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FREDDY'S TOMATOES

Legacy of big Hanna City 'maters lives

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

HANNA CITY – A visit to family in southern Illinois a few decades ago has forever changed local big tomato contests.

During that visit to Carrier Mills, the late Fred Williams picked up seeds from a large tomato whose progeny still grow in gardens across Illinois.

That's because, in addition to being large, the tomatoes also taste very good, have relatively few seeds and tender skin. No wonder, then, that Fred always had plenty of takers for the tomatoes he started in wash tubs at his farm located between Trivoli and Hanna City.

"Somebody asked him what they were and he called them 'Hollywood Giants' just for orne-



The late Fred Williams of Hanna City had a knack for growing big vegetables, whether a 21-pound cabbage (above left) or a tailgate full of whopper tomatoes. Below right, Fred and wife Barb pose for a photo.



ness," laughed his widow, Barb Williams.

That name never stuck. Truth be told, nobody is sure of the heritage of these impressive plants. But around here, they have always been known as Freddy's Tomatoes. And gardeners lucky enough to plant one get the double bonus of tasty tomatoes and a chance to win any contest.

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Exports still strong Record demand for U.S. crops

By DANIEL GRANT
Farm Week

It could take weeks or even months to reopen most ag facilities at the Gulf of Mexico impacted by Hurricane Ida last month.

But that shouldn't put a huge dent in export sales, despite weighing on the commodity markets in recent weeks. USDA forecast fiscal year 2021 ag exports could increase 24 percent to a record \$173.5 billion before possibly setting another record in 2022 of \$177.5 billion.

"America's farmers, ranchers and processors are the world's best, and global demand for their products is a testament to their quality, safety and commitment to sustainability and has led to a projected new record in U.S. agricultural exports," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

Key factors driving the stout export projections include record volume and value of corn exports, record volume of soybean exports, strong demand from China and reduced foreign competition.

Exports to China are forecast to reach a record \$39 billion, keeping it the largest export market for the U.S., followed by Canada and Mexico.

Of course, infrastructure issues emerged in the wake of the devastating Hurricane Ida. Dan Basse, president of AgResource Company, believes it could be October before 70-80 percent of export facilities are back online at the Gulf, where about 60 percent of U.S. ag exports exit the country after traversing the Mississippi River.

"The Gulf is kind of a
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Mottaz has had varied roles in ag world

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Ted Mottaz has always looked beyond the corn in the field. So even while this year's harvest has been good and prices are very good, Mottaz is pondering what he sees as an uncertain future for corn growers.

Specifically, what will the increase in electric vehicles mean for corn growers who nowadays sell nearly 40 percent of their crop for use in ethanol refining?

"I don't want to sound alarmist or

Harvest heats up

Illinois corn harvest bumped to 21 percent through Sept. 26, ahead of last year (12 percent) and the five-year average (18 percent). Soybean harvested ramped up to 10 percent from just 1 percent last week. That's the same as last year and 1 percent below average.

say we're going to give up," said Mottaz, who lives in Elmwood with his wife, Janet. "But it's going to take one real good player in our production that we're going to have to find

or something to go with it."

Mottaz speaks from experience. In an agriculture career that dates to the 1960s, he has served a multitude of roles, from ag teacher to lobbyist to truck driver, which is where he was last Friday. Ted Mottaz partners with his brother, Jeff, and nephews Austin and Adam Mottaz to farm ground in Knox, Fulton and Peoria counties. On a warm, windy Friday, they headed to the field after attending a land auction in Yates City where the winning bid on ground they once

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Ted Mottaz of Elmwood waits to ship a load of corn to the elevator Friday in a Knox County farm field.

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MOTTAZ: Named 'Master Farmer' by magazine

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farmed was \$7,800 per acre. Prices like that are a reflection of strength in the ag market right now, with corn bringing \$5.26 per bushel on Monday – up markedly from just one year ago.

A multitude of factors impact corn prices, but some of that is the lobbying work of people like Ted Mottaz, who spent a term as Illinois Corn president and was a team chairman for the National Corn Growers.

One facet of those jobs is spending time with legislators, including a lobbying trip to Washington, D.C., several years ago that earned Mottaz national exposure after Aaron Schock resigned from Congress.

"We were in his office the day he announced his resignation and it just so happened there were a dozen news media people there," recalled Mottaz, who found himself being interviewed by CNN, CBS and NBC.

That's one of the more publicized moments of an ag career that saw Mottaz return from a tour as a combat infantryman in Vietnam to start teaching agriculture at ROWVA High School from 1973-79. From there, Mottaz went to Carl Sandburg College to teach ag until 2002. After that, he went into farming full-time and began spending more time with farm and conservation organizations, including serving as president of the Knox County Farm Bureau and the Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District.

In recognition of his varied roles in the ag field, Mottaz was honored in 2020 by Prairie Farmer magazine as one of five Master Farmers for Illinois. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, an award ceremony was moved to this summer at the annual Farm Progress Show in Decatur. The award is an ag "lifetime achievement" honor of sorts.

"It's not just the person with the largest scope of operation. What they're looking for is community involvement and professional involvement," Mottaz said. "It's a reflection of the commitment to the community you live in. Improving agriculture is what we're out to do."

With that in mind, Mottaz keeps a careful eye on trends and technology.

As for this year's harvest, Mottaz said downed corn has been a real problem across central Illinois. Fungus has also been an issue due to the cool, wet conditions we saw for so much of the growing season.

"A lot of fungicide was sprayed this year, because if you didn't, you were going to get 50 percent knock-off on yield," he said.

Attention to those sort of details is not a surprise coming from Mottaz, who has explained his farming philosophy as, "Productivity. Innovation. Stewardship."

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FREDDY: Ran local big vegetable contest for years

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Yes, Barb Williams won this year's Weekly Post Big Tomato Contest with a 3-pound, 3.5-ounce entry that beat out a 2-13 Freddy's Tomato entered by Helen Largent. And Barb's entry wasn't just big.

"It tasted so good we forgot to save the seeds," she said Monday. "They're so much better than other tomatoes ... it's like the difference between steak and

goulash."

Not to worry about those lost seeds. Barb, 85, still has others to carry on the line she has faithfully kept going since Fred died in 2011. Each April, she starts as many as 115 tomato plants, though she has moved the operation from a shed to a west-facing kitchen window.

Once plants are big enough for the garden, she gives them to family and friends. Neighbor Don

Danley plants several tomatoes for Barb in her garden, where she helps water and battle weeds.

"I like to hoe a garden. People anymore, if they can't hit it with a rototiller, they don't do it," Barb said. "But my husband was a believer in hoeing a garden and so am I."

The idea of winning contests is nothing new to Barb, since Fred helped run a Gardener of the Year event until his death. Lo-

cals would gather at the Warehouse in Hanna City to weigh in their produce for bragging rights. In addition to winning the tomato category, Fred once took first with a 21-pound cabbage. The winner each year could pick the vegetable contest for the next growing season.

"One year it would be for the biggest onion, another year for the biggest cabbage," Barb explained. "Then we'd have a big feed afterwards and everybody would take home produce. It was fun."

Gardening was a way of life for the Williams, who came north so Fred could work at Caterpillar and later Keystone. They raised three children – Jack, Ron and Jennifer – and Barb still lives at the same farm they have called home for 60 years.

Barb used to spend a good part of her summer canning tomatoes, but today Don and Leslie Danley do most of the picking and canning – leaving Barb with fond memories of her Freddy and the many "Freddy's" planted in gardens all across the area.

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- **Scenic Drives** – First weekend of the Spoon River Drive and Knox County Scenic Drive is Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2-3. Spoon River Drive is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and includes a new car show. Entry fee \$10 with cash prizes for three winners based on votes collected. Entrants encouraged to drive vehicles to each stop to generate votes. Food, vendors, crafts at each Spoon River stop from Farmington to Astoria. Drives continue Oct. 9-10.

This Week's Events

- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4.
Classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville's Lillie M. Evans Library.
- **Rummage Sale** – Farmington Presbyterian Church has a rummage sale Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Oct. 2 and 9 from 8-4. The church will sell walking tacos at Reed Park in Farmington.
- **Tai Chi** – Tai chi classes Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4. Bring a mat and water.

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Future Events

- **Outdoor Movie** – “Coco” is the free outdoor movie to be shown Friday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. on the northwest corner of Lillie M. Evans Library in Princeville. Bring lawnchairs or blankets.
- **Songbag Series** – Sullivan's Daughter & Devin Flanagan present fall themed and spooky tunes at 2 p.m. on Oct. 10 at Carl Sandburg State Historic Site, 313 E. Third St. Galesburg. Suggested donation: \$5 per person.
- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2 p.m., including Oct. 14.
- **Fall Clean-up** – Fall Clean-Up day for Salem Township residents is Oct. 16 in Yates City. Two dumpsters will be located behind the Yates City water tower from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Library Outreach** – Farmington Area Public Library does outreach to Hanna City on the last Monday of each month from 10-11 a.m. A librarian will be on hand at Hanna City Community Center, 511 N. Main St. with books and materials. Special requests and interlibrary loans also fulfilled. Call (309) 245-2175.
- **Free Movie** – The 2015 movie “War Room,” will be shown for free Saturday, Oct. 23, at Elmwood's Palace Theatre at 11 a.m., courtesy of the Elmwood Presbyterian Church Missions Committee.
- **Chili Supper** – Trivoli Volunteer Firemen's 57th annual Chili Supper is Saturday, Oct. 23, 2-6 p.m. at the fire station at 18911 W. Farmington Road. Food will be served drive-through only. Bowl of chili and BBQ/hot dog for \$5 donation.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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- Gene Perret

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GUEST VOICES



Of loose change, Clint light & needed feedback

Rambling through central Illinois, glad NFL season is here and the Patriots are losing.

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There are many reasons why this era does not suit me. That long list is for another day, when the promise of a gorgeous fall is not beckoning.

Today is one for optimism. After all, the corn and bean harvest is going well and crops are filling wagons and drying nicely in the field. And there's another bounty out there few seem to notice or care about. Loose change.



Jeff LAMPE

No matter how busy I imagine myself, there's always time in my schedule to bend over and pick up lost coins. In my younger years, these were rare occasions. As a kid you might find a penny and - if you were lucky - a dime that slipped through someone's hands.

But we now live in an era of true manna from heaven. Quarters and even occasional dollar bills are out there for the finding. What this says about our spoiled society seems clear. What this means for me is plenty of bending.

Most mornings, I walk to Jordan's Mobil for caffeine. Many mornings I find change along the way. I also regularly find nails, screws and other objects. But it's the coins that are most exciting.

Jordan's is one of several prime spots that provide my found fortune. The others shall remain secret, so you don't all start horning in on my enjoyment.

Among the hard-cash hotspots is my own driveway and garage. And trust me, that change is not mine. I'm like a hawk when coins escape my grasp. They will be found, even it means getting on my knees and braving the mosquitoes that have made our yard a nightmare this summer (seriously, this is the worst skeeter year ever).

But my children are far too busy to worry about even a quarter that tumbles from their grasp. Where did I go wrong? How can my progeny be too busy to pick up free money, when so much of life is spent working to get paid or worrying about paying bills?

Heightening my frustration is that the kids turned out this way despite painstaking attempts to make them value coins. Each night, I empty my pockets into a mason jar. When the jar is full, I enlist help taking it to the bank. Along the way, we speculate on the total.

I've heard others do something similar. **Becky Hennenfent** of the Whitney & Potts law office saves change to give her kids spending money at the State Fair. Others pay for trips or dinners out.

Once upon a time, proceeds from our jar (which can hold up to \$202 and this year beat out Becky's by a handy margin) would be deposited into the boy's accounts. No longer. If they're too busy to pick up coins,

then the money should go elsewhere. For now, I'm at a loss how best to use the extra moolah.

But that won't stop me from scouring the pavement and bending to recover a treasure. People pay a lot for reasons to smile. Some of my purest moments of joy in the past few years cost just one penny.

...

Sadly, I can't list "Cry Macho" among those recent moments of joy. Watching the latest **Clint Eastwood** movie was better than flipping channels at home, but this one will never make a list of the top Clint movies. The plot is thin, the characters poorly drawn. What saves the movie is seeing Clint clench his jaw and stare sideways at a few people. That and the popcorn at Elmwood's Palace Theatre, which is always good. ... On the facing page is another column by ag writer **Alan Guebert**, whose submissions have been drawing fire from at least two regular readers. Because we pay Guebert for his columns, we want to know what other readers think. So give me some feedback. What do you think? I've read several of his columns that made me think, a few that made me grimace and a few that made me smile, in particular the one about how his **Uncle Honey** lost items - some quite large - all over the Guebert family farm. I'm willing to bet Uncle Honey would have been a very good contributor to my coin jar had I been able to follow him around.

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We can do change, even big change

A recent, number-laden bulletin posted on the University of Illinois website farmdoc daily caught my attention for two reasons.

First, its data, drawn mostly from several U.S. Census of Agriculture, paints a troubling picture of U.S. agriculture today. More importantly, that picture suggests American ag policy needs to make “strategic” changes to meet new challenges – climate change and new global competitors are two – that U.S. farmers and ranchers will confront.



Alan GUEBERT

For example, notes the report, the amount of land farmed in U.S. farms peaked at 1.2 billion acres in 1950. In 2017, land farmed totaled 900 million acres, or “26 percent less.” The “largest decline in land use category [over that period]... was farm woodlots with a loss of 147 million acres.”

Interestingly, however, “Harvested cropland peaked in 1930 at 359 million acres, compared to 320 million acres in the 2017 Census...” Much of that difference can be accounted for in today’s Conservation Reserve Program (CRP); it held 23 million acres in 2017 and no acres in 1930 because the CRP didn’t begin until 1985.

In fact – and here comes the report’s conclusion – today’s “voluntary conservation programs,” mostly CRP, have “materially reduced the ability of the U.S. to expand acres in response to profits

from crop production” compared to the two most recent, high-profit eras, 1973-1980 and 2007-2013 when one key element of farm policy was “set asides.”

As such, maybe a “potential strategic response” to this “conversion of cropland” would be for the U.S. to focus more “public crop research from a yield to multi-cropping focus” so “...each acre offers the potential to grow both U.S. crop output... as well as increase land for environmental uses...”

I read the numbers, dug up a few more, and came up with a more urgent forecast. I know; big surprise.

No question, American farmers and ranchers will face growing pressure to balance increased food production with increased climate change. That reality suggests our current approach – too much carbon, too little diversity, too many government dollars underwriting both – will force change.

And we can change. In fact, we’re good at it because we’ve gotten a lot of practice with change over the past near-century.

For example, according to Ag Census numbers, in 1929, U.S. farmers grew 33.5 million acres of oats, 62 million acres of wheat, and 2.9 million acres of soybeans. In 2017, U.S. farmers grew only 814,000 acres of oats, just 39 million acres of wheat, and a whopping 90 million acres of soybeans.

So we can do change, even big-time change.

Equally important, though, is what hasn’t changed. In 1929, the Ag Census showed 43 percent of all U.S. farmland, or 411 million acres, in “pasture.” Strikingly – even in-

credibly – the amount of U.S. land in pasture in the 2017 Census was 415 million acres.

So, from just those last few numbers it would be safe to predict that tomorrow’s necessary changes might very well involve huge shifts in crop acreages (I’m looking at you, corn) and little – if any – reduction in pastureland.

Moreover, at 40 percent-plus of our current U.S. farmland base, today’s enormous amount of pasture will likely play a major role in any multi-use/climate-imposed change to food production. How? Think multi-species, multi-crop – including carbon farming – approaches that will transition low-impact pastures into long-term, high-profit acres.

There’s even a throwback government-payment model to achieve the shifts in land use likely needed for U.S. agriculture to decrease its carbon footprint while increasing its carbon sequestration: Yes, land set asides, the hallmark of almost every Farm Bill from the Great Depression through 1996’s Freedom to Farm legislation.

Can’t be done? Maybe not by farmers who are both heavily invested in the machinery and politics of today’s government subsidized, no-tomorrow model.

But tomorrow is coming; that’s a given. What’s also a given is that farmers can choose to drive the change or be driven by it.

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Elmwood approves city budget ordinance

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The City Council approved a 2021-22 city budget and appropriations ordinance on Sept. 21.

City Clerk Bethany Lovingood opened the Public Hearing on the ordinance on the advice of City Attorney Bob Potts. There was no discussion by the council, but Potts gave a lengthy presentation of the proposed budget.

“Last year’s budget and appropriations equaled \$4,332,920 compared to this year’s budget and appropriations of \$4,746,865,” Potts said. He then explained the reasons for the increase of \$413,945.

“Last year because of the Covid pandemic we anticipated that revenues would be less, so expenditures were less and projects budgeted for, were completed because of projected

increases in revenues. The council was very conservative last year and there were more funds at the end of the year in most of the funds than anticipated, so hence there is a larger budget this year,” Potts explained.

The council heard from Elle Benway, of the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors’ Bureau, who explained that Elmwood would be promoted to people in the Peoria area region if the council approved a three-year planned membership in the PACVB for \$18,500 – \$5,000 the first year, \$6,000 the second year and \$7,500 the final year.

After a discussion, the council approved the three-year contract. PACVB said it will market Elmwood businesses and events to people regionally through social media outlets, advertising and a website, plus various other venues.

Tabled again was Elmwood’s Push Tax because the council wants more information before a decision is made to implement a penny-a-play tax on gaming outlets.

Also tabled until after the holidays was Elmwood’s payroll plan change for city employees. A secondary reason for tabling the agenda item was that City Treasurer Bonnie Beal was absent as well as Mayor J. D. Hulslander, who was ill. The payroll plan is to have all city employees be paid through direct deposit and to cease issuing paper paychecks.

Tabled at the request of Economic Development Director Amy Davis was discussion/action on a TIF grant; the economic development agency’s sponsored live music event during Octoberfest; and the closing of East Main Street’s parking area for Octoberfest.

SOYBEANS: Bright future predicted for prices

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mess,” Basse told FarmWeek at the Land Pro fall seminar in Morris.

“(Hurricane) Katrina in 2005, where we had levy failures, was easier to fix. This is electrical and structural (damage to facilities).”

Ongoing supply chain issues initiated by the COVID pandemic also could impede the process of reopening Gulf facilities.

“We know the supply of building material and labor are tight,” Basse said. “We’ll have some elevators be out for months.”

During that time, Basse looks for ag exports moving by unit trains to the Pacific Northwest to grow and possibly even double on some lines.

“It’s now about understanding ways to minimize the Gulf damage and get commodities out the door,”

he said.

But, even with the infrastructure issues caused by Ida and consumer spending in the U.S. starting to wane as about 9 million Americans recently came off unemployment, Basse still sees a bright future for ag product demand and prices.

The analyst projects China will maintain an insatiable appetite for grain and oilseeds and the push for renewable diesel fuel in the U.S., which could be comprised of up to 80 percent soy oil as the main feedstock, will raise the need for U.S. crop acres out to 2025.

Near-term, production issues in Canada could spur sales of up to 250 million bushels of corn there while world competition could slip as drought decimated Brazil’s safrinha corn crop while food inflation caused

Russia to put an export tax on wheat.

“We believe the corn and wheat market have real bull stories,” Basse said. “In spring we peaked corn at \$7.75 per bushel. We don’t see any reason it can’t go back to \$6.50 to \$7.50 by spring of next year.

“Soybeans should hold between \$12 and \$14 and wheat may still gallop higher another \$1 or \$2 before the seasonal high the first quarter next year,” he noted.

Basse also looks for fertilizer prices to go up due in part to infrastructure issues in the Gulf and for interest rates to remain low, which would continue to support farm land prices.

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Police reports

• **EDWARDS** – Joshua R. Kelch, 23, of Edwards was charged on Sept. 24 with failure to appear in court, driving while uninsured motor vehicle/bodily harm, driving on a revoked license, improper use of registration/title, and reckless driving, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's report.

• **FARMINGTON** – Nathan Christy, 32, of Farmington was stopped in the 100 block of S. Mill Road on Sept. 14 for an outstanding Fulton County warrant, according to a Farmington police report. He was transported to Fulton County Jail.

• **FARMINGTON** – Several charges were levied against Alicia

Welch, 45, of Peoria who appeared intoxicated after she was stopped by police at 1:35 a.m. on Sept. 16, according to a Farmington police report. She was cited for aggravated DUI, a suspended driver's license and disobeying a stop sign. Her car was towed and she was transported to Fulton County Jail.

• **FARMINGTON** – Kenneth White, 24, of Peoria has an October court date related to a 1:35 a.m. traffic stop by Farmington police on Sept. 17, according to a Farmington police report. He was charged with possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle, driving on an expired registration and a tail light not working.

• **FARMINGTON** – A workplace argument outside of Farmington Country Manor on Sept. 18 resulted

in an aggravated domestic battery charge for Tracy Bellew, 36, of Lewiston, according to a Farmington police report. She was transported to Graham Hospital in Canton for health issues not related to the fight.

• **FARMINGTON** – Jason Prather, 37, of Farmington was charged on Sept. 23 for domestic battery, according to a Farmington police report. He also had a valid Fulton County warrant for failure to appear in court related to a charge of aggravated DUI. He was transported to Fulton County Jail.

• **FARMINGTON** – Daniel Dallefeld, 34, of Farmington was charged on Sept. 20 for violating an order of protection, according to a Farmington police report. He was transported to Fulton County Jail.

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John Wesley
(Founder of the Methodist Church)



Elmwood school budget includes deficit

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board on Monday passed a 2021-22 budget that includes \$7.8 million in expenses and a projected \$138,311 deficit.

Expenses exceed projected income in the budget in five funds: Education (minus \$162,159), Building (minus \$51,508), Transportation (minus \$48,85), FICA/IMRF (minus \$7,924) and Tort (minus \$1,294).

The board also approved Elmwood’s plan for ESSER III funds, which will help fund a large portion of HVAC upgrades in the elementary school. ESSER II funds will also be used for the HVAC project, which is expected to go out to bid by Feb. 1, 2022, and be completed next summer.

District activity buses are not in great shape and the board will con-

sider purchasing or leasing two new buses. Superintendent Chad Wagner plans to have bids ready for the Oct. 25 meeting.

Another item on the Oct. 25 agenda is spending \$48,000 on new laptops for teachers, \$30,000 of which will come from a technology grant.

Junior/Senior High Principal Tony McCoy said MAP testing is completed and midterm grades were finalized Sept. 17. Teachers are communicating with parents about students who have a D or F. Elementary School Principal Marcy Brugger said fall benchmark testing has been completed and families have received assessment scores.

In other business, the board approved:

- Administrator and teacher salary benefits, which is done on an annual basis.

- Hiring Stephanie Harkness as a junior high aide for \$13 per hour and Emily Roberts as basketball cheer coach.

- Withdrawal of Dunlap CUSD 323 from the SEAPCO organization after the FY22 school year.

The board also heard from several audience members during public comment. Teacher’s union co-president Jennifer Williams discussed added time teachers have been spending, mainly in the elementary school, to prepare for quarantined students.

Parent David Mitchell asked the board to send out reminders about meetings and said he thought the district was “pretty quick to jump on the mask mandate.”

And parent Matt Windish inquired about the chain of command and wanted to know how an item gets placed on an agenda.

Princeville board passes FY22 deficit budget

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville School Board approved a Fiscal Year 2022 budget and a few adjustments to the Return to Learn Plan during its Sept. 17 meeting.

The budget shows deficits in Operations and Maintenance (minus \$8,807), Debt Service (minus \$123,793) and Transportation (minus \$118,082). Superintendent Shannon Duling said the Debt Service shortfall will be covered “through our DS fund balance and the transfer of Peoria County Facilities Sales Tax Revenue.”

Duling also noted that the Education fund shows a surplus of \$15,233 due mostly to federal ESSER II funds that will cover more than \$200,000 in extra expenses the district incurred last year due to expenses related to COVID-19.

The board plans to review the Return to Learn plan at each meeting

and the latest changes were minor adjustments to clarify the Level I mitigations stipulated in the plan.

The board also discussed the purchase of new curtains for the stage at the Junior-Senior High School. Two bids have so far been received and after a third is submitted, the board plans to review them. Duling said he is looking into whether a maintenance grant can be used to pay for purchase of the curtains.

Duling also reported that district enrollment is at 680 students, down 17 from this time last year.

In regards to spirit buses, he said it is difficult to find replacement vehicles right now, so the district is planning to extend leases.

At the time of the meeting, Duling said four Princeville staff members were out with confirmed cases of COVID-19, as we were 12 students. A total of 53 students were in COVID quarantine, all of them due to contacts outside the school setting.

Finally, Duling said that they are waiting for an engineer’s final walkthrough on the unit office and Head Start renovation before sending out the final payment. The Migrant Head Start grant may have funds available at the end of the year. If so, that money may be used for a playground.

The board heard that students are again enjoying in-person presentations for the Ag in the classroom program for 3rd-5th graders.

In other action, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of 7th grade girls basketball coach Darin Brodie, yearbook advisor Kristi Brodie and grade school cafeteria worker Anita Wagner.

- Approved hiring Alicia Harwood as 7th grade girls basketball coach, Mark Francis as an assistant football coach and Randi Brown as an aide.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.

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Obamas break ground on presidential center

CHICAGO – Former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama returned to their old neighborhood on Chicago’s South Side on Tuesday to officially break ground on the Obama Presidential Center, a project they hope will become a hub for the development of new leadership and an economic boost to a long-neglected part of the city.

The center is being developed on a 19.3-acre site in Chicago’s Jackson Park, in a location just a few blocks from where the Obamas were married and the hospital where their two daughters were born.

The Obamas were joined at the ceremony by Gov. JB Pritzker, who noted that the center will be the second presidential museum in Illinois after the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

“Which means we are proudly now known as the Land of Lincoln and Obama,” he said. “We need to check with Secretary of State Jesse White about changing the license plates in the state, but we’ll get there.”

The center will be operated separately from the Obama Presidential Library. The center will be operated



Elmwood’s senior class had the winning float (pictured above) in last Friday’s Homecoming parade. This year’s Homecoming theme was “Glo-Crazy.” Homecoming King and Queen (at left) were Jack Trone and Eileen Conklin.

privately by a nonprofit foundation.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said the city will also invest some \$200 million into improvements in Jackson Park as well as the surrounding neighborhood to provide more amenities and rehabilitate homes.

Unlike many presidential centers

that serve primarily as static museums to a former president, Obama said he wants it to be a cultural and educational center that will help foster new leadership for the community and the nation.

The center is expected to open in 2025.

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OBITUARIES

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Robert S. Lewis

FARMINGTON – Robert S. Lewis, 75, of Farmington, died Sept. 22, 2021, at home. He was born July 22, 1946, in Peoria to William and Frances (Borges) Lewis. He married Catherine Williams on Jan. 26, 1973 in Peoria. She survives.

Robert is also survived by seven children, Ingrid (Kevin) Lingenfelter of Plymouth, Ill., Alicia (Al) Calhoun of Charles City, Iowa, Lisa (Bryan) Lewis Noble of Bethlehem, Pa., Anna (Steve Estes) Bushnell of West Peoria. Jeff (Kim) Lewis of Wenatchee, WA, Nick Lewis Madison, WI, and Michael Lewis of Farmington; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one nephew that's like a son.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Robert worked at Caterpillar for 31 years as a power trucker. He was also a former police officer and West Peoria Firefighter. Robert enjoyed his cats, fishing, his truck and spending time with his family.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cremation rites will be accorded with Anderson Sedgwick Funeral Homes in Farmington. Memorials may be made to St. Jude.

Condolences can be left online at www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

Velda F. Plumer

MAQUON – Velda Faye Plumer, 86, of Maquon died Sept. 25, 2021, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1935, in Trivoli to Frank and Lida (Bitner) Clauson. She married Robert W. Plumer on Dec. 1, 1957, in Trivoli. He preceded her in death on Sept. 30, 2006.

She is survived by five children, Clinton (Pam) Plumer of London Mills; Kelley Plumer of Mesa, Ariz.; Clayton (Donna) Plumer of Farmington; Kristine (David) Mason of Maquon; and KOLEEN (Anthony Raes) Plumer of Fairview. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death are her parents, four brothers, Cecil, Eldon, Dean and Don and two sisters, Dorothy Geltmaker and Shirley Harman.

A graveside service was to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Trivoli Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Condolences can be left online at www.oakhinesfuneralhome.com.

Crystal E. Rynearson

PEORIA – Crystal E. Rynearson, 60, of Austell, Ga., formerly of Peoria, passed away on Sept. 17, 2021. She was born on June 18, 1961, in Peoria to Charles and Mary Rynearson.

Surviving are her daughters Cassia King and Iesha Shelby of Austell, Ga.; six grandchildren, DeMija, Ja-Tayasiha, ZaRiyah, DyZarion, Marvin and Amarya; her mother Mary of Peoria; brothers David (Nancy) of Hanna City, Mark (Neva) of Germantown Hills; sisters Mary of Peoria, and Michele (Jim) Eastwood of

Paducah, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles; two brothers, Dennis and Michael; one niece, Jolene Eastwood; and one special companion, Thomas Shelby.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Michelle J. Wieland

DUNLAP – Michelle J. "Mickey" Murphy Wieland, 60, of Dunlap died Sept. 23, 2021, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

She was born on May 10, 1961, in Peoria to James and Joyce (Swanson) Murphy. She married Vincent Wieland on June 2, 1984, in Peoria. He survives, along with three daughters, Kayla (Mike) Schneider of Edwards, Tarah (Tom) Meister of Farmington and Erika (Tyler) Scheirer of Normal; and nine grandchildren.

She is also survived by four sisters, Cassie (Dave) Myers of Peoria, Fran (Vern) Widmer of Oshkosh, Wis., Lisa Sonney of Peoria and Erin (Trevor) Reed of Clearwater, Fla.; one brother, Pat (Lori) Murphy of Bartonville; and additional siblings, Danny Haley, Betty Powers, Kim Hackney and Randy Haley.

She was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather, Phillip Haley.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Davison-Fulton Woodland Chapel in Peoria. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Parkview Cemetery.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of ARDIS K. RASK, deceased No. 2021-PP-0139

Notice is given of the death of ARDIS K. RASK. Letters of Office were issued on September 21, 2021, to ROBERT J. RASK of 136 Oakview Court, Dahinda, IL 61428, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Knox County Circuit Clerk, Knox County Courthouse, 200 S. Cherry, Galesburg, IL 61401, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after is has been passed.

Massie & Quick, LLC Attorneys for the Estate P.O. Box 205 Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168

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

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF] MARGARET F. MAYO, DECEASED] 2021 PP 0065

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of MARGARET F. MAYO on June 12, 2021. Letters of Officer were issued to KELLY D. MAYO of 5110 N. Renwood Ave., Peoria, IL 61614 by the above designated Court on June 30, 2021, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Judith A. Toohill, 74 E. Fort St., Farmington, IL 61531. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Fulton County Courthouse at 100 N. Main St., Lewistown, Illinois 61541, or with the Representative or both on or before March 24, 2022. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after court filing, and the claimant shall file with the Court proof of the required mailing or delivery of the copies.

DATED this 17th day of September, 2021. /s/ Kelly D. Mayo Independent Executor of the Estate of MARGARET F. MAYO, Deceased

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

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF] PAUL LESTER BERGSTEN, DECEASED] 2021 P 371

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of PAUL LESTER BERGSTEN on June 27, 2021. Letters of Officer were issued to LESTER DALE BERGSTEN of 2724 W. RESERVOIR BLVD., PEORIA IL 61615 by the above designated Court on September 14, 2021, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Judith A. Toohill, 74 E. Fort St., Farmington, IL 61531. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse at 324 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602, or with the Representative or both on or before March 24, 2022. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after court filing, and the claimant shall file with the Court proof of the required mailing or delivery of the copies.

DATED this 17th day of September, 2021. /s/ Lester Dale Bergsten Independent Executor of the Estate of Paul Lester Bergsten, Deceased

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff, vs. CYNTHIA SUTHERIN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EILEEN M. HEGGEMEIER; KATHLEEN DORR; NANCY HEGGEMEIER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EILEEN M. HEGGEMEIER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 20 CH 5

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause the Sheriff of Peoria County will on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. in Room 203 of the Courthouse, 324 Main St., Peoria, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Kathryn Bodanza at Plaintiff's Attorney, Marinosci Law Group, PC, 134 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. (312) 940-8580. I3176332

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

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR REPERFORMING LOAN TRUST 2005-2; Plaintiff, vs.

SHAMIKA GRIFFITH; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 20 CH 57

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. the offices of Cassidy & Mueller, 419 Main Street, 323 Commerce Bank Building, Peoria, Illinois 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT 10 IN FRANK D. MURRAY'S SUBDIVISION, A RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 18 AND 19 OF COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA; SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 14-33-477-015.

Commonly known as 404 E Republic St., Peoria, IL 61603.

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AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

Continued from Page 12 URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 20 CH 57

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TRACT I: Tract I consists of 78.34 +/- acres that are located in the Southwest quarter of Section 8 in Victoria Township along Rt. 167 one mile east of Victoria, IL. This highly productive piece of land gently rolls and includes Ipava, Osco, Sable and a small amount of Sylvan soils. The crop productivity index is 134.1. The ground is bordered by Rt. 167 on the south side and by County Rd. 2250 N on the north. ASCS maps indicate 73.8 acres are tillable with the remainder being in waterways and roads. The farmstead has been surveyed off and sold.

TRACT II: Tract II consists of 60 acres +/- located in the Southeast quarter of Section 33 in Lynn Township or 2 miles north of the junction of Rt. 180 and Rt. 167 with frontage on County Rd 2400 North. FSA indicates 23.31 tillable acres with the remainder in woodland, waterways, roads and a building site. The tillable acres are primarily Rozetta soil with a small amount of Hickory and Elco. The crop productivity is 108.2. The woodland offers mature trees and an excellent hunting opportunity with wildlife including deer, turkey and sm. upland game. The farmstead buildings are in poor condition.

TERMS: Bidding is not contingent upon financing. The winning bidders will be required to provide a non-refundable 10% down the day of the auction with the balance to be pd. in full upon closing on or before Nov. 27th, 2021. A valid purchase agreement will be signed day of sale. Each Tract will be sold in order with no combination being offered. The buyer or buyers will have possession for the 2022 crop year. See maps online at www.folgersauctionservice.com.

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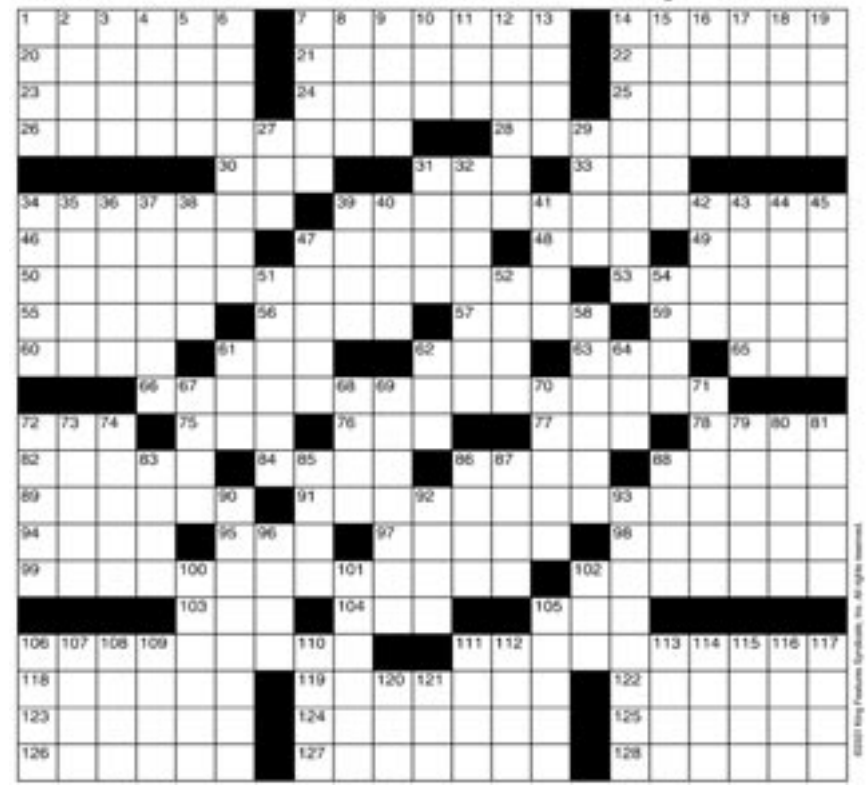
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R-W golf 3rd at LTC; E-B boys XC wins Prairieland

By Weekly Post Staff Reports
KEWANEE – The ROWVA-Williamsfield golf team placed third at the Lincoln Trail Conference Railsplitter tournament on Sept. 22 at Midland Golf Club.

R-W's top four tallied 369 strokes on the par-72 layout, 15 behind winner United. Mercer County was second with 367. Jake McGarry led R-W with a round of 89 and was followed by Cade Farquer's 90, Waylon Courson's round of 93 and Parker Sornberger at 97.

Boys golf teams were to compete in regionals on Wednesday, with the girls scheduled to play Thursday.

Cross country – The Elmwood-Brimfield boys cross country team won the Prairieland Conference meet

Tuesday at Farmington and had seven of the top eight finishers, earning them all-conference honors.

Thomas Harmon won in 16:03.8 and was followed by Isaiah Hill (3rd, 17:09.6), Nick Feller (4th, 17:25), Brendan Williams (5th, 17:43.1), J Hampton (6th, 17:45) and all-conference runners Mika Nelson and Jakoby McKown.

E-B had four all-conference girls, including Addie Symonds who won in 19:25.7, Chloe Kelly (3rd, 21:26.6), Bre Turner (4th, 22:35.8) and Ashley Wolcott (5th, 22:42.2). Trena Austin (9th, 24:50.7) was all-Prairieland for Farmington.

Next up is the Elmwood XC Invitational Saturday at Maple Lane Country Club. Frosh-soph boys run at 9:30

a.m., followed by varsity girls at 10:15 and varsity boys at 11.

The Princeville girls ran well at a home meet on Sept. 21 vs. El Paso-Gridley, Farmington and Lowpoint-Washburn-Roanoke-Benson.

Freshman Alyvia Cowser won the 2.92-mile race in 19:57 and was joined in the top six by teammates Montana Hoerr (3rd, 20:48), Kyra Hilsabeck (4th, 20:51) and Emma Stutzman (6th, 21:52). All Princeville runners posted season or lifetime PRs in the race.

The boys approached the race as more of a workout, according to coach Jeremy Melick, and placed third as a team. Leading the Princes was Parker Melick (12th, 19:19).

FOOTBALL: E-B lines continue improvement

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 (5-0, 5-0). The Rockets, ranked No. 7 in Class 2A, feature a ground-oriented attack. "They execute super well," Vallas said.

The same can be said for Farmington, as the Farmers have outscored foes 262-40 and are ranked 8th in Class 3A.

Shultz leads a balanced rushing attack with 507 yards on 60 carries, while Embry has 457 rushing yards and Renken has posted two straight over-100-yard games to reach 275 on the ground. He has also thrown for 652 yards and 14 scores against one interception and is 36-for-60 overall. Top receivers are Corbin Rutledge (10 for 198, five TDs) and Morse (7 for 149, two TDs).

Elmwood-Brimfield 52 West Hancock 18

ELMWOOD – The Trojans head into a tough two-game stretch in good health and playing well following another impressive victory.

Once again, the offensive line paved the way for a win as E-B (3-2, 2-2) ran for 293 yards and seven touchdowns on 43 carries.

"Everything up front, from game one until now on both sides of the ball, it's been interesting to go back to those films and see how much growth we've shown," Coach Todd Hollis said. "And our running backs have done a really nice job of doing their jobs."

Five backs scored in front of a

happy Homecoming crowd and speedy senior Aiden Frail led with two scores and 100 yards on 11 carries. E-B also benefitted from the return from injury of speedster Johnny York in the backfield, as he ran for 63 yards and a score on six carries.

Hollis also praised Oliver Heinz for stepping in to play at safety and was happy to see Gavin Buhl and Bailey Elwell get time at cornerback.

"We're building some depth in the defensive backfield, which is nice," Hollis said.

The DBs figure to get tested Friday as E-B travels to face pass-happy Macomb, which had been rolling prior to a rout at Farmington.

Princeville 2, Lewistown 0

LEWISTOWN – The Princes (3-2, 2-2 Lincoln Trail Conference) picked up their easiest win after Lewistown forfeit due to a lack of able bodies.

Friday, Princeville seeks to extend a three-game win streak at home against a Mercer County team that was picked – along with Knoxville – as a preseason LTC favorite before COVID issues sidelined several players.

Denver Hoerr leads Princeville with 307 rushing yards, while Tayshaun Kieser has run for 227 yards and Grant Hunt is at 157 with three scores. Jordan Johnson has completed 15 of 41 passes for 169 yards.

Hoerr leads with 23 tackles, Hunt has 21 and Cole Brower has 18 stops.

Mercer County 62 ROWVA-Williamsfield 22

ALEDO – After battling COVID issues for much of this season, Mercer County (2-3, 2-2) enjoyed a return to near full strength with a big win over R-W last Thursday.

Mercer County piled up 503 yards in offense and David Meece ran for 238 yards and four touchdowns on 19 carries. Quarterback Matthew Lucas ran for one score and passed for another as the Golden Eagles jumped to a 22-0 lead.

The Cougars got to within 22-8 and then drove to the Mercer County 2-yard line, but were unable to score.

Mercer County then drove 98 yards to score just before halftime.

Prairieland Conference

Rushville-Industry outscored Illini West 14-0 in the second half of a 34-12 win last Friday. R-I ran for 321 yards and 6.8 per carry and completed its only pass. James Corrie ran for 158 yards and 8.3 per carry.

Lincoln Trail Conference

The newcomers in the LTC keep on rolling. Knoxville, ranked No. 7 in Class 2A, got up 21-0 after one quarter of its 48-8 win over Ridge-wood to remain unbeaten. ... Abingdon-Avon, tied for No. 2 in Class 1A, was up 22-0 at halftime and then held off Annawan-Wethersfield, 34-12. After A-Town scored, A-W fumbled its first offensive play and A-Town scored on defense for a 14-0 lead.

SCOREBOARD

Elmwood-Brimfield 52 West Hancock 18	Farmington 6 24 16 7 - 53
West Hancock 6 0 6 6 - 18 Elmwood-Brim 16 22 6 8 - 52	Scoring Summary First Quarter M - Jeter 21 pass from Duncan (pass failed) F - Renken 7 run (pass failed) Second Quarter F - Renken 42 run (conversion good) F - Shultz 20 pass from Renken (conversion good) F - Fox 14 pass from Renken (conversion good) Third Quarter F - Safety F - Shultz 16 run (conversion good) F - Embry 38 run (pass failed) Fourth Quarter F - Shymansky 30 run (Gronewold kick)
Scoring Summary First Quarter EB - Mitchell 6 run (Mitchell run) WH - No. 33 1 run (conversion failed) EB - Frail 20 run (York run) Second Quarter EB - Buhl 1 run (Frail run) EB - Hollis 2 run (pass failed) EB - Frail 1 run (Buhl pass from Hollis) Third Quarter EB - York 10 run (run failed) WH - No. 86 10 pass from No. 9 (run failed) Fourth Quarter WH - No. 22 6 run (pass failed) EB - Mitchell 1 run (York run)	Team Statistics
Team Statistics	Team Statistics
WH EB	M F
Rushes-Yds 34-167 43-293	First downs 8 21
Yds per carry 4.9 6.8	Rushes-Yds 15-54 38-440
Comp-Att-Int 6-13-0 2-3-0	Yds per carry 3.6 11.6
Passing yds 104 40	Comp-Att-Int 5-18-1 5-11-0
	Passing yds 71 40
	Penalties-Yds 6-40 7-50
Individual Statistics	Individual Statistics
Rushing - EB: Frail 11-100, York 6-63, Mitchell 4-18, S.Windish 3-18, G.Buhl 6-28, Elwell 5-42, Durst 6-13, Hollis 2-2, B.Windish 1-8.	Rushing - F: Shultz 17-113, Renken 10-131, Embry 4-94, Morse 2-35, Shymansky 5-47.
Passing - EB: Hollis 2-3-0 40.	Passing - F: Renken 5-11-0 40.
Receiving - EB: Frail 2-40.	Receiving - F: Rutledge 2-5, Fox 2-15, Shultz 1-20.
Tackles - EB: S.Windish 7.5, Mitchell 7, Lenzi 6	Tackles - F: Shultz 6.5, C.Haggard 4.5.
Farmington 53, Macomb 6	Mercer County 62
Macomb 6 0 0 0 - 6	ROWVA-Williamsfield 22
	Mercer County 14 16 24 8 - 62

Prairieland	Lincoln Trail
Overall	Overall
W L W L	W L W L
Rushville-Industry 5 0 5 0	Abingdon-Avon 5 0 5 0
Farmington 5 0 4 0	Knoxville 5 0 5 0
South Fulton 3 2 3 2	Annawan-Weth. 3 2 2 2
Elmwood-Brim. 3 2 2 2	Princeville 3 2 2 2
Macomb 3 2 2 2	Mercer County 2 3 2 2
Illini West 2 3 2 3	United 2 3 2 3
Havana 1 4 1 4	ROWVA-Williamsfld 1 4 1 3
Lewistown 1 4 1 3	Stark County 1 4 1 3
West Hancock 0 5 0 4	Ridgewood 0 5 0 5
Last Week	Last Week
Elmwood-Brim. 52, W. Hancock 18	Princeville 2, Lewistown 0 (forfeit)
Farmington 53, Macomb 6	United 44, Stark County 22
South Fulton 38, Havana 6	Abingdon-Avn 34, Annawan-Weth. 12
Rushville-Industry 34, Illini West 12	Mercer Co. 62, ROWVA-Williamsfld. 22
Princeville 2, Lewistown 0 (forfeit)	Knoxville 48, Ridgewood 8
Friday, Oct. 1	Friday, Oct. 1
Elmwood-Brimfield at Macomb	Mercer County at Princeville
Rushville-Industry at Farmington	Stark County at ROWVA-Williamsfield
Illini West at South Fulton	Ridgewood at United
Lewistown at West Hancock	Annawan-Wethersfield at Knoxville
Abingdon-Avon at Havana	Abingdon-Avon at Havana
ROWVA-Wilmsfld 0 8 6 8 - 22	MC - 20 10 run (conversion good)
Scoring Summary	RW - Touchdown (conversion failed)
First Quarter	MC - Meece 60 run (conversion good)
MC - Meece 3 run (conversion good)	Fourth Quarter
MC - Meece 10 run (conversion failed)	RW - Touchdown (conversion good)
Second Quarter	MC - 25 11 run (conversion good)
MC - Lucas 10 run (conversion good)	Team Statistics
RW - Touchdown (conversion good)	MC RW
MC - Relander 12 pass from Lucas (conversion good)	Rushes-Yds 402 -
Third Quarter	Passing yds 101 -
MC - Meece 21 run (conversion good)	

STATE TITLE: Brimfield had 3 8th graders

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nings for the win.

Binder (two hits) was one of eight Brimfield players with a hit in a 10-0 first-round win over Lexington. Addison Przybylo and Schyer Meinders each drove in two runs for Brimfield, whose state roster had three eighth-graders (Sawyer Drury, Schyer Meinders and Wie-
wel).

“I thought we were just super solid. We made few errors, pitched really well and hit when we needed to,” Juerjens said. “And we have a lot of kids that can play coming back.”



The Brimfield junior high baseball team celebrates a regional title after topping Bartonville Monroe 9-4 on Sept. 20. Brimfield lost to Monmouth ICS in the sectionals Saturday, 5-0. Pictured are – Back row (left to right): Coach Brandon Porter, Nash Kieser, Griffin Hougham, Kaden Cahill, Kaeden Schatsiek, Brody Kenney, Connor Doe, Charlie Tiezzi, Jackson Kappes, Tommy Burkitt, Celtin McGinn and Coach Josh. McKown. Middle row (l to r): Jakoby Johnson, Dane Fagerburg, Sean Crowe, Westin Smith, Lane Symonds, Blake Bruner and Chase Meinders. Front row (l to r): Layne Johnson and Noah Malone.

Brimfield’s only losses were its season opener to Pekin Edison and an extra inning loss to Illini Bluffs.

• **Baseball** – Brimfield (23-4) lost its Class 1A

junior high sectional title game Saturday to Monmouth ICS (15-5), 5-0, at Oak Grove School. ICS plays Mount Pulaski Friday at East Peoria’s East-

side Centre.

• **Cross Country** – Junior high cross country teams compete in sectionals on Oct. 9. Area teams run at Donovan Park at 10 a.m.

Seeding deadline approaches for volleyball

By PHIL JOHNSON

For The Weekly Post

After not getting to enjoy a postseason last year, area volleyball teams will once again get a chance to take part in a state series this fall.

And as teams play this weekend and early next week, they will be helping to determine seed position, which is due by Oct. 7.

Regionals start Oct. 25, with sectionals Nov. 1 and 3, supersectionals on Nov. 5 and the state finals Nov. 12-13.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

ROWVA-Williamsfield (10-7) lost to Peoria Christian 21-25, 25-13, 10-25 in a non-conference match on the road last Thursday.

“We need some help from players returning from COVID-19 quarantine,” said R-W assistant coach Jaime Trotter. “We couldn’t find our rhythm tonight and let a win slip away.”

Molly Warner had six kills. Chloe Secrist got 12 service points. Liv Farquer defended with 16 digs. Angelina Adame had six blocks. Izzy Nelson assisted on 12 scores.

On Sept. 22, the Lady Cougars came out on top in a hard-fought game over Lincoln Trail foe Ridgewood 27-25, 19-25, 25-14 at Oneida.

“We were without three starters but pulled out a big victory. I give these girls a ton of credit. They always fight until the final whistle,” coach Trotter said. “Coach Secrist called a timeout during the first set, with us trailing 12-4. This got the girls fired up, and they played tough volleyball. What a great group of girls we have.”

ROWVA-Williamsfield is next at Midland for non-conference action on Monday.

Princeville

Princeville roared to a 19-1 season’s record with three wins in the past week. The Lady Princes went north to Annawan on Monday for a 25-22, 25-20 sweep and another Lincoln Trail win.

Amber Brawley had six kills and two aces. Julianne Kielion got 13 assists, 12 digs and two ace serves. Bethany Urbanc tallied two blocks.

Last Thursday, PHS defeated Lincoln Trail opponent Monmouth United by identical 25-17 scores on the road. Brawley killed nine and blocked four. Olivia Menold got nine kills. Kielion assisted on 23 scores. Caitlyn Thole had an ace. Breanna Schupbach collected an ace and 13 digs in the win.

Princeville was at home on Sept. 22 to gain a non-conference victory over Abingdon-Avon (25-12, 25-12). Brawley was the kills leader with eight, while Kielion recorded 21 assists. Breanna Schupbach and Menold each served an ace. Brooke Ladd had two blocks. Avery Schupbach had four digs and Brooke Ladd got two blocks.

Princeville’s next matchup is at home next Wednesday for Lincoln Trail action versus Mercer County.

Elmwood

Elmwood (13-11) topped North Fulton 25-20, 25-16 in a Prairieland and ICAC Conference match at Cuba last Thursday.

Amelia Penny-Baldoni scored on five kills. Annie Herman had five kills to go with seven digs. Liv Meyers blocked six and collected an ace serve. Etta Wagner got nine service points and four blocks. Addie Webster assisted on eight scores. Eileen Conklin defended with seven digs, recorded eight assists, got six service points and served two aces.

The Lady Trojans fell to traditionally strong West Prairie on Sept. 21.

“This was a tough loss for us,” EHS coach Felicia Appell said.

Next up for Elmwood is today at home, taking on Prairieland opponent Knoxville.

Brimfield

Brimfield (9-10) was light on the game schedule in the past week with

just one match, instead preparing for more competition this coming week. That one game was a 25-18, 25-23 setback to ICAC rival Illini Bluffs at home.

“Illini Bluffs is always a tough opponent for any team in the area,” said Brimfield coach Penny Silzer.

The Lady Indians’ effort was led by Hannah Burkitt with 13 assists and three ace serves. Ella Florey had three aces, one block and four kills. Ella Lune blocked one and Jaelyn Fabry scored on five kills.

Brimfield’s next game is today, Thursday, versus Prairieland foe Lewistown.

Farmington

Farmington fell on the road 25-18, 25-14 versus Monmouth-Roseville on Monday in non-conference play.

Emma Evans had two blocks and two kills. Adriane Morse came up with two kills. Alayna Keefer also got two kills. Holly Shriber had two aces and Briane Baird defended with 11 digs in the effort.

The Lady Farmers went 1-3 in Saturday’s Fulton County Tournament, which they hosted. The win was over southern neighbor Canton, while losses were to North Fulton, South Fulton and Lewistown. Lewistown won the tournament with a 4-0 mark, North Fulton was second and South Fulton took third.

FHS leaders for the day were Evans with 14 kills, eight aces and 22 assists. Shriber blocked seven. Baird collected 28 digs.

Evans was named to the Fulton County all-tournament team, as were Macy Mikulich and Grace Evans of Lewistown, Jenna Gorsuch and Jenna Schleich of North Fulton, Emily Porter of South Fulton and Ella Dixon of Canton.

Farmington next plays today, a non-conference matchup at home versus Mercer County.



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Farmington scores 53 unanswered

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – For one possession last Friday, the unbeaten Farmington football team looked like it finally had a tussle on its hands.

Visiting Macomb took the opening drive 65 yards for a score that was capped by a 21-yard touchdown pass.

“I think their speed shocked us at first,” Farmington Coach Toby Vallas said. “They went right down the field and scored on us. Then I think we adjusted pretty well.”

That’s an understatement. After that first drive, Farmington rattled off 53 unanswered points and limited Macomb to 60 more yards. Meanwhile, the unbeaten Farmers (5-0, 4-0 Prarieiland) ran for 440 yards through some gaping holes.

Four Farmington runners scored, led by quarterback Gage Renken and running back Kevin Shultz with two TDs apiece. Renken led with 131 yards on 10 carries, Shultz had 113 on 17 runs and Riley Embry had 94 yards on just four touches.

“Our offensive line, those five guys dominated the game,” Vallas said. “We came out thinking we were going to throw the ball, but the offensive line was just so dominant that we ran the ball.”



Farmington quarterback Gage Renken ran for 131 yards and two scores on 10 carries and passed for two other scores in a 53-6 win over Macomb last Friday. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

Farmington did get a clutch 14-yard touchdown catch from Kane Fox as time expired in the second quarter to open a three-score lead. Farmington then scored on its first possession of the third quarter and got a safety when Macomb quarterback Jack Duncan was called for intentional grounding in the end zone. That basically ended what had been seen as one of the Farmers’ toughest tests left.

Defensively, Vallas credited Logan Morse with shutting down Macomb’s top wideout.

Now Farmington faces another big game Friday on the road at Rushville-Industry

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Brimfield wins state softball title

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

NORMAL – The third time was a charm for the Brimfield junior high softball team at the IESA state softball tournament.

Having twice finished as runnerup (in 2015 and 2019), Brimfield (23-2) combined good defense, accurate pitching and timely hitting to claim a Class 1A state title and to earn a Saturday evening fire truck ride through Brimfield and Kickapoo.

The capper was Saturday in a 4-2 win over Bloomington Corpus Christi (16-4). Kendyl Binder, Mia Meinders and Reese Legaspi each had two hits for Brimfield and Binder drove in two runs with a double. Pitcher Sawyer Drury scattered five hits and one walk in seven innings to get the win.

“Kendyl was the one who a lot of times got us going,” Coach Kurt Juerjens said. “She’s our leadoff hitter and a very good base runner.”

Of Drury, Juerjens said, “She’s a true pitcher. She hits her spots and can



The Brimfield junior high softball team won the IESA Class 1A state softball championship Saturday. Players on the state roster for Brimfield were: Kendyl Binder, Megan Cox, Teagan Drury, Sawyer Drury, Ella Helms, Layla Hersemann, Reese Legaspi, Delayna Linthecum, Mia Meinders, Schyer Meinders, Anja Nelson, Addison Przybylo, Lauren Updyke, Ashlyn Vaughn and Josie Wiewel.

change speeds well.”

Brimfield also got a big catch by Anya Nelson in the sixth inning to rob a Corpus Christi hitter of an extra-bases hit.

“That was definitely a game,” Juerjens said. “The first two games at state ended up being blowouts, but it took us a while to get going in them.”

Brimfield topped Pawnee 14-3 in the semifinals as Binder had three hits and scored twice, Delayna

Linthecum drove in four runs and scored twice, Sawyer Drury had two hits and scored twice as did Josie Wiewel.

“Josie Wiewel hit consistently and played stellar defense at third base,” Juerjens said.

Reese Legaspi also scored twice for Brimfield, which took control with 12 runs in the fourth through sixth innings. Schyer Meinders pitched 2.1 in-

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