoiding giving our opponents the dreaded big inning,” Brimfield-Elmwood coach Brandon Porter said.

“Frank Kelch and Marty Gensler are driving in big runs for us. Kyle Binder and Jude Strahm have been pleasant surprises so far.”

Next up for B-E is a trip



Senior Chase Williams rears back to throw for Princeville in a game against Annawan-Wethersfield last Friday in a doubleheader. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

to Mackinaw on Saturday to play two in non-conference play.

Princeville

Princeville (0-5) came up just short at 5-4 in a five inning non-conference final at Varna versus Midland on Monday.

Down 3-1 after the second, the visitors fought back for a brief 4-3 advantage in the third, but the hosts answered with two in the bottom of the same inning, which would turn out to be the

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Back on track

Questions abound for track teams

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

Uncertainty abounds in a track and field season that, for all the changes COVID has created, is starting in familiar fashion for many teams: cold and wet.

But after patiently waiting for other sports to get their chance, runners, jumpers and vaulters have a chance to participate in a fairly complete season that includes sectionals and state meets.

Princeville

The last time Princeville boys sprinters were competing on a statewide stage, the Princes wound up bringing home two fourth-place medals and a sixth-place from the IHSA state meet.

While those Princeville athletes are gone, a new crop of sprinters shows promise this spring and helped lead the Princes to a win last Friday in a six-team field at Wethersfield. Princeville’s 55 points put the team ahead of runner-up Stark County (47).

Junior Grant Hunt started well in the first meet, winning the 100 (11.47 seconds), 200 (23.72) and 400 (53.1). Hunt ran in the state meet as a freshman in the 4x400 relay along with Denver Hoerr, who is expected to be one of the other top Princes this season. Hoerr, a junior who also ran in the 4x800 at state his freshman year, won at Wethersfield in the 800 (2:11.52) and 1,600 (5:12.13).

Beyond those two, Coach Jon Carruthers said two promising freshman are Joey Bosh and Marcel Primera. Bosh is a distance runner who was fourth in the 800 (2:20.1) and third in the mile (5:20.74). Primera is a sprinter who was second at Wethersfield in the 200 (25.78), third in the 400 (58.27) and fourth in the 100 (12.41).

Junior Cole Brower shows promise in the discus and was second at Wethersfield, with a throw of 32.43 meters.

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