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**DAYS OF PURPLE ARE HERE**

**Orchids provide striking blooms**

By **GRETCHEN STEELE**

For The Weekly Post

Oh, the hot, muggy, buggy days of late summer! The last days of July and first days of August always mean it’s “purple time” to me.

There are big purple blackberries along the roadsides, fence rows, and across the hilltops and waterways. Elderberries, a deep, almost black-purple, are starting to ripen in the same spots – if you can beat the hungry birds to them.

But, the most exciting purple of late summer are the tall spikes of the



*Purple Fringeless Orchid offers a striking late-summer bloom. Photo by Gretchen Steele.*

native Purple Fringeless Orchid that start popping up. At first glance, it’s easy for the untrained eye to mistake a patch of the Purple Fringeless Or-

chid for some not so welcome Dame’s Rocket, or even blue lobelia or the much more common American Bell-flower.

The purple fringeless orchid is native to Illinois and is quite the striking plant. It becomes even more re-

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**New Farmington cop has family ties to job**

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Finding police officers is becoming more and more difficult for law enforcement agencies of all sizes these days, what with societal changes and new regulations.

The problem is exacerbated in small rural communities, where the candidate pool is even more limited to begin with. But sometimes, law enforcement is in the blood.

So it would appear for Farmington’s newest police officer, Dorian Utsinger, who was sworn in at Monday’s meeting of the Farmington City Council.

Utsinger, 33, is the third generation of police officers in his family, following in the footsteps of his late mother, Donna L. Gibson, and his late grandmother, Tina Stamm. Gibson was a former



*Dorian Utsinger was sworn in as a full-time officer for the Farmington Police Department on Monday. Photo by Rollen Wright.*

police chief in Yates City and Stamm was the first woman campus police officer for Peoria District 150.

“Nobody wants to do this job anymore,” Farmington Police Chief Chris Darsham said. “But he’s definitely from a nice line of cops in the field and that’s why he wanted to do it, because he wanted to continue that.”

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**Brimfield composites back on display**

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Nearly 80 years of composite pictures are on display again at Brimfield High School, just in time for the 10th anniversary of the new building.

While composite photos of Brimfield High School classes from 1936-2011 once lined the halls of the old school, they were taken down when the new building opened in August of 2011.

In late July, several members of the Brimfield High School Alumni Association (BHSAA) worked to restore and replace the old photos that were no longer being displayed. Pictures were then put in a photo rack display that has been placed in the north hallway on the lower level of the high school.

“This north hallway is now deemed the BHS alumni hallway,” wrote Clint McKown, a 1997 Brimfield graduate who is

president of the BHSAA. “Please check out the new photo display the next time you visit BHS.”

The school district and F&M Bank helped sponsor the project.

McKown, who helped resurrect the BHSAA in 2011, was joined in the project by fellow Brimfield alumni Lonye (Berkley) Gilles ’72, Debbie (Kingdon) Blackburn ’74, Janet (Short) Stenger ’75, Joann (Clark) Jones ’76 and Aaryn (Gilles) Jennings ’93.



*This new collection of composite photos of Brimfield classes from 1936-2011 is now on display in the north hall of Brimfield High School.*

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# ORCHIDS: Found mainly in southern Illinois

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markable when you give it a good close-up look. Each blossom seems to have a tiny face in it.

On more than one occasion, when showing this orchid to the wee ones tagging along for a trip out to pick berries and summer mushrooms, I have heard them exclaim, “Look, there’s a monkey face (or any other type of faces including elves and fairies with a few of the more imaginative little folks) in there!”

This gorgeous orchid ranges from 1-3 feet tall. There are 2-5 alternate leaves along the tall unbranched stem up to 8 inches long and 2 inches

across. The lovely purple blossoms are part of a cluster/raceme at the very top of the stem and can range from about 3-8 inches long and 2½ inches across.

Blooming period for the purple fringeless orchid occurs during mid-to-late summer and lasts about three weeks. When the bloom period is over, the delicate blossoms are replaced by small seed capsules about ½–¾ inches long. The seed capsules split open and release hundreds of tiny seeds that are spread by the wind.

Unfortunately, the Purple Fringeless Orchid is an uncommon wildflower

in Illinois. It’s considered “uncommon” in southern and southeastern Illinois and absent in other areas of the state. You can view a range map at [www.illinoiswildflowers.org](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.org) by searching for Purple Fringeless Orchid.

Habitats, where you are mostly likely to find one of these unusual beauties, include prairie swales, floodplain woodlands, swampish areas, thickets, stream banks, poorly drained fallow fields, ditches and moist prairies. It is often found in seasonal wetlands that flood during the spring and dry out in summer.

For all of its delicate beauty, this orchid can usually benefit from a bit of habitat disturbance – including tree canopy reduction in woodlands and removing competing vegetation, especially invasive species.

Invasive species intrusion and habitat loss are

the primary threat to this uncommon wildflower, which can also be demolished by hungry herbivores such as cattle, deer and rabbits. It’s not unusual for landowners and managers who are lucky enough to have a population of these delightful orchids to cage them in wire to prevent just that sort of browsing damage.

If you should be lucky enough to encounter these uncommon orchids, please note the location and contact an Illinois Department of Natural Resources heritage biologist to let them know.

As we continue to see our weather patterns change and more typically southern Illinois species creep northward, you never know – you just might run into a few specimens if conditions are correct ... or if you happen to be enjoying the outdoors in southern Illinois where they do occur.

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### Correction

The Farmington School Board voted 6-1 in favor of a Return to School plan during its July 19 meeting. Board member Kay Faralli cast the lone dissenting vote during the meeting.

The newspaper erred in reporting that the vote was 4-3.

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6:30-8:00 PM Brimfield Old Settlers Race Registration  
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7:00 PM **Still Shine** (Progressive Bluegrass)  
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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00 PM Men’s Club Food Tent  
5:00-8:00 PM Fried Chicken Dinner  
5:00 PM Boden Carnival Rides  
6:00 PM Beer Tent Opens

6:30 - 8:00 PM Race Registration (Legion Hall)  
6:30 - 7:30 PM **Steve Hargis** Main Stage  
8:00 PM **Patrick NSwayze** (Acoustic Guitar Duo)  
Beer Tent

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>**

6:30 AM Race Registration (American Legion Hall)  
7:00-10:00 Legion Breakfast (American Legion Hall)  
8:00 AM Brimfield Old Settlers 5K Walk/Run  
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9:00 AM Arts & Crafts Fair (Located East of F&M Bank)  
10:00 AM Kid’s Bicycle Race (West of the stage on Rt. 150)  
11:00 AM Men’s Club Food Tent  
5:00-8:00 PM Fried Chicken Dinner  
12:00 PM Registration Bags Tournament (Beer Tent)  
Beer Tent Opens  
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Upcoming Events

- **Farmers Market** – An Elmwood farmers market will be held in Central Park Friday, Aug. 6, from 4-6:30 p.m. Markets held each Friday through Aug. 27.
- **Cruise In** – Brimfield’s 15th annual Super Cruise In for Diabetes will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, from 4-8 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. Silent auction, raffles, food sold. Call Joe Arbogast at (309) 678-3639.
- **Blood Drive** – A Farmington community blood drive will be Monday, Aug. 9, from 1-6 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church. For appointments call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

This Week’s Events

- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4 per class.  
Classes held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville’s Lillie M. Evans Library.
- **Tai Chi** – Tai chi classes Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4. Bring a mat and water
- **Book Sale** – Annual book sale held by Friends of Lillie M. Evans Library in Princeville Aug. 2-31. Free-will donations. Puzzles, movies and more also sold.
- **Concert** – Semanya McCord presents “The Spiritual Face of Jazz” on Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. at Carl Sandburg State Historic Site, 313 E. Third St. Galesburg. Suggested donation: \$5 per person.
- **Peoria Band** – The Peoria Municipal Band will perform a free concert Sunday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. on the front lawn of the Noble Center in Lakeview Park in Peoria. Music will include selections from The Carpenters, the 1970s and several favorite marches. Rebecca Opperman is soloist.
- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library will hold bingo on the second and fourth

Thursdays each month at 2 p.m.








Future Events

- **Old Settlers** – Brimfield’s 131st annual Old Settlers Days will be Aug. 12-14. Bands include “Still Shine,” “Patrick N Swayze,” “Nick Sizemore and the Saddle-tramps” and the “Joe Stamm Band.” Parade 1 p.m. Aug. 14.
- **Harvest Home** – Harvest Home Festival in Yates City will be Aug. 20-21. Musical entertainment by “Shur Nuff,” “Afterthought” and Gracelyn Ulm.
- **Food Bank Tour** – Midwest Food Bank has a taste and tour Saturday, Aug. 21, to benefit the group’s efforts in Peoria, Morton and Bloomington. Individuals or families can pick a 30-minute time slot between 4-7 p.m. to get their meal and take an interactive drive-through visit to the food bank. Grace Catering Company will provide a maple-glazed pulled pork sandwich and more. Meal for two is \$50, \$10 children meal. Visit [midwestfoodbank.org/tastetour](http://midwestfoodbank.org/tastetour) or call (309) 691-5270.
- **Manna Meal** – Manna meals resume Aug. 26 at noon at the Elmwood Methodist Church. Cost is \$6.

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# Of a trek’s end, a semi farewell & terrible tease

Rambling through central Illinois, chewing bubble gum and smiling to think how many caring people there are in the area.

The latest version of Troutman’s Trek ended Tuesday, when **Jeff Troutman** drove east from Princeville to pick up his father, **Dean Troutman**. Dean ended his latest fund-raising walk just short of Ohio after 24 days and a little over 300 miles.



Jeff LAMPE

Dean’s ankles were swelling and paramedics who examined the 90-year-old dynamo said it was time to stop. Despite falling short of his 3,000-mile goal, Dean remained upbeat. His walk raised just under \$40,000 for St. Jude. He met nice people. And he went as far as his body would allow. “I said from the start I’d go as long as I could. But if my feet or legs told me I needed to quit, I’d quit wherever it was,” Dean said. “And I wasn’t too happy thinking about those mountains in West Virginia.” Dean says this is his last Troutman Trek. He should be content knowing that, even at age 90, he has completed something 99 percent of us would never attempt. That he also raised money to benefit ailing youngsters only makes the effort more commendable. Kudos Dean!

Credit also goes to **Zach Himegarner** of Yates City and all the semi drivers who showed up Saturday to provide a final convoy for **Katie Bodine**, 25, who recently lost her fight with brain cancer. Semi trucks gathered at Harvest Home Park in Yates City on Saturday morning and Himegarner gave his step-sister Katie B. a final ride in “her favorite” purple Peterbilt semi. The convoy passed through Elmwood and Farmington, drawing waves wherever it went, and serving as an impressive but sobering break from mower repairs for the boys and me. ... The fleeting quality of life has been weighing on my mind a lot lately, what with the middle boy preparing to join his older brother at Iowa State in less than two weeks. A blink ago he was born premature, smaller than a bass I caught a few weeks prior. Now he’s taller than me and can handle almost anything thrown at him (except for cleaning his room). Maybe something will change, but I am not ready for him to leave. Not by a longshot.

Parting shot: Native plants have yet another invasive foe who is gaining the upper hand: Teasel, which does to good plants what Dollar General does to locally owned grocery stores. As anybody who drives around central Illinois can confirm, teasel (whose prickly seedhead is pictured above right) is spreading rapidly. What you may



not realize is that those of us who mow are partly to blame. Teasel grows in ditches, fields and any other sunny spots where it can get a foothold. One reason the plant is spreading so quickly, says **Jim Alwill** of Toulon, is because it is being spread on the decks of mowers. A single teasel plant can produce more than 2,000 seeds. Mowing the plant in late summer disperses all those seeds. Even mowing early in the year won’t control teasel, since the plant’s thick taproot allows it to grow back and develop a seed head. To win the battle, you need to cut and remove seed heads, conduct late-spring burns before teasel takes over an area and treat with herbicides before teasel flowers. Don’t bother spraying plants once they have flowered – you are just wasting money.

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GUEST VOICES

Bigger means bitter, not better

In a sweeping, 72-point executive order on competition, the Biden Administration announced it was taking dead aim at the heavily concentrated “multinational companies (that) increasingly dominate markets for crops, chemicals, seeds, and meat,” reported Bloomberg.

The competition order – that “reach(es) from the FDA to the Pentagon” – includes “directives ... such as rules that would help chicken farmers and ranchers ... win claims against poultry and meat packers, and (a) better-defined ‘Product of the USA’ label,” explained Bloomberg.

While farmers and ranchers have waited decades to hear those words, the July 9 edict is the easy part. The really “heavy lift” is making the words a reality, relates Diana Moss, president of the American Antitrust Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit that promotes competition.

For example, she explains in a telephone interview, “Technically it’s possible to break up the meatpacker cartel,” one of the order’s biggest targets, “through antitrust prosecution.” And, in fact, the Administration is trying to do just that in several “cases against Big Tech right now.”

However, since “the packer cartel is in the middle of the food supply chain” – it buys livestock and poultry from farmers and ranchers to process and sell to the public – any disruption like, say, an antitrust action, could have severe consequences on the nation’s food supply and distribution.



Alan GUEBERT

A better approach, Moss suggests, is through more coordinated public policy actions. First, yes, aggressive antitrust action in the courts. Second, tougher “regulatory oversight from the U.S. Department of Agriculture” (USDA), and third, “legislative help to level the playing field” like “re-forming the Packers and Stockyards Act.”

And, she adds, everyone should be aware “that the bigger the problem, the bigger the fix”: Farmers, ranchers, their farm groups, Congress, the Department of Justice, and USDA need to go big on all three fronts if challenged on any one of them.

Some pros already are. A mid-July podcast hosted by Moss featured two, Patrick Robinette who owns Micro Summit Processors in Micro, N.C., and Mike Callicrate, a rancher and owner of Ranch Foods Direct of St. Francis, Kan. Both have had long, painful dealings with meatpackers.

“When I started feeding cattle in 1978,” Callicrate relates, “I had 20 nearby packers ... and 65 to 70 percent of the consumer dollar came back to the cattle producer. Early last summer” – after decades of meatpacker consolidation – “that fell to 27 percent.” That collapse means a “massive extraction of wealth from the farmer and rancher.”

It also had a huge impact on the local and regional economies. As four packers came to dominate the national meat scene, “We saw our regional food system simply disappear because almost all of our local business was gone.”

Robinette, 1,500 miles away in North Carolina, agrees; today’s heavily concentrated, deeply integrated food system “has no path-

ways... to accommodate small producers.”

And transnational meatpackers aren’t the only problem; an evermore monolithic USDA is a growing headache, also.

“Often USDA is confrontational,” says Robinette who deals with federal meat inspectors daily. “They’d be happier if they could turn us into the next Tyson” because they can deal with big; it’s what they are trained to do. Small, however, confounds them.

That’s especially true when it comes to country of origin labeling, or COOL, say the local producers. Hard as it is to believe, USDA still opposes COOL because, as Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack claims, labeling U.S. meat violates several free trade agreements.

That stance, however, gives multinational packers license to source meat from dozens of nations, have it stamped “USDA Inspected,” and sell it to an unknowing American public as U.S.-grown meat while deeply undermining American ranchers and farmers like Callicrate and Robinette.

Vilsack is now talking about a label that reads “Product of the USA,” but Callicrate and Robinette are leery of Big Meat’s lobbying muscle.

Which goes back to Moss’s integrated public policy approach to make the Biden initiative bite: The courts, the regulators, Congress, and the farm and ranching public all have to do their share of lifting if there’s any chance for all to be lifted.

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Biden needs to focus money on outcomes

President Joe Biden is proposing to spend more money than I knew existed, on infrastructure and children, families, free college and much more. I am not opposed to spending all that money, so long as it is aimed at improving our nation’s weak educational and social outcomes, and so long as we pay for it, rather than foist the costs onto our kids.

I worry that Mr. Biden will simply give the money away, without asking anything in return, rarely a good policy. Indeed, some well-intentioned social programs of the past have worsened rather than strengthened our social fabric. For example, the old welfare program called Aid to Families with Depend-

ent Children automatically denied assistance to a household if there were a man in the house!

Another illustration: Today, when a struggling young mother on welfare programs gets a job, the social supports are almost immediately yanked out from under her, making it almost impossible to stabilize the home finances. We need to stair-step the welfare downward, so the parent can dig out of a financial hole.

Our nation has big, fundamental problems. For example, we have persistent, big gaps in school achievement between minority and white students, and indeed between whites and Asians and Asian-Americans.

Further, many single-parent households in my rural territory are falling way behind, often giving up to drugs and negative lifestyles; ditto for parents in some urban neighborhoods, which have been

abandoned over the decades by both white and then black middle classes. There are few role models left, except the gangs.

On the economic front, our nation has outsourced critical functions like chip manufacturing and rare earth metal mining to Asia. We must, after decades of dithering, develop an industrial policy that determines what private-public partnerships are vital keystones to our defense and future.

Indeed, much of America has grown fat and sloppy, less resilient, more dependent on government. Among too many, aspiration has turned to resignation, a loss of the ambition to add value to society.

These daunting challenges and others our nation faces more than justify a laser focus on improving outcomes. But how to do so?

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# Williamsfield board opts to wait on school plan

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – After more than an hour of discussion on COVID-related issues and a pending return to school plan, the Williamsfield School Board opted not to vote on the lone action item presented at Monday’s special meeting. That item was “Discussion and action on adherence to IDPH/ISBE COVID-19 related guidelines and recommendations for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year.” Board member Lisa Hanson moved that the board vote, but her motion failed for lack of a second. That generated scattered applause from a crowd of about 15 that spilled outside the doorway to the

Kutkat Conference Room. Instead, the board will wait until its next regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. to possibly vote on the subject. Superintendent Tim Farquer said he expects to have a more finalized Return to School plan at that time and hopes to have more guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education. Williamsfield’s first day of school is Aug. 17. Mask wearing was among the hotter topics at Monday’s meeting, with some of the discussion focusing on votes by other area school boards. “I don’t think we should be the

one school on an island here making our kids wear masks,” Board Member Wes Wrage said. “I think that will drive people away to other schools.” Farquer said he has heard from parents on both sides of the mask issue, some who have said they will leave the Williamsfield School District if a mask edict is enforced and some who have said they will leave if a mask edict is not enforced. Board member Lora Kutkat said she was uncomfortable voting on the action item. “I don’t like the idea of losing local control,” she said. “What if we need to do something more or if we need to do something less.”

## BRIEFS

### Redneck fishing event back after 2-year hiatus

BATH – The Redneck Fishing Tournament returns to the waters of the Illinois River Friday, Aug. 6, and Saturday, Aug. 7, after a two-year hiatus caused by historic flooding in 2019 and then a global pandemic last year. “We’re back and the fish had better look out,” said Betty DeFord, event organizer. “People have been waiting two years to get back out there. It’s going to be a great event.” The unique fishing tournament features bands, food vendors, a beer garden and charity raffles benefiting veterans organizations. Admission is \$3 a day or \$5 for the weekend. Find more information at the Facebook page: @Redneck Fishing Tournament.

There are no fishing poles in this tournament. Rather, teams head out to see how many of the jumping Asian carp they can net out of the air or have land in their boats. Past winners have landed hundreds of these fish in just two hours. DeFord started the tournament more than a decade ago to spread the word about the dangers of the invasive species and also give the community an outlet to protest the aquatic invaders. It has grown into an annual event that attracts people from

across the region and around the world to the tiny Mason County town of 300 located along Illinois Route 78. Enthusiasts have traveled from Canada, Sweden and New Zealand to participate.

### Peoria Co. seeking input on ARP fund use

PEORIA – Peoria County is seeking public input on the allocation of relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. Residents age 18 and older can take an online survey at [www.peoriacounty.org/1183/American-Rescue-Plan-Funds-Survey](http://www.peoriacounty.org/1183/American-Rescue-Plan-Funds-Survey). The survey is open through Aug. 16. Alternatively, paper copies are available at the Peoria County Courthouse, Room 502, or by calling (309) 672-6056. On March 11, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) was signed into law. Included in it was the \$362 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF). Peoria County was allocated \$34,803,420; half in May 2021 and the second half in May 2022.

### Traffic shifting Aug. 4 on Grange Hall Road

Motorists should take note that starting Aug. 4, traffic will be shifted in the West Grange Hall Road work zone from its current pattern.

Traffic is currently being controlled by temporary traffic signals, with traffic driving on the south side of the bridge. Starting Wednesday, Aug. 4, traffic will be moved to the north side of the bridge.

The bridge on West Grange Hall Road is located one mile east of Princeville-Jubilee Road in Jubilee Township. It is undergoing rehabilitation work, including replacement of expansion joints, replacement of structural steel supports and painting of the structural steel.

Work is expected to be completed this September. Motorists are asked to use caution, follow all posted signage and slow down if traveling through the work zone.

### Et cetera

- FARMINGTON – Farmington Central CUSD #265 is one of 22 schools (five in Illinois) in the Upper Midwest to receive a Rural Schools Innovation grant from Compeer Financial. The grant will provide seating and recycling stations for the school’s outdoor classroom.
- SPRINGFIELD – Sam Fisher is retiring as head of the Illinois Press Association effective Sept. 1. Donald M. Craven, longtime legal adviser to IPA members, will be the next president and CEO for an association that represents more than 400 daily and weekly newspapers.



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# Billtown researching spray-patch equipment

By The Weekly Post  
WILLIAMSFIELD – The Williamsfield Village Board is considering purchasing trailer-mounted spray-patch equipment to help maintain and repair village roads.

At its monthly meeting on Monday, the board gave the OK for members of the village maintenance department to view and test a few machines in nearby communities. They are to report back to the board.

“The Village has several tons of chips remaining from the recent oil-and-chip resurfacing and would like to make as much use of these as we can,” Vil-

## Princeville board extends zoning variance for store

By The Weekly Post  
PRINCEVILLE – After taking no action at a previous meeting, the Princeville Village Board voted Monday to extend a zoning variance for the former grocery store in town.

Princeville State Bank owns the store, which has been serving as a storage facility for the Princeville School District. The board agreed to allow the store to be used for storage until Dec. 31.

lage President Matt Tonkin said.

The board also heard that several stretches of sidewalk have been replaced by city staff and have met with “great approval by residents.”

In other business, the board decided that the results of a survey conducted earlier this year in regards to Williamsfield Veterans Park should be posted on the village’s website (williamsfield.org). The plan is to provide a summary of results and to offer residents a chance to obtain a complete record of all replies via email.

Tom Rice told the board

two new replacement globe valves are ordered for the water plant at a cost of about \$10,000 and should arrive in 6-8 weeks.

In regards to the city water system, the village plans to hold a public meeting in the last week of August to inform residents about the IEPA-funded project that will take place primarily in 2022. The meeting is a final step toward IEPA approval.

Tonkin reported to the board about efforts being led by the Elmwood Community Foundation for a proposed wellness center on the north end of Elmwood. Trustees agreed that Williamsfield should accommodate an informational presentation by the ECF in a few weeks.

Finally, initial discussions were held on pay rates for village employees. Compensation will be reviewed in September and adjusted in October.

“The purpose of the initial discussion last night was to highlight the great work that is being performed by Village employees,” Tonkin said.



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# FARMINGTON: No action on no-confidence vote

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Utsinger will join Farmington officers in the field later this month before heading to the Police Academy in Champaign on Sept. 13. If all goes well, Utsinger will graduate Dec. 16 and be on the job shortly thereafter.

Utsinger attended Farmington High School as a freshman and sophomore before moving to Mount Pulaski. He has returned to the area and works for the Department of Corrections at the Illinois River Correctional Facility in Canton.

Utsinger also volunteers for the Farmington Fire Department and is an EMT. He served five years with the U.S. Marines from 2008-13.

With the hiring of Utsinger, Darsham said Farmington is now at full staffing level and can cover the city 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

“Now hopefully we can stay there,” Darsham said.

Prior to the regular council meeting, the Buildings and Grounds Committee met to discuss plans for the city building.

According to Rollen Wright, the consensus at this time is for him to get an estimate on repairs for the roof of the current city building and for the council to investigate two other

buildings. One is the complex owned by Patrick O’Brien at the corner of North Cone and East Fort streets that currently houses the Parkside Deli and Diner, Whiskey Dixie’s bar and Downtown Wireless. The other building is next door at 165 E. Fort St.

Wright will post videos of the inside of the buildings online, “so that John Q. Public knows what condition they are in.”

Wright also responded to a request made at the last council meeting by Farmington resident Arron Kevilus, who was seeking a vote of no-confidence for Farmington Mayor Kent Kowal. Kevilus has alleged that Kowal is breaking the law by serving as

mayor while maintaining ties with the Bank of Farmington.

Wright read a statement, part of which stated:

“The matter of conducting a no-confidence vote on an elected official is a serious issue. Calling for a no-confidence vote is unpleasant, even if someone feels it is necessary. Nevertheless, the fact that a request for a no-confidence vote is expressed by a member, or various members, of the public does not trigger one to take place. ... It is my responsible duty to prepare the City Council meeting agendas. With the information and procedures we currently have, it is not possible to place a no-confidence vote on the agenda.”

Kevilus said he has provided evidence of wrongdoing by Kowal, but Wright countered, “We have not had any evidence other than information you have provided. And it is of your opinion.”

Said Kevilus, “This is small-town organized crime.”

The council also approved the Knights of Columbus’ annual Tootsie Roll fundraiser at the corner of Main and East Fort Streets for Sept. 17-18.

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# Containers need more water than just rain

**By RON DIETER**  
For The Weekly Post

When the topic of dry spells comes up, I sometimes observe that the Good Lord just can't get the hang of watering. Maybe He sees my garden hose and sprinkling can as part of His plan to get the watering chores done. I'm putting them both to good use so I don't get struck by lightning, but I hope He pitches in too.

When watering patio containers I never consider rainfall a substitute for hand-watering. For some reason, even an inch of rain never adequately waters a large pot or hanging basket. Moderately dry containers need a good dose of water from a hose or watering can to get sufficient moisture.

Hanging baskets need special attention, especially in dry windy weather. On particularly windy days, take the basket down out of the wind to conserve moisture and to keep the plants from being whipped to death. I never use a hanging basket smaller than 12 inches in diameter. A 12-inch basket holds twice the amount of soil and moisture as a 10-inch one.

If a container gets really dry, the soil can shrink away from the sides of the pot. Any water applied to the dry soil simply runs down the sides and out the drainage hole. When this

happens, it's a good idea to plunge the whole container into a larger bucket of water and allow the dry soil to re-absorb moisture.

I have a 14-inch patio container planted up with tropical plumbago. I've had it for a couple years and I'm sure it's root-bound. It needs water every day without fail. I've placed the pot in a saucer which helps somewhat, but the saucer is dry a couple hours after watering. I need to bump the plant up into a larger pot.

Most large containers outdoors should have a saucer. A tray or saucer not only helps conserve moisture, but also protects the deck or patio floor. Nowadays most hanging baskets have a built-in saucer to hold some moisture.

We have more than 20 large pots and containers scattered around the place to keep watered. I use a watering wand attached to the garden hose to do the job. The wand has a trigger handle making it easy to turn the water on and off as I go from pot to pot.

Some folks use one of those garden nozzles that looks like a small pistol, but I find it too difficult to control the stream and pressure with such a weapon. It's better used to clean sidewalks and wash cars. I prefer the rainfall effect of a good watering

wand.

I also use the wand to spot water newly planted annuals and perennials in the garden. They need plenty of moisture for the first few weeks until their roots have grown out into the surrounding soil.

The vegetable plants in our raised beds need watering every other day or so to maintain growth. It's another job done with the watering wand, although I am considering drip irrigation to conserve moisture and make life easier.

I water the large woodland garden with an oscillating sprinkler that covers about four thousand square feet at the broadest setting. It's not the most efficient way to water, but it saves the lives of thirsty plants competing with the surrounding trees.

Of course the best way to conserve soil moisture is with a good layer of mulch, whether it's chopped leaves, dried grass clippings, or even shredded bark. Mulching conserves moisture by keeping the sun and wind from drying out the soil. A good layer of mulch saves a whole lot of watering time.

A gardening friend of mine told me that he never complains about too much rain because it's so much better than the alternative. I think of that whenever I pick up the hose.

# You can make your yard more friendly to birds

By University of Illinois Extension  
URBANA – North America has lost 3 billion birds since 1970, according to a study from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, a 30 percent decrease.

This statistic may feel overwhelming, but Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle, a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator, says there are simple steps to make your yard bird-friendly.

"With habitat loss and degradation being the most significant contributors to population decline, the good news is that even small green spaces can provide the four things that birds need to thrive: food, cover, water, and space," says Flowers-Kimmerle.

Landscape plants provide the food birds need to survive and raise their young and diversity is key. Seeds, nuts, berries, and the insects plants attract are all important sources of nour-

ishment.

Young birds eat more than you might think.

Adding plants that provide food for caterpillars ensures an important food source for growing birds.

Native trees, including oak, willow, cherry, plum, and birch support different caterpillar species. Herbs and native perennials, such as butterfly weed, violets and dill are also host plants for caterpillars.

Berries, nuts, and seeds are other essential food sources that provide calories to help birds prepare for overwintering or migration. Several native shrub varieties provide berries. Serviceberry, also known as Juneberry, produces berries in the early summer. Other native species, such as red twig dogwood, elderberry, viburnum, and spicebush yield berries throughout summer. Holly, choke-cherry, hawthorn, and cra-

bapple have fruit that stays on the branches, providing food all winter long.

Common sources for nuts and seeds include oak, hickory, beech, maple, and birch trees. Spruce, pine, and fir trees provide pine nuts as well as year-round shelter for birds. Coneflower, aster, sunflower, and goldenrod provide seeds if left in the garden until spring.

A bird-friendly yard must have cover for shelter and nesting sites. The dense structure of willow, hawthorn, holly, and conifer trees provides valuable protection. Milkweeds, native thistles, cinnamon ferns and asters produce fluffy material for nests.

Adding water to your landscape will also attract birds. Small ponds provide a place for birds to drink, splash, and bathe. For a less permanent option, try a birdbath. Change water every two to three days

and clean the bath with a scrub brush once a week to keep the water clean and mosquito-free.

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# Peoria Co. clerk offers sweet glimpse into job

By LORI HEROLD  
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD — Sweet treats accompanied Peoria County Clerk Rachael Parker on a visit to Brimfield Public Library July 29, the first stop in her plan to visit communities outside the city in an effort to inform them of her role as county clerk and find out what services she can bring to the communities.

Parker said she is doing this partly because of COVID-19, but also to save people the hassle of having to drive into Peoria for something that can be done remotely or onsite for those who aren't computer savvy.

Parker and her staff of 10 are basically the "keeper of records." These records include births, deaths, marriages, land records, contracts and much more. For those interested in genealogy, her office is a go-to place for records prior to 1916. These scanned records are open to the public and can be accessed online. The place to start is [www.peoriacounty.org/DocumentCenter/Index/1858](http://www.peoriacounty.org/DocumentCenter/Index/1858).

As for her own past, Parker served as a Peoria County Board member for 10 years before resigning

to accept the appointment as Peoria County Clerk in August of 2019. Prior to her board service, Parker was the economic development director for Chillothe and was also part of the Peoria Public School Board. She is a 1982 Bradley University graduate, having received her education on a track scholarship for sprints and long jump.

Among her goals for the county clerk's office is to "see what can be changed to make improvements." Part of reaching this goal is meeting one on one with her staff and striving to make the work environment a "enjoyable" place since some of the work can be "tedious."

One attendee at the library asked Parker what it is like to run for office. She said running for the school board was "much harder" and recounted how difficult it was to close Woodruff High School.

As for campaigning, Parker said she doesn't like the fundraising aspect.

Parker was also asked



Peoria County Clerk Rachael Parker (left) talks with Carroll Carroll of Brimfield during a recent visit to Brimfield Public Library. Photo by Tina Kellstadt.

how owning a business – in this case, Sweet Cakes by Rachael – helped to prepare her for her position as county clerk. She pointed to the financial aspect of business ownership. She said "if you never had to worry about money, you don't care as much about costs." She emphasized that everything has a cost, down to a single piece of paper, and it must be managed properly.

Speaking of Sweet Cakes

by Rachael, everyone who attended the presentation in Brimfield Public Library was treated to a cupcake made personally by Parker. This helped make her campaign slogan come true: "The sweetest clerk in Peoria County."

Those interested in knowing more about the services offered by the Peoria County Clerk's office can visit [peoriacounty.org/countyclerk](http://peoriacounty.org/countyclerk) or call (309) 672-6059.

## Prairie Park adds Blickenstaff to board

EDWARDS — Entrepreneur and philanthropist Kim Blickenstaff has been named to the board of directors at Wildlife Prairie Park.

Wildlife Prairie Park Chief Executive Officer Roberta English said Blickenstaff's connection

to park founder Bill Rutherford made the pairing a natural.

"It really is kind of a full-circle situation for me," Blickenstaff said. "My father retained Bill's services as an attorney. He took us up in his plane as kids and taught my brother how

to fly. He was such a visionary. Where his dreams for central Illinois remain unfinished, if I can help fill in those gaps, then that's what I want to do."

Blickenstaff reached out to English first, inviting her out for a tour of the Rutherfords' former home, which Blickenstaff purchased in 2019.

Blickenstaff has invested heavily in Peoria Heights and around his hometown of Spring Bay, and is expected to help build an endowment for the park.

What he brings to the table, said English, is a business savvy, experience in raising capital, an affection for the outdoors, an innate feel for what the Rutherfords were trying to accomplish and the love of a challenge.

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# Princeville mask rules to come on Aug. 10

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville School Board discussed a preliminary Return to Learn plan during its July 20 meeting, but put off a final decision to its meeting Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

Several audience members on hand said during the public comment portion of the meeting that they want wearing masks to be optional at all Princeville schools.

Superintendent Shannon Duling said he expected additional guidance regarding mask policies, testing and mitigation in time for the Aug. 10 meeting.

The draft plan for this school year, which Duling said is subject to change, included provisions for full-day instruction and for remote learning offered only when students are in quarantine or in isolation. Long-term remote instruction will only be

offered to students with a medical note from a doctor and will be handled on a case-to-case basis.

The board also opted to make no change to district policy in regards to home-schooled students participating in extracurriculars. That followed a recommendation from the administration which was to leave in place the current policy, which does not allow homeschooled students to participate in extracurricular activities.

Other discussion items included the band room, which reportedly floods every time there is a significant rain. An engineer is currently working on a solution, but it could be costly and will likely involve running a tile around the foundation and out to the parking lot drainage system.

Junior-Senior High School Principal Rich Thole reported that the roof on the school greenhouse has been reskinned using grant funds and the

roof on the concession stand has also been replaced.

Duling reported that reopening of the Unit Office and Head Start classrooms was pushed back due to delays in finishing the floors, installing door hardware and cleaning.

Duling also discussed plans for a storage building to be constructed at the Unit Office that will be funded through a COVID grant and will hopefully be completed by December.

In other business, the board approved:

- Renewing insurance for auto, workman’s compensation, school board legal, umbrella, cyber and treasurer’s bond with Clark Oltman of Partners Insurance for \$152,482, an increase of \$5,478 from last year.
- Bids from Prairie Farms for dairy, Aunt Millie’s Baking Company for bakery goods and Ag-Land FS for fuel.
- The resignation of

Rockell Daniels as Assistant Principal/Title I Director, Paige Lane as softball assistant, Marianna DeBolt as elementary art teacher and Mike Rinella as high school play director.

- Hiring Mishona Waldis, Megan Schupbach and Lauren Stephens as aides, Heather Lied as a library aide and Jessica Menchaca-Flores as a bus driver, monitor and aide.
- Hiring the following athletic coaches: Anna Schupbach (head volleyball), Alyssa Dial (head junior high softball), Amanda Lawson (junior high softball assistant), Megan Schupbach (sophomore volleyball) and Lauren Stephens (freshman volleyball).
- Setting noncertified staff compensation for Fiscal Year 2022.

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9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	\$850
K-12 <sup>th</sup> Technology Fee	\$100
Assignment Book Fee	\$85

(4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> only)

Plus additional fees as required

ONLINE REGISTRATION

K-12 online registration will be: June 21st-July 9th

Aug 2nd-Aug 6th

Registration payments may be made online or mailed to the school

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Walk-in registration for NEW FAMILIES will be held at PGS for grades K-5<sup>th</sup> & P JSHS for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 4<sup>pm</sup> - 7<sup>pm</sup>.

FAMILY ATHLETIC PASS

Athletic passes will be available at registration in the high school office and at home games.

Family pass	\$700
Adult pass	\$350
Student pass (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )	\$250

ACTIVITY FEE POLICY

For students who are members of an athletic or cheerleading squad (Grades 6-12) \$45.00 PER STUDENT; PER SPORT

Maximum student fee \$350 per year

Maximum family fee \$200 per year

Students or families who apply and qualify for free lunches are exempt from paying activity fees.

\*NO fees are assessed for tryouts.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

8:00AM - 2:50PM

2:15 PM DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS

AUGUST 17TH THROUGH AUGUST 20TH

FIRST DAY FOR PRE-SCHOOL

Orientation – Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

First Day - Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

AM Class - 8:00am - 1:30pm

PM Class - 2:30pm - 3:00pm

PJHS FALL SPORTS PRACTICE BEGINS

Softball - Tryouts - Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm - 5:30pm

(must attend one of the dates to be considered)

Baseball - Tryouts - Monday, August 2nd 2:00pm - 6:00pm

Cross Country - Practice starts - August 2nd 10:00am-1:30pm (Report to the track)

PHS FALL SPORTS PRACTICE BEGINS

Football – Monday, August 9th

Golf – Monday, August 9th

Cross Country – Monday, August 9th

Volleyball - Monday, August 9th

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Super Crossword

HIDDEN STAIRS

ACROSS

1 Hindu monks

7 Gorilla or gibbon

10 Baby doll call

14 Ignominy

19 Wound antiseptic

20 Nothing

21 Chilled

22 Tabloid VIP

23 Long poems in which animals speak and act like humans

25 Figure skater's jump

26 Drizzles, e.g.

27 Beethoven specialty

28 Much-shared GIF, maybe

29 Murmur continuously

30 Bodega, e.g.

33 Detecting of sweetness, flavor, etc.

36 Spiny-crested lizard

39 Place atop

40 Not busy

41 Installments of TV series that were not preserved

44 Biology and ecology, e.g.

48 It may be loose-leaf

49 Clan carvings

51 "— found it!"

52 Pub. houses hire them

53 One of the Judds

57 Cannes' Palme —

58 Actress Lena

59 Iris' place in the eye

62 Hindu social classes as they relate to government affairs

66 Cherishes

69 Taverns

70 Lord's home

71 1 Peter and

1 Timothy, in the Bible

73 Armory stuff

74 Sister of Luke, in sci-fi

75 Seville cheer

76 Masterful

78 Fan noise

81 In time past

82 Dry gully

85 Road part for cyclists

89 "Huzzah!"

91 Crusty, cheesy brand in the frozen food aisle

95 Salinger's "love and squalor" girl

96 Philosopher with a logical "razor"

97 Surrendered

98 It may result in landfills

104 Get a look at

105 ET and such

106 Dried out

107 Sea demigod

110 Future pupa

111 Pre-'91 world power

112 Enter ... or what each of seven long answers in this puzzle has

116 Prepare to pray, say

117 Go higher

118 Old Olds

119 Conductor of impulses

120 Composer Camille

121 Direct

122 Age-verifying docs.

123 Trees that tremble

DOWN

1 Sis, say

2 Adversity

3 Org. for a periodontist

4 Say wrongly

5 Gung-ho on

6 In view

7 Ekberg of Hollywood

8 Blue Period artist Pablo

9 Overhead rails

10 Highway distance marker

11 Keen insight

12 Rhythm

13 Lumber tool

14 High ethical standards

15 Encourage

16 Court excuse

17 — Park (Edison's lab site)

18 Jed Clampett

19 player Buddy

24 Singer Benatar

28 Parcel (out)

29 Make obscure

30 Pooh creator

31 Put up — fight

32 Undergoes oxidation

34 TV's Turner

35 Orator of old Rome

37 Neighbor of Colo.

38 GI address

42 Scottish isle

43 Pop music of Jamaica

44 Quits

45 Eyelashes, anatomically

46 Give the boot

47 Awareness

50 Danish port

54 Irish playwright Sean

55 Ale grain

56 Capri, e.g., to a Capriote

58 Filmmaker Preminger

59 Stellar bear

60 Dog healer

61 Ending for journal

63 Three- — sloth

64 NASA moon lander

65 Ending for journal

66 Insurer with a duck mascot

67 San — Bay

68 Stellar hunter

69 Grain storers

72 Redcap, e.g.

73 On the job

77 "POV" airer

78 Fogs

79 Open, as some jackets

80 John Irving's "A Prayer for Owen —"

82 Armories

83 Freeway exit inclines

84 Came to pass

86 Tavern cask

87 Green gp.

88 Adds pep to

90 Take revenge

92 "Behold!," to Brutus

93 Brutus' lang.

94 Sent forth

96 Ukraine city

98 Goes on foot

99 "George & —" (1990s talk show)

100 "Yes, —!" ("For sure!")

101 Actor Davis in many Spike Lee films

102 Creme-filled cookies

103 Puppy bite

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Lonnie L. Drawyer

PRINCEVILLE – Lonnie L. Drawyer, 89, of Princeville, passed away at 5:17 p.m., on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at his residence with his family by his side.

Lonnie was born May 4, 1932, in Kewanee, to Melvin and Irma (Hulbert) Drawyer.

He is survived by his companion of 24 years, Sylvia Berg; two grandchildren, Kaylee Berg and Lucas Berg; and two great-grandchildren, Dalton Berg and Maverick Cunningham.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; and a grandson, Levi Berg.

Cremation rites will be accorded. There will be no services.

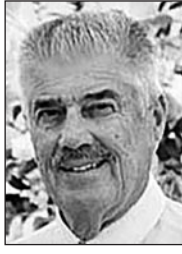
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Carl E. Moon

PEORIA – Carl Emmett Moon, born Sept. 27, 1940, in Peoria, Ill., passed away July 30, 2021, in his home, surrounded by his family.

Carl, son of the late Sam and Florence Moon, graduated from Woodruff High School, served in the U.S. Army, and eventually became a Peoria



Moore

firefighter, retiring in 2000 after 29 years.

He married Mary Lintz Powers on Feb. 16, 1991. She survives along with 6 children John (Sarah) Moon, Christine Moon (Alec Kowalewski), Mike (Karen) Powers, Suzie (Mike Hutt) Sturm, Pat (Kathy Barrett) Powers, and Tim Powers; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Sandy (Dave) Dean and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Colleen (Mark) Heinz, and a brother Ronnie (Darlene) Moon.

Along with his career as a fireman, Carl also worked as an electrician. A lovingly devoted husband and family man, Carl enjoyed spending his time with family and friends fishing on the river or at the beach in Florida, and hunting. His gentle yet strong way anchored the people who knew him well.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate his life on Aug. 14, 2021, from 4-8 p.m. at the Peoria Firefighter's Club, 203 N 4th St, Dunlap, Ill.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, Gift of Hope and the National Association for Mental Illness.

To share a memory or send a condolence to his family, visit [www.masonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.masonfuneralhomes.com).


Edward Moore

BRIMFIELD – Edward “Ed” Moore, 89, of Brimfield, formerly of East Peoria, passed away on Friday, July 30, 2021, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born on Nov. 24, 1931, to Ralph and Ida (Tennis) Moore in Terre Haute, Ind.

He married Barbara Nichol on May 4, 1952, in East Peoria; she preceded him in death on Feb. 15, 2003.

He is survived by his daughter, Gina Simmons of East Peoria; his son; Mark E. Moore of Brimfield; his sister, Linda Bailey of Matteson; six grandchildren, Joshua (Danille) Moore, Jessica (Terry) Watson, Travis Burbidge, Jayme Moore, Jenna (Joe) Smith, and Josie Moore; and seven great grandchildren.



Moore

He was preceded in death by his three siblings, Bill Edwards, Jean Edwards, and Kenny Moore.

Ed graduated from EPCHS Class of 1949 then joined the Marine Corp and served during the Korean Conflict. He then worked construction for his dad, until he ultimately started his own construction company, Edward H. Moore Concrete & Construction, from which he retired in 1996. He constructed many houses and businesses in the East Peoria community.



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CryptoQuote

answer

The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.

— Denis Waitley

Weekly SUDOKU

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OBITUARIES

His main hobby in life was being an equine professional. He started and operated OBARX Ranch in Brimfield for many years. He also enjoyed time with family and friends.

Visitation was Aug. 2, 2021, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation services in East Peoria. Funeral services were Aug. 3, 2021, at the funeral home, followed by burial with military rites at Fondulac Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Central Illinois Riding Therapy (C.I.R.T.).

Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

Raymond J. Stenger

KICKAPOO – Raymond J. Stenger, 90, of Kickapoo, passed away at 6:18 a.m. on Monday, July 26, 2021, at Heartis of Peoria with his family by his side.

Born April 20, 1931, in Kickapoo, he was a son to Charles and Cecilia (Loescher) Stenger. Ray honorably served as a Corporal in the United States Army from 1952-54. On May 24, 1952, he married Mary Ann Rahn in Kickapoo and together they cherished 63 years until her passing on March 16, 2015.

Ray worked at Prairie Farms Dairy for 36 years. He drove a milk tanker for Willard Hasselbacher for many years, collecting milk from area farmers. Ray always took along one of his kids who looked

forward to the carton of chocolate milk upon arrival back at the dairy. Upon retirement he and Mary would enjoy many fishing trips to Kentucky.

Ray was a cub scout leader and a long-time member of the Kickapoo Sportsman Club and the St. Mary Men’s Club.

Survivors include 6 children: John (Cathy) Stenger of Peoria, Cathy (Tony) Sherlock of Kickapoo, Pat (Dave) Jones of Hanna City, Debbie (Norman) Lock of Peoria, Brenda (Randy) Rundle of East Peoria and Mary (Dave) Cantrall of Surprise, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters: Ceil Guth of Metamora and Mary Louise Stenger of Milwaukee, Wis.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Wife Mary Ann, three children, one grandchild, three great-grandchildren, four brothers and four sisters.

Visitation was July 31, 2021, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Kickapoo. Father James Pankiewicz officiated and burial followed in St. Patrick Cemetery in Kickapoo.

Memorials in Ray’s memory may be made to Easter Seals or St. Mary’s Parish of Kickapoo.

Friends and family may sign the online guestbook by logging onto [www.wrightandsalmon.com](http://www.wrightandsalmon.com).

**Scott P. Van Velsor**

DAHINDA – Scott Paul Van Velsor, 52, of Dahinda, died at 10:16

a.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at home surrounded by his family.

Scott was born May 17, 1969, in Galesburg, the son of Larry Eugene and Katherine Joyce (Callahan) Van Velsor. He married Christine (Trulson) Van Velsor in Galesburg on July 16, 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Christine; his parents Larry and Katherine Van Velsor of Galesburg; one son, Jacob (Taylor Sprenger) Van Velsor of Galesburg; two daughters, Jessica Van Velsor and Katie (“Sir” Nick) Wolf, both of Galesburg; and one brother, Todd (Gwen) Van Velsor of Galesburg. He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Scott worked as an instructor for BNSF for 19 years until June of 2017 due to ALS. He also served in the U.S. Navy from 1986 to 2012 and was a chief petty officer. He was a member of the American Legion, Corpus Christi Catholic Church since 2017, was a past board member of Camp Kidz and a Patriot Guard rider. He also coached JFL Streaks for 8 years in Galesburg.

Funeral Mass was Friday, July 30, 2021, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Galesburg. Father Miller officiated. Cremation was accorded following Mass. A celebration of life was Aug. 1, 2021.

Online expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.watsonthomas.com](http://www.watsonthomas.com).

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<p><b>BRIMFIELD Baptist Church of Brimfield</b> Pastor Doug Seeley 321 S. Jefferson St., Brimfield (309) 678-2208 Sun. School: 9:30 am Sun. Worship: 10:40 am Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm</p> <p><b>St. Joseph Catholic Church</b> Father John Verrier 314 W. Clay, Brimfield (309) 446-3275 <a href="http://stjosephbrimfield.org">stjosephbrimfield.org</a> Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm Sat. Mass: 5 pm Sun. Mass: 10:30 am (10 am in the summer) Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 am</p> <p><b>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</b> The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod “Preaching Christ Crucified” “Liturgical &amp; Reverential” Pastor Michael Liese 204 W. Clay St., Brimfield (309) 446-3233 Sun. Divine Service: 10 am</p> <p><b>Brimfield E-Free Church</b> Pastor Donald Blasing 11724 Maher Road Brimfield, IL 61517 (309) 446-3571 <a href="http://brimfieldefree.org">brimfieldefree.org</a> Worship: 10:30 am Sunday School: 9:30 am</p>	<p>AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm, ages 3-12</p> <p><b>Brimfield United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Roland Millington 135 S. Galena St., Brimfield (309) 573-1833 Sun. Worship: 9 am Sun. School: 9 am Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm</p> <p><b>Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ</b> Pastor Stephen Barch 105 W. Clay Street, Brimfield (309) 446-3811 <a href="http://brimfieldunionchurch.org">brimfieldunionchurch.org</a> Sunday Worship: 9 am Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm • First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten-free communion offered) • Youth group meets 2nd Sunday each month, 12:30-2 p.m.</p> <p><b>DAHINDA Dahinda United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Teri Shane 1739 Victoria St., P.O. Box 14 Dahinda, IL 61428 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. (NOTE: Due to COVID-19, cancelled until further notice are: Fellowship &amp; Coffee and Sunday School) Church: (309) 639-2768 Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389 Email: <a href="mailto:williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com">williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>DOUGLAS Douglas United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Kristine McMillan 484 3rd St. Yates City, IL 61572 (NOTE: Church is in Douglas) Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. (Maquon worship: 10:30 a.m.) <i>Facebook Live is 10:30 at Maquon UM Church page</i></p> <p><b>EDWARDS Bethany Baptist Church</b> 7422 N. Heinz Ln., Edwards (309) 692-1755 <a href="http://bethanycentral.org">bethanycentral.org</a> Sun. Worship: Inside services at 9 &amp; 10:30 am</p> <p><b>St. Mary's Catholic Church</b> Father Joseph Dondanville 9910 W. Knox St., Edwards (309) 691-2030 <a href="http://stmaryskickapoo.org">stmaryskickapoo.org</a> Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm Sat. Mass: 4 pm Sun. Masses: 7 &amp; 11:00 am Mon. Mass: 5:30 pm Daily Masses: Wed-Fri. 8 am</p> <p><b>ELMWOOD Crossroads Assembly of God</b> Pastor Tim Cavallo 615 E. Ash St., Elmwood (309) 830-4259 <a href="http://crossroadselmwood.org">crossroadselmwood.org</a> Wed. Worship: 7 pm Sun. Worship: 10:30 am</p> <p><b>Elmwood Baptist Church</b></p>	<p>Pastor Bill Cole 701 W. Dearborn St., Elmwood (309) 742-7631, 642-3278 Sunday School: 9:30 am Sun Worship: 10:30 am, 1:15 pm Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 pm</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood</b> Reverend Marla B. Bauler 201 W. Evergreen, Elmwood (309) 742-2631 <a href="http://firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org">firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org</a> Sun. Worship: 10:30 am Sun. School: 9:30 am</p> <p><b>St. Patrick's Catholic Church</b> Father James Pankiewicz 802 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-4921 Sat. Mass: 5:30 pm Sun. Mass: 9 am Tues. Mass: 8 am Tues. Confession: After mass</p> <p><b>United Methodist Church of Elmwood</b> Pastor David Pyell 821 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-7221 <a href="http://elmwoodumc.org">elmwoodumc.org</a> Sun. Worship: 9 am, 10:30 am Youth Sun. School: 9 am Adult Sun. School: 8 am</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON Farmington Bible Church</b> Pastor Tony Severine 497 N. Elmwood Rd.</p>	<p>Farmington (309) 245-9870 Sunday School: 9:30 Worship Service: 10:30</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church of Farmington</b> Reverend Andy Sonneborn 83 N. Cone Street, Farmington (309) 245-2914 <a href="http://firstpresfarmington.com">firstpresfarmington.com</a> Sunday School: 9:15 am Worship: 10:30 am Fellowship: 11:30 am</p> <p><b>New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God</b> Pastor Tom Wright 1102 N. Illinois Route 78 Farmington (309) 231-8076 Sun. Worship: 10 am Wed. Worship: 7 pm</p> <p><b>PRINCEVILLE Princeville United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Zach Waldis 420 E. Woertz, Princeville (309) 385-4487 <a href="mailto:princevilleumc@mediacombb.net">princevilleumc@mediacombb.net</a> Sun. Worship: 9 am Sunday School: 10:15 am</p> <p><b>St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church</b> Monsignor James Kruse 119 Saint Mary St., Princeville (309) 385-2578</p>	<p>Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm Sat. Mass: 4 pm Sun. Mass: 8 and 9 am Mon.-Sat Daily Mass: 8 am</p> <p><b>WILLIAMSFIELD St. James Catholic Church</b> Father John Verrier Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N Williamsfield (309) 446-3275 <a href="http://stjameswilliamsfield.org">stjameswilliamsfield.org</a> Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 am Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 am in the summer)</p> <p><b>Williamsfield United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Teresa Shane 430 N. Chicago Ave. Williamsfield (309) 639-2389 Sun. School: 9:30 am Hospitality (coffee &amp; finger foods): 10:30 am Sun. Worship: 11 am</p> <p><b>YATES CITY Faith United Presbyterian Church</b> Reverend Marla B. Bauler 107 W. Bishop St., Yates City (309) 358-1170 Worship: 9 am Sun. School: 10:15 am Thurs. Choir: 7 pm</p>
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# Pritzker signs gun law overhaul into law

**By JERRY NOWICKI**  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Within five miles of the scene of a 2019 workplace mass shooting that left six people dead and five law enforcement officers injured, Gov. JB Pritzker signed a wide-ranging bill reforming the state’s gun laws Monday at the Aurora Police Department.

Advocates for the new law – including Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly – hail it as a measure that would provide statutory backing and funding necessary to retrieve guns from those with revoked Firearm Owners Identification cards, while also streamlining the application and renewal process for law-abiding gun owners.

The new law, which was supported by gun reform advocates while the Illinois State Rifle Association remained neutral, creates a number of changes to gun statutes, including:

- Within 90 days of the bill’s Jan. 1, 2022, effective date, State Police must create a “prohibited persons portal” to track people who have had their cards revoked or suspended.
- The bill also requires ISP to estab-

lish the Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force to aid FOID card revocation or suspension enforcement.

- The \$10 renewal fee for FOID cards will be the same under the law, but beginning in 2022 half of it will go to the State Police Firearm Services Fund which oversees applications and renewals, and half to the State Police Revocation Enforcement Fund. Previously, \$6 of that fee went to the state Fish and Wildlife fund while \$3 went to the Firearms Services Fund and \$1 went to State Police Services Fund.
- FOID card applicants are not required to submit fingerprints, but if they do, or if they share with State Police fingerprints they filed for a Concealed Carry License, they are eligible for automatic renewal without a fee, provided they purchased a gun sometime within the 10-year period between renewals and passed the ISP background check. That process is to be established by 2023.
- Starting in 2024, private sellers will either have to work with federal licensees, paying a fee not to exceed \$25, or with ISP to “determine the validity” of a purchaser’s FOID card

“under state and federal law including the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.” Buyers would have to submit a record of the transfer to a federal firearm license dealer within 10 days.

- Beginning in January 2022, State Police must develop a stolen gun database.
- The State Police will monitor databases for residents charged with firearm-related crimes and correlate the records with FOID and Concealed Carry Licenses to identify individuals who should own a gun.
- The bill also creates a FOID Card Review Board to consider appeals on denied or revoked cards.
- The bill authorizes ISP to produce an electronic FOID and Concealed Carry License, allows the agency to provide a single card for FOID and CCL, and to update renewal dates to be the same for a cardholder.
- The state’s concealed carry law directs funding to a state Mental Health Reporting Fund, and the new law stipulates that if there is a surplus in the fund, half will go to community-based mental health programs aimed at reducing gun violence.



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### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



1. I TOLD MY PARENTS IF THEY BEAT US AT HIDE AND SEEK I WOULD DO THE DISHES.  
2. MY DAD'S NO PROBLEM. HE'S EASY TO HIDE FROM AND DOESN'T LOOK TOO HARD.  
3. NOW, MY MOM, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS GOING TO BE A LOT TOUGHER.  
4. SHE CLAIMS TO HAVE EYES IN THE BACK OF HER HEAD.

### Out on a Limb


by Gary Kopervas



1. COMMA CHAMELEON...  
2. GET RICH QUICK  
INVEST IN BITCOIN?  
3. GET RICH, QUICK  
GRAB HIM BEFORE THE LOPs GET HERE...

### R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



1. I DON'T LIKE TO MOW MY LAWN THE SAME WAY TWICE  
2. SO ONCE I'VE RUN OUT OF DIFFERENT WAYS TO MOW IT...  
3. I'M DONE FOR THE YEAR.

### The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



1. YOU'RE NOT JUST LAZY...  
2. ...YOU'RE SUPER LAZY!!  
3. MAYBE I SHOULD WEAR A CAPE?

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**FOR ANSWERS  
SEE PAGE 14**

## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

PUH WQHJPHBP WYGPB XKI  
OJE WYCH XKIQ OUYSFQHE JQH  
PUH QKKPB KG QHBZKEBYVYSYPX  
JEF PUH TYEWB KG  
YEFHZEHFHEOH.  
— FHEYB TJYPSHX

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: In which European city would you find the Spanish Steps?
2. TELEVISION: What were the names of the parents on the animated TV show "The Jetsons"?
3. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "This is my favorite book in all the world, though I have never read it"?
4. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Nevada?
5. HISTORY: What was the pen name used to publish The Federalist Papers in 1787-88?
6. ADVERTISING: What product is advertised in commercials that feature The Most Interesting Man in the World?
7. MOVIES: Which movie features the often-quoted line, "Round up the usual suspects"?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of fish produces caviar?
9. ENTERTAINERS: What were the names of the sock puppets used by ventriloquist Shari Lewis?
10. SCIENCE: How many elements are on the Periodic Table?

**Answers**

1. Rome, Italy
2. George and Jane Jetson
3. "The Princess Bride"
4. Carson City
5. Publius
6. Dos Equis beer
7. "Casablanca"
8. Sturgeon
9. Lamb Chop, Charlie Horse, Hush Puppy and Wing Ding
10. 118

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## Top 10

1. Old (PG-13)
2. Snake Eyes: G.I. Joe Origins (PG-13)
3. Black Widow (PG-13)
4. Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)
5. F9 (PG-13)
6. Escape Room: Tournament of Champions (PG-13)
7. The Boss Baby: Family Business (PG)
8. The Forever Purge (R)
9. A Quiet Place Part II (PG-13)
10. Roadrunner: Anthony Bourdain (R)

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<b>ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1</b> <b>MAY 1, 2021 through APRIL 30, 2022</b> <b>BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b> <b>FOR THE WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT</b> <b>OF KNOX AND PEORIA COUNTIES, ILLINOIS</b> Be it ORDAINED by the Trustees of the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Knox and Peoria Counties, Illinois, as follows: <b>SECTION 1:</b> The following Annual Budget and Tax Appropriation Ordinance, containing an estimate of the receipts, expenditures and appropriations for the FIRE PROTECTION FUND, AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, INSURANCE FUND, AUDIT FUND, SOCIAL SECURITY FUND and MEDICARE FUND, is hereby passed, approved, adopted and appropriated for the Corporate uses of and by the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Knox and Peoria Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on <b>May 1, 2021</b> and ending on <b>April 30, 2022</b> . <b>SECTION 2. FIRE PROTECTION FUND.</b> <b>A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b> Beginning Cash on Hand (Checking \$252,376 and Debit Card \$299.00) \$252,675 2020 Property Taxes (Fire Protection Tax) \$212,900 Interest \$250 Replacement Tax \$5,500 Foreign Fire Insurance Revenue \$5,500 Miscellaneous Income \$200 TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$477,025 <b>B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:</b> 1. Equipment Acquisition \$65,000 2. Reserve for Capital Acquisitions \$75,000 3. Equipment Repair \$15,000 4. Fireman Wages \$20,000 5. Training \$10,000 6. Compensation of Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs \$5,400 7. Compensation of Trustees \$6,500 8. Janitorial Service \$2,600 9. U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Social Security and Medicare \$2,500 10. Clerical \$6,000 11. OSHA/Fire Reports Clerk \$3,000 12. Disease Prevention \$850 13. Building Maintenance and Equipment \$28,500 14. Utilities for Buildings \$11,000 15. Telephone/Internet \$3,000 16. Gasoline and Oil \$5,500 17. Supplies \$8,000 18. Publications \$1,500 19. Dues, Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts \$1,000 20. Legal Expense \$5,000 21. Debt Service \$99,000 22. Accounting \$3,250 23. Contingencies \$12,000 24. Reserve for Future Debt Service on Equipment Acquisitions \$83,000 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FIRE PROTECTION FUND: \$472,600 <b>C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN FIRE PROTECTION FUND:</b> \$4,425 <b>SECTION 3. AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND.</b> <b>A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b> Beginning Cash on Hand (Checking) \$229,971 2020 Property Taxes (Ambulance Tax) \$205,850 Interest \$200 Loans \$- TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$436,021 <b>B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:</b> 1. Contractual Ambulance Service \$90,000 2. Equipment Acquisition \$20,000 3. Equipment Repairs \$10,000 4. First Responder Wages \$20,000 5. Clerical \$3,700 6. Training Materials and Travel \$8,000 7. Compensation of Trustees \$1,200 8. Compensation of Ambulance Service Manager (EMS Coordinator) \$7,000 9. U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Social Security and Medicare \$2,500 10. Disease Prevention \$1,100 11. Maintenance Equipment for Buildings \$6,000 12. Utility Services for Buildings \$6,500 13. Telephone, Internet and Cell Phones \$3,800 14. Gasoline and Oil \$1,500 15. Supplies \$15,000 16. Publications \$1,100 17. Illinois Department of Public Health, Licenses for First Responders \$50 18. Accounting \$2,750 19. Legal Expenses \$4,000 20. Contingencies \$8,000 21. Debt Service on Building and Equipment \$78,000 22. Reserve for Debt Service on First Responder Building Expansion \$105,000 23. Reserve for Future Capital Acquisitions \$40,000 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND: \$435,200 <b>C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:</b> \$821 <b>SECTION 4: INSURANCE FUND</b> <b>A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b> Beginning Cash on Hand (Checking) \$4,842 2020 Property Taxes \$40,000 TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$44,842 <b>B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:</b> Insurance Premiums \$44,000 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE INSURANCE FUND: \$44,000 <b>C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN INSURANCE FUND:</b> \$842 <b>SECTION 5: AUDIT FUND</b> <b>A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b> Beginning Cash on Hand (Checking) \$3,195 2020 Property Taxes \$- TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$3,195 <b>B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:</b> Reserve for Audit \$3,195 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE AUDIT FUND: \$3,195 <b>C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN AUDIT FUND:</b> \$- <b>SECTION 6: SOCIAL SECURITY FUND</b> <b>A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b> Beginning Cash on Hand \$- 2020 Property Taxes \$4,250 TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$4,250 <b>B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:</b> Employer's Share of Social Security \$4,250 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY FUND: \$4,250 <b>C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN SOCIAL SECURITY FUND:</b> \$- <b>SECTION 7: MEDICARE FUND</b> <b>A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b> Beginning Cash on Hand \$- 2020 Property Taxes \$1,000 TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$1,000 <b>B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:</b> Employer's Share of Medicare \$1,000 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE MEDICARE FUND: \$1,000 <b>C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN MEDICARE FUND:</b> \$- <b>SECTION 8: SUMMARY.</b> The amount appropriated for Fire Protection District purposes for the fiscal year beginning <b>May 1, 2021</b> and ending <b>April 30, 2022</b> , by fund is as follows: FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FUND: \$472,600 AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND: \$435,200 INSURANCE FUND: \$44,000 AUDIT FUND: \$3,195 SOCIAL SECURITY FUND: \$4,250 MEDICARE FUND: \$1,000 TOTAL APPROPRIATION: \$960,245 <b>SECTION 9:</b> That the total sum of <b>Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Forty-five and No/100 Dollars (\$960,245.00)</b> is hereby appropriated for the FIRE PROTECTION FUND, AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, INSURANCE FUND, AUDIT FUND, SOCIAL SECURITY FUND and for MEDICARE FUND for the Corporate uses of and by the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Knox and Peoria Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on <b>May 1, 2021</b> and ending on <b>April 30, 2022</b> . <b>SECTION 10:</b> All unexpected balances of any item or items of any general appropriation may be expended in making up a deficiency in any other item or items in the same general appropriation, or for the same general purpose or a like purpose, as herein provided. <b>SECTION 11:</b> All unexpected balances of appropriations for the fiscal year, which has just been concluded, are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year now begun for the purpose hereinbefore set forth. <b>SECTION 12:</b> This Budget and Appropriations Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, ten (10) days after its publication, as required by law. PASSED <b>July 12, 2021</b> APPROVED <b>July 12, 2021</b> WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT By: <u>/S/Robert Pauer</u> President  ATTEST: <u>/S/ Ty O. Landon</u> Secretary Published 8/5/21		
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<b>ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1</b> <b>2021-2022</b> <b>BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b> <b>FOR THE ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF</b> <b>PEORIA AND KNOX COUNTIES, ILLINOIS</b> Be it ORDAINED by the Trustees of the ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria and Knox Counties, Illinois, as follows: <b>SECTION 1:</b> The following Annual Budget and Tax Appropriation Ordinance, containing an estimate of the receipts, expenditures and appropriations for the FIRE PROTECTION FUND and AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, is hereby passed, approved, adopted and appropriated for the Corporate uses of and by the ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria and Knox Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on <b>July 1, 2021</b> and ending on <b>June 30, 2022</b> . <b>SECTION 2. FIRE PROTECTION FUND.</b> <b>A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b> Beginning Cash on Hand (Checking \$210 and Savings \$32,568) \$32,778 2020 Property Taxes (Fire Protection Tax) \$140,500 Interest \$45 Loans and Transfers \$- Replacement Tax \$2,600 Foreign Fire Insurance Revenue \$4,350 Miscellaneous Income \$400 TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$180,673 <b>B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:</b> For Payment to Elmwood Fire Department for Fire Protection, pursuant to 21-22 contract (plus District's Share of Audit (\$136,000 including Foreign Fire Insurance ) \$136,000 Trustee's Fees for Official Duties 2021-2022 \$450 For Payment of Travel and Other Expenses to Members of the Board of Trustees, for Official Duties \$300 For Payment of Legal Fees \$20,000 For Postage, Miscellaneous Expenses and Publication Costs \$600 Trustees' Insurance Premium \$425 MABAS Assessment \$350 Association Dues \$100 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FIRE PROTECTION FUND: \$158,225 <b>C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN FIRE PROTECTION FUND:</b> \$22,448 <b>SECTION 3. AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND.</b> <b>A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b> Beginning Cash on Hand (Checking \$210 and Savings \$38,379) \$38,589 2020 Property Taxes (Ambulance Tax) \$126,000 Interest \$20 Loans and Transfers \$- Replacement Tax \$- Miscellaneous Income \$400 TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$165,009 <b>B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:</b> For Payment to BYE Ambulance Service, Inc. for Ambulance Services, pursuant to 21-22 contract \$82,000 For Annual Contract Payment to BYE Ambulance Service, Inc. for Constructing, Financing and Maintaining an Ambulance Facility in the City of Elmwood \$28,000 Trustee's Fees for Official Duties 2021-2022 \$450 For Payment of Travel and Other Expenses to Members of the Board of Trustees, for Official Duties \$300 For Postage, Miscellaneous Expenses and Publication Costs \$600 Trustees' Insurance Premium \$425 Association Dues \$100 For Payment of Legal Fees \$20,000 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND: \$131,875 <b>C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:</b> \$33,134 <b>SECTION 4: SUMMARY.</b> The amount appropriated for Fire Protection District purposes for the fiscal year beginning <b>July 1, 2021</b> and ending <b>June 30, 2022</b> , by fund is as follows: FIRE PROTECTION FUND \$158,225 AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND \$131,875 TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$290,100 <b>SECTION 5:</b> That the total sum of <b>Two Hundred Ninety Thousand One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$290,100.00)</b> is hereby appropriated for the FIRE PROTECTION FUND and for the AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND for the Corporate uses of and by the ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria and Knox Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on <b>July 1, 2021</b> and ending on <b>June 30, 2022</b> . <b>SECTION 6:</b> All unexpected balances of any item or items of any general appropriation may be expended in making up a deficiency in any other item or items in the same general appropriation, or for the same general purpose or a like purpose, as herein provided. <b>SECTION 7:</b> All unexpected balances of appropriations for the fiscal year, which has just been concluded, are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year now begun for the purpose hereinbefore set forth. <b>SECTION 8:</b> This Budget and Appropriations Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, ten (10) days after its publication, as required by law. PASSED <b>July 12, 20201</b> APPROVED <b>July 12, 2021</b> ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT By: <u>/S/Dave Wagner</u> President  ATTEST: <u>/S/ Jay McKinty</u> Secretary Published 8/5/21		
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<b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b> <b>ON ELBA-SALEM PARK DISTRICT BUDGET</b>	
NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the ELBA-SALEM PARK DISTRICT, in Knox County, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Yates City Community Center, 102 West Main Street, Yates City, Illinois, from and after the 12th day of August, 2021.	
NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P. M., the 13th day of September, 2021, at the YATES CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, located at 102 West Main Street, Yates City, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Park Commissioners at a Public Meeting to be held following the Hearing.	
DATED this 15th day of July, 2021. LORA RAMP, ELBA-SALEM PARK DISTRICT, Secretary.	
Published 8/5/2021	

<b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON</b> <b>SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BUDGET</b>	
NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, in Knox County, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection during regular library hours, at the SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, located at 102 North Burson Street, Yates City, Illinois, from and after the 19th day of August, 2021.	
NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:30 P. M., on the 20th day of September, 2021 at the Library located at 102 North Burson Street, Yates City, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Library Trustees at a Public Meeting to be held following the Hearing.	
DATED this 28th day of July, 2021. DIXIE MARSH, Salem Township Public Library District, Secretary.	
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### Football schedules feature P-land vs. LTC crossover

#### Elmwood-Brimfield Trojans

Enrollment: 426

**SCHEDULE** (Home games in bold)

Aug. 27	vs. Illini West (Carthage)	7:00
Sept. 3	at Rushville-Industry	7:00
Sept. 10	at South Fulton (Astoria)	7:00
Sept. 17	vs. Stark County (Toulon)	7:00
Sept. 24	vs. West Hancock (Hamilton)	7:00
Oct. 1	at Macomb	7:00
Oct. 8	vs. Farmington	7:00
Oct. 15	at Lewistown	7:00
Oct. 22	vs. Havana	7:00

#### Farmington Farmers

Enrollment: 410

**SCHEDULE** (Home games in bold)

Aug. 27	vs. Mercer County (Aledo)	7:00
Sept. 3	at Havana	7:00
Sept. 10	vs. West Hancock (Hamilton)	7:00
Sept. 17	at Illini West (Carthage)	7:00
Sept. 24	vs. Macomb	7:00
Oct. 1	vs. Rushville-Industry	7:00
Oct. 8	at Elmwood-Brimfield	7:00
Oct. 15	vs. South Fulton (Astoria)	7:00
Oct. 22	at Lewistown	7:00

#### Mid-County Cougars

Enrollment: 261

**SCHEDULE** (Home games in bold)

Aug. 27	at Abingdon-Avon	7:00
Sept. 3	vs. Ridgewood (Cambridge)	7:00
Sept. 10	at Macomb	7:00
Sept. 17	vs. Princeville	7:00
Sept. 24	at Mercer County (Aledo)	7:00
Oct. 1	vs. Stark County (Toulon)	7:00
Oct. 8	at Monmouth United	7:00
Oct. 15	at Kewanee Wethersfield	7:00
Oct. 22	vs. Knoxville	7:00

#### Princeville Princes

Enrollment: 236

**SCHEDULE** (Home games in bold)

Aug. 27	vs. Knoxville	7:00
Sept. 3	at Monmouth United	7:00
Sept. 10	vs. Kewanee Wethersfield	7:00
Sept. 17	at Mid-County (Oneida)	7:00
Sept. 24	at Lewistown	7:00
Oct. 1	vs. Mercer County (Aledo)	7:00
Oct. 8	at Abingdon-Avon	7:00
Oct. 15	at Ridgewood (Cambridge)	7:00
Oct. 22	vs. Stark County (Toulon)	7:00

## Conservation World a State Fair staple

By The Illinois DNR

SPRINGFIELD – From big fish to free lumberjack shows, families are invited to sample the fun and excitement of the outdoors at Conservation World at the 2021 Illinois State Fair in Springfield, open Aug. 13-22 and hosted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

“We invite families to celebrate ‘One Illinois’ and all the great things Illinois has to offer by visiting Conservation World while they attend the 2021 Illinois State Fair,” said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. “Families are our focus at Conservation World, with free activities and entertainment that will provide a great day at the fair for visitors of all ages.”

Conservation World is a 30-acre park with grass, park benches, ponds and shade trees located on the northwest corner of the Illinois State Fairgrounds adjacent to the IDNR headquarters building.

Among the free entertainment and attractions at Conservation World:

- The Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show with performances daily;
- Music at the IDNR Outdoor Amphitheater (Aug. 15, 21 and 22);
- Fishing Clinics for kids five times each day;
- Fly Fishing Clinics for youth and adults (Aug. 13-15 and Aug. 20-22);
- IDNR Fisheries staff will stock the see-through aquarium featuring sport fish popular in Illinois waters;
- IDNR Division of Education will present a focus on snakes in Illinois;
- Illinois State Parks, Illinois State Historic Sites and the Illinois State Museum will join together to host displays on the Prairie State’s natural wonders, recreation, history, and culture;
- IDNR Wildlife staff will have information on

habitat enhancement, wildlife conservation, and upcoming hunting seasons;

- IDNR Private Land Programs, Natural Heritage Division, and Mason State Nursery staffs will team up to promote expanding pollinator habitat and present Conservation World’s butterfly house;
- IDNR Forest Resources staff will be available with advice on tree planting, tree care and forest management;
- IDNR Mines and Minerals/Oil and Gas Resource Management staff members will present displays and activities on oil and gas production, safe mining practices ;


- IDNR Conservation Police will welcome questions on outdoors laws, regulations, and safety. The Law Enforcement Tent will also host the IDNR Safety Education Youth BB Gun Range, as well as Illinois fishing and hunting license sales;
- Activities, demonstrations and displays will also be featured from the IDNR Office of Water Resources, Illinois State Water Survey, Illinois Natural History Survey, Illinois State Archaeological Society, Illinois EPA, and more;
- The American Chemical Society Illinois Chapter will host science-made-fun games and exhibits daily.

For more details on times for shows and activities – as well as information on other displays and popular

vendors in Conservation World – check the IDNR website Conservation World page.

As part of the 2021 Illinois State Fair, Conservation World will be open Friday, Aug. 13 through Sunday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. each day.

IDNR staff and visitors to Conservation World will be required to observe all current COVID-related guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health regarding face coverings and social distancing.



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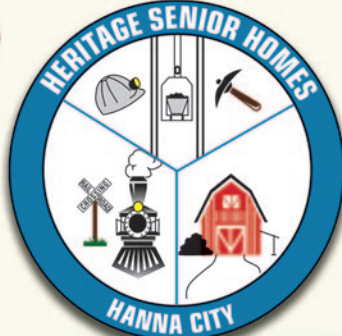


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# Weekly Post Sports

## Changes ahead for football

### ‘Normal’ season will see changed local landscape

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Weekly Post

After a weird, COVID-shortened season this spring, everyone involved in high school football is eager for a return to normal when practice opens Monday, Aug. 9. But even “normal” will involve numerous changes on the local scene.

For starters, the Prairieland Conference will look dramatically different when teams tee it up on Aug. 27. For one thing, the Prairieland will no longer be a two-division conference, instead opting for a nine-team league.

And the makeup of that league will be very different. Traditional power Knoxville and Abingdon-Avon (A-Town) have moved to the Lincoln Trail Conference, while Peoria Heights and West Prairie will play eight-man football.

Newcomers to the Prairieland are Macomb and West Hancock, a coop based out of Hamilton which is in for football only. Rushville-Industry and Illini West are also football-only Prairieland members.

Macomb’s enrollment of 606 students will make it by far the largest Prairieland school, while Lewistown (enrollment 186.5) is the smallest. The change will, however, make scheduling easier, as teams will play the other eight league foes and have just one non-conference game

against a member of the Lincoln Trail Conference.

The nine-team Lincoln Trail has also seen changes, with West Central having already departed for eight-man football and the former three-member Mid-County coop shrinking to two schools, ROWVA and Williamsfield. Galva left Mid-County to play eight-man and has hired former Kewanee head coach Tyler Nichols.

Ottawa Marquette, which joined the Lincoln Trail for one year, is an independent this fall.

LTC teams will play eight conference games and have scheduled their lone non-conference contest as a crossover game with a member of the Prairieland. This year, the LTC team will be on the road for all those games.

And the eight-man “experiment” continues to grow. This year there is a North and South division.

Schools in the 16-team North division include Cuba (the old North Fulton squad) and Peoria Heights. Enrollments range from 102.5 students to 302.5.

The South division has 11 teams and includes Galva and West Prairie. Enrollments range from 87 to 317.

Bushnell-Prairie City is also posting an eight-man football schedule on its school website, though IHSA listings do not reflect that.

### More football

- Football schedules for local teams, Page 19.
- Our annual Prep Football preview section with rosters, stories and team photos will return Aug. 26 – barring last-minute changes by the powers that be.

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