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COVID case surge will reduce General Assembly session

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The 2022 session of the Illinois General Assembly will be even shorter than originally planned due to a recent surge in COVID-19 cases, Democratic leaders announced.

The session was originally scheduled to start this week with three meeting days – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. But leaders announced last week that they will meet only on Wednesday this week and likely will

cancel all in-person meetings the following week, Jan. 11-13.

In an announcement last week, House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, said COVID-19 cases in Illinois had increased 130 percent over the previous two weeks while hospitalizations were up 50 percent.

"This pandemic is not over," Welch said. "We must take necessary precautions to mitigate the spread of the virus, reduce the burden on our health care systems and keep each other as safe

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nally planned to meet only from Jan. 4 through April 8 for a session that would focus mainly on passing a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. That was meant to leave them time to campaign ahead of this year's primary, which was pushed back to June 28 due to delays in last year's re-districting process.

Since late October, however, Illinois has seen a massive surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, driven in part by the new Omicron variant, with daily

case counts now far exceeding their November 2020 peaks.

In January 2021, lawmakers convened a lame duck session primarily to consider a legislative package of education, criminal justice and health care reforms being pushed by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus. During that session, the House met in a convention center in downtown Springfield, several blocks from the Statehouse, while the Senate continued to meet in the

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'A SPLASH OF GREEN'

Go orchid hunting in the winter

By GRETCHEN STEELE
For The Weekly Post

It's no secret that I am fascinated by wild orchids that grow across Illinois. Perhaps part of the fascination comes from how hard they are to find. Habitat loss is a real issue for some species, and the ideal conditions for growing can be species-specific.

That's why I like to do some of my orchid hunting in the winter. Now, I realize that sounds absolutely nutty. Who in their right mind would expect to find orchids in winter in Illinois? However, winter is when it's a good time to look for the putty root orchid in the bare, brown, winter woodlands. Let's be clear, it won't be blooming, but there will be a splash of



The green leaves of the putty root orchid are a striking contrast to the brown colors of the winter landscape. Photo by Gretchen Steele.

green that makes it easier to spot.

I keep my eyes peeled during my winter hikes and hunts for green oblong leaves on the forest floor during the normally gray-brown desolation that we encounter. I can then mark those spots via GPS or field notes, and I know to return in the late spring when conditions are right to find some putty root orchids bursting into full bloom. A

word of caution to avoid disappointment: Like most orchids, habitat and conditions have to be just right, and you may not always find them the following spring. I always keep checking the spot and surrounding area, though – because generally, I have seen at least one or two blooming nearby.

Granted, the putty root orchid is

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Farmington board talks gaming fees

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Video gaming fees were a main topic of discussion in an otherwise light agenda at Monday's 40-minute meeting of the Farmington City Council.

After paying bills, hearing public comment and handling a few other business matters, City Manager Rollen Wright initiated a discussion on video gaming licenses and the possibility of increasing the annual fee charged by the city per video gaming terminal.

A new law that passed last December (Public Act 102-0689) allows non-home-rule municipalities to charge an annual fee of up to \$250 per video gaming terminal. State statute previously capped the fee

at \$25.

Wright brought it up as a discussion item for the council, noting that increasing the fee to just \$150 per machine would generate an additional \$3,500 for the city.

The idea was not well-received by everyone in attendance.

"I just don't know what the city has done to earn a raise to take my money," said Bub Malott, owner of Benny's Corner Bar.

Malott has five machines in his bar and said, "The state keeps taking more and more from us on these machines."

Mayor Kent Kowal said he heard similar concerns from the Farmington Moose Lodge, but added that raising fees is one of

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ORCHIDS: Green leaves linger into the winter

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not a particularly abundant species. Still, it is one of the more common orchids in Illinois and is found in Peoria, Henry and Mason counties.

The preferred habitat includes rich mesic woodlands, wooded areas above streams, low damp areas in rocky upland woods, the bottoms of sandstone canyons, areas near the bases of wooded slopes, and the bottoms or lower slopes of ravines. You can find this uniquely adapted orchid in deciduous woodlands where such canopy trees as American beech and sugar maple are present. Most that I have seen are on wooded slopes or in creek

bottoms.

Garlic mustard and Japanese stiltgrass, both rapidly spreading and damaging invasive species, present a significant threat to maintaining populations of this orchid within the state.

Flowers of this orchid are muted yellowish-green and burgundy. These muted colors and tones can make spotting it difficult in the late spring woodlands, as it blends in well with the neighboring flora.

Adding to the difficulty

in locating this orchid in the spring is part of what makes winter hunting so much easier. The more noticeable basal leaves disappear before the orchid sends up its stalk of multiple delicate flowers. So what we search for in the spring is a longish stalk with flowers running up it – which can be hard to see in the sun-dappled late spring woodland.

But here’s the cool part about this orchid: The large green basal leaf persists during the winter while disappearing during the summer.



A putty root orchid ready to bloom in spring. Photo by Gretchen Steele.

This strange maneuver takes advantage of the considerable amount of light available when deciduous trees are leafless. That’s why I keep a sharp lookout for crinkly green leaves on the forest floor while on a winter wander.

The putty root orchid is a joy to view. It has an interesting place in history as well. People extracted a sticky, gummy substance from the bulb-like corms in the past. That gummy substance was used to repair pottery and crockery. That use is what contributed to its common name.

Another name for this orchid is Adam-and-Eve. That particular iteration refers to the pair of corms connected by a rhizome in the root system. For some, this seemed to symbolize the connection between Adam and Eve

In winter, the basal leaf we are looking for often has a dry crinkly appearance and sports white veins/stripes on a green background.

So this winter, when you are out wandering, keep an eye out for a “weird green leaf” on the forest floor, and you may be treated to a lovely stalk of orchids when you return in the late spring.

Correction

In the Dec. 23 issue of The Weekly Post, Jill Booth should have been listed as the person who approached the Trivoli Township board with an idea to raise money to assist with upkeep and improvements at the township’s five cemeteries.

The newspaper erred.

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- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo Jan. 13 and 27 at 2 p.m.
- **Free Movie** – “The Prince of Egypt” will be shown for free on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. at the Elmwood Presbyterian Church, located at 201 E. Evergreen St. All are welcome.

This Week’s Events

- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4.
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- **Play Group** – Children age 0-5 can join a play group Jan. 12 and 19 at Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood at 9 a.m. on school days.

Future Events

- **Food Pantry** – Elmwood United Methodist Church food pantry is open the last Friday each month, 10-11 a.m. Free bread ministry is the second and fourth Friday, 10-11 a.m. Call (309) 742-7221 for an extra food box.
- **Classic Movie** – “Mr. Blandings

Builds his Dream House” will be shown for free during Classic Movie Monday on Jan. 24 starting at 1 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library.





- **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.

- **MANNA Meal** – MANNA Meal is Jan. 27 at noon at Elmwood United Methodist Church. Bring table service.
- **Genealogy Discussion** – Initial discussion for monthly collaboration between Brimfield Public Library and Peoria County Genealogical Society is Jan. 31 at the library, 6:30 p.m., led by Kim Hanks of Genealogical Society.

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— Seth Godin

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Of gaming, learning, dumping & jiggling

Rambling through central Illinois, recalling Dad putting on “the snow tires” in years long past.

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After attending Monday’s Farmington City Council meeting and hearing talk about possible increases in video gaming fees, I spent more time than was prudent reading about Illinois gaming legislation. What a tangled web of obvious deceit, lies and certain corruption. As I read, a comment made by Farmington bar owner **Bub Malott** kept resonating: “I just don’t know what the city has done to earn a raise to take my money.” Actually, Farmington getting more gaming money doesn’t bother me. But I have a real problem with the State of Illinois upping its take annually. Tell me, what has the state done to earn more gaming money? Can you come up with anything? ... Congrats to **Olivia Stage** of Elmwood, who won our random drawing of a \$50 prize for folks who submitted pictures of their big bucks this season. Anybody who questions the randomness need only know that my son **Vic** also submitted an entry! Olivia, your prize sits in my wallet to be collected at your leisure – and no, I won’t give it to your dad in a beer tent or tavern.

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The late **Brian Kjellenberg** of Yates City is someone who proved how much there is to learn, even later in life. After retiring from the Air National Guard, Kjellenberg returned to Western Illinois and Bradley University to study art. And until his death in April of 2020 at age 81, he kept creating art, much of it in the sculpture lab at Bradley University. This is worth noting for at least two reasons. For one, it’s inspiring to hear about people who are eager to continue learning and pursuing their passions later in life. For another, some of Kjellenberg’s paintings, hand-made metal toys and sculptures will be displayed at Bradley University’s Hartmann Gallery from

Jan. 19 through April 24. ... Blame me for the recent storm. After getting a more powerful snowblower via The Weekly Post classified ads, I’ve been praying for a blizzard. The next hurdle is getting up early enough to beat neighbor **Bob Woodcock** to the fresh white stuff.

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In addition to blowing snow, enjoying a week off that coincided with actual winter weather provided plenty of time to watch, read and think. Among the most pleasurable watching and reading was the “Watership Down” story by **Richard Adams**, one of my favorites. The youngest boy finally read Adams’ masterpiece, which meant we could savor the Netflix animated series based on the book. That got me thinking. The book’s final words are very reminiscent of the end of “War for the Planet of the Apes,” when **Caesar** and **Maurice**, his orangutan buddy, take time to reflect after reaching paradise. The theme in each is that through hard work – maybe even some suffering – you eventually earn a payoff. That’s also a central message to **Jordan Peterson’s** fascinating “12 Rules for Life,” a book that has helped me find hope through recent dark days. But I wonder, is there room left for that message in today’s society? ... Speaking of societal woes, shame on the jerks who dumped all the garbage (pictured above) at the free recycling dropoff on Parks School Road. Here’s hoping trail cameras placed around the recycling site catch the next people who use this as a dumping ground. ... Question: Is it child abuse to sneak into the college boys’ rooms some morning at 11 a.m. and cut off a few inches of hair while they slumber?

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One of the nieces has a very cute baby who made Christmas extra special for their family. Pondering the little one triggered a flow of memories about enjoyable Christmases with little kids – and bad baby gifts. No gift made less sense



than the Diaper Genie, which is somehow still being sold. In case you were lucky enough to avoid receiving one, here’s the idea: Instead of quickly disposing of diapers to get the stench out of a room, you put a whole lot of diapers into a stink-leaking cylinder that – once it is full of stink – yields a bag that has to be dragged through the entire house to spread smell everywhere. ... Speaking of bad gifts, my brother gave the boys an electric football set this Christmas. Anyone who has played electric football understands. What made this gift even worse was that it came with New England Patriots players and included Patriots stickers for the end zones. On my next really bad day, I plan to break all the little Patriots with a hammer. Or maybe I’ll melt them with a blow torch. Either way, that will at least be satisfying. ... But the gift also resurrected nightmares of running home from grade school to see if the electric football players had arrived. My brother and I are not artists, and our efforts to paint the players that came with our electric football game resulted in lots of snickering by friends. So I sent a check to Tudor Games for a complete set of custom-painted NFL teams, which took about 17 weeks to arrive and prompted all those sprints home from school (my poor mother). When the players finally arrived, I can still recall the excitement of setting up the Dallas Cowboys to battle the Washington Redskins – only to watch the men fall down and go in circles as soon as we made the field jiggle. Sigh. What a ridiculous game. ... Parting shot: Speaking of Christmas presents past, Foto-Electric Football was vastly superior to the headache that is electric football.

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‘You can only postpone reality for so long’

Despite an honest-to-goodness flood of evidence to the contrary, more than 100 million American adults continue to deny the existence of climate change. That’s roughly one third of the country.

Congress is little better. Currently, 109 House members and 30 senators, or about 26 percent of all members, have cast “doubt on the clear, established scientific consensus that the world is warming,” according to the Center of American Progress, a policy research institution headquartered in Washington, DC.

The good news is that this astonishing total is down from 150 just three years ago; the bad news is that it’s still 139.

The really bad news, however, is that the majority of congressional climate deniers represent rural America, arguably the economic sector with the most to lose in today’s climate upheaval. Not even 22 “extreme weather events” in 2020, where damage “exceeded \$1 billion each,” turned their heads.

As such, it’s doubtful that 2021, which will be record-breakingly grim again, will thaw their frozen minds. That means another year of unpredictable risks with no plan – other than governmental aid – after disaster strikes for farmers, ranchers and eaters in 2022.

And beyond 2022, in fact, because very few American farmers, ranchers, suppliers, commodity groups, ag lenders, elected officials or government agencies have an idea, let alone an entire plan, on how to deal with the increasing risks climate change will bring each passing year.

Worse, today’s collective inaction means most of the damaging change

for years ahead is already baked in. Indeed, any chance to minimize climate change’s effects, noted delegates to the Glasgow climate summit last November, relies on keeping today’s rising temperatures at or below a 1.5 degrees-Centigrade increase by 2030.

To do so, the Glasgow scientists stressed, will take a radical and massive international effort starting now.

American agriculture needs a similar plan to meet the production challenges it will face in the long-run and, more importantly, limit the rising production risks it faces now.

For example, you’re an ag lender and a farmer or rancher comes to you for a standard, 20-year mortgage on a \$2 million land loan. Do you factor climate change into the loan repayment cost and schedule? If not, why not because it certainly will impact repayment.

Equally important, if you want to factor climate change into the repayment, how would you do it? How do you price the growing threat of extended droughts, historic floods, warmer winters, hotter summers and, well, who knows what else?

And, remember, your shareholders, as well as your clients, are very invested in your answer.

If you have no answer, you too could be an ag banker today because most ag lenders have no working plan on how to mitigate – or more precisely, price – climate change risk into the massive short- and long-term

lending that is agriculture’s lifeblood.

In fact, the \$325 billion Farm Credit System (FCS), American ag’s biggest lender with 42 percent of all U.S. farm loans, is confronting this reality right now. Its regulator, the Farm Credit Administration (FCA), is doing the same. Neither the regulator nor the regulated, however, have clearly identified the impacts climate change will have on FCS’s enormous ag loan portfolio or their solutions.

These problems, and FCA’s failure to respond to this existential threat, were laid bare in a comprehensive, 19-page letter from the Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy (IATP) late last year. The letter, authored by IATP Senior Policy Analyst Steve Suppan, urged FCA to make several rule changes that would, for example, allow it to move swiftly into “climate-stressed capital markets” to improve its “liquidity” position if the need arises.

And the need will arise. Quoting a U.S. Department of Agriculture economist’s recent view on government foot-dragging over climate change, Suppan pointed out: “You can only postpone reality for so long.”

Then, as every farmer and rancher knows, reality bites. So what’s the cost of that bite?

There’s no way to calculate it, offers Suppan in a telephone interview. But he adds quickly, “It’s a lot less than the cost of doing nothing.”

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Police reports

• TRIVOLI – Jacob Aaron Duhs, 35, of Trivoli was charged on Dec. 26 of unlawful possession of meth-amphetamine, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s report.

• PRINCEVILLE – Collin M. Hause, 27, of Princeville was charged on Dec. 28 with violating an order of protection, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s report.

• FARMINGTON – Connor Par-kin, 30, of Elmwood was stopped by police near the Circle K on Dec. 20 for an expired plate, according to a Farmington police report. He was also charged with possession of adult-use cannabis in an unapproved container and driving with no insur-ance. His vehicle was impounded and he was given a new court date.

• FARMINGTON – Jacob Ward, 33, of Farmington was stopped in the

1000 block of E. Fort St. on Dec. 24 when police noticed there were no rear lights on the trailer he was pul-ling, according to a Farmington po-lice report. He was also charged with driving on a suspended license and operating a motor vehicle with no registration and no insurance.

• FARMINGTON – After crossing the lane line twice, Trinity Fuller, 22, of Macomb was stopped by police as she traveled north on North Main Street, according to a Farmington po-lice report. She was found to have a warrant out of Tazewell County for obstruction of justice, and a warrant out of Peoria County for retail theft. Fuller was transported to Peoria County Jail.

• FARMINGTON – Hannah Wil-ladsen, 21, of Peoria was stopped on East Fort Street for speeding on Dec. 31, according to a Farmington police report. She was additionally charged with possession of adult-use cannabis stored in an unapproved container.

• ELMWOOD – Jesse J. Eldridge,

37, of Elmwood accrued a list of charges on two separate dates, ac-cording to Peoria County Sheriff’s reports. On Dec. 23 he was charged for three counts of failure to appear in court, retail theft above \$300, theft control intent between \$500 and \$10,000, carry/possession of a fire-arm, unlawful possession of stolen goods and driving on a suspended li-cense. On Dec. 30, he was charged with computer fraud, fraudulent use of a credit card for under \$150, theft under \$500, identity theft under \$300, fraudulent return of property, interfering with utility service and theft under \$500.

• TRIVOLI – Cheyenne M. Ed-wards, 24, of Canton was identified as the woman who died in a single-vehicle accident on Dec. 21 in the 18200 block of Smithville Rd. Peoria County Coroner Jamie Harwood re-ported that Edwards died instantly of blunt-force trauma injuries after her vehicle struck a power pole.



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Brimfield board picks bid by G&O Disposal

By LORI HEROLD
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Two bids from waste disposal companies were presented and discussed at the Brim-field Village Board meet-ing on Jan. 3 before the contract with the lower bid was approved.

The board chose a bid from G&O Disposal Company over that of Wi-gand Disposal Company, which has served Brim-field for the last five years. The approved bid for a five-year contract beginning Sept. 1 was

\$156 per household for the first year, adding an additional cost of \$7 per year thereafter.

Regular garbage pickup by G&O will be every Monday, with recycling every other Friday.

Board President Dan Fishel thanked Wigand for five years of great service.

The board later ap-proved a bid of \$1,700 by Copeland Construction for upgrades to the village maintenance shed, and a motion to renew CD No. 34977 for another nine months at a rate of 0.21 percent.

The board also dis-cussed the possibility of adding light poles and lights to at least one iden-tified dark corner. Village Clerk Holly Johnson said Ameren will provide the poles and lights as long as there is a transformer. She said once areas are identi-fied, a request needs to be submitted to Ameren.

Fishel said he would discuss as much as he le-gally can regarding a pending building project near the village park.

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FARMINGTON: Gaming tax netted \$68,103

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the few things the council can do to generate additional income, outside of raising taxes, which the city has previously announced it will not do this year.

Farmington currently has 28 active gaming machines at five businesses: Benny's Corner Bar (5 machines), JC's Lounge (6), Farmington Moose (6), Circle K (5) and Marathon Gas (6). Machines will be added this year at the Spin City laundromat, which has met the requirement of obtaining a liquor license. Machines are no longer in operation at Whiskey Dixie's, Farmington Gasoline or Asher's Bar & Grille.

From November 2020 through November 2021, video gaming in Farmington generated a total of \$16.8 million played and a net terminal income of \$1.3 million. Of that, 29 percent goes to the state, 5 percent to the city (\$68,103.22), about 1 percent to Scientific Games (a company that manages the video gaming computer network) and 65 percent is split equally between the gaming companies and the location owner.

Malott said last year's gambling totals were inflated by additional unemployment benefits paid as a result of the COVID pandemic. He also said Gov. JB Pritzker has indicated that he intends to increase the state's portion of the video gaming pie to 50 percent. And Malott said Farmington is already "saturated" with machines.

Two of four council members present at the meeting seemed lukewarm about fee increases. "I haven't heard a reason we should do this yet," said council member David Black. "I've just heard we can."

Council member Nathan Fleming said he was more concerned about impacting the \$68,103 the city

receives than in generating an extra \$3,500 by raising fees.

No action was taken on the fee increase.

In other action, the council approved three residential TIF grants: \$2,000 toward a \$2,700 window replacement project by Ryan Skaggs at 435 E. Pearl St.; \$1,000 toward a \$15,949 garage upgrade by Marilyn Waters at 432 W. Fulton St.; and \$758.25 toward a \$1,100 lot clean-up by Julia Walters on West Fulton Street.

The council also approved a TIF request from the Farmington Moose Lodge for \$7,500 of a \$11,400 grease trap installation and \$4,725 of a \$6,300 blacktopping project.

Tabled was action on an ordinance allowing the owners of Ashers Bar & Grille to operate a food cart on public property. Wright said the cart has been set up at 216 N. Main St. in the lot east of Oaty's Powder Coating, so the ordinance is no longer needed.

Police chief Chris Darsham said Farmington's new police officer, Dorian Utsinger, is currently in "field training."

At its Dec. 20 meeting, the council approved the following TIF payments: \$7,500 to Diva Florist for facade work; \$10,767 to Black Maple for a commercial grant; \$1,162.50 to Delano and Wanda O'Haver for a residential grant; and \$43,666.58 to Peterson Healthcare as part of a TIF agreement.

The council also heard from Patrick O'Brian, who thanked the city for its patience in the cleanup of his fire-ravaged building and praised the response of the Farmington fire and police departments.

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57 Dir. from N.M. to Ky.
58 “Play it by ear,” e.g.
59 Crem’s state
61 Google program for targeted promotions
65 Brother of DOE’s follower
66 Big tub
69 Riddle, part 4
74 Facial blinker
75 Caviar base
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77 Oklahoma city
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83 Riddle, part 5
90 Turner of song
93 Add to the work force
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95 No. on a map
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7 Chocolate cookie-flavored Post cereal
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16 Jack Sprat’s no-no
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21 Jennifer Lopez’s “J to — L-O”
27 Dull
28 Homer Simpson’s outburst
32 Cruel Roman emperor
33 Male lover
34 Echidnas eat them
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37 Squarish, as a vehicle
38 Four minus one, in Italy
39 Greal rival
40 Trailing plant
41 — Strauss
42 Wizard of Oz creator
49 Work over
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52 “Luther” star
53 Repeated jazz phrase

54 Smoker’s puff
56 Pi-sigma link
59 Sport — (off-roader)
60 Your, biblically
61 “Bilby, Don’t Be —” (1974 hit song)
62 Insect egg
63 Beginning
64 Laidler of makeup
66 Seasoned, oily salad dressings
67 French buddy
68 Turner of TV
70 Big coffee dispensers
71 Vincent van —
72 Incline
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79 Christmas
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91 Nailed the performance
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98 Nuke, as leftovers
99 Standards
100 NFL six-pointers
101 Legendary Manhattan restaurant
102 Fluck, as brows
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104 With 109-Down, part of a Florida orchard
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Local poet releases book of truths, memories

By BILL KNIGHT

For The Weekly Post

YATES CITY – Poetry can present truths, but at a time like this – when truth is doubted – where does that leave poetry?

George Tanner defies doubts and offers truths – plus shared memories, fresh observations and unsettling thoughts – by effectively mixing “sunshine and sadness,” as he says, in a 95-page, limited-edition book, “Deep Enough to Fish.”

A sage of Yate City, the former teacher and award-winning poet collects 39 individual poems in nine short sections, as well as 22 brief works and short notes worth taking to heart or posting on a refrigerator.

His title refers to places and the activity that brought Tanner together with brothers Ozier and Winnett, to whom Tanner dedicates the collection for “our 70 years of friendships,” along with Jim and Bill, Chip and Buzz, and neighbors and readers.

Tanner’s writing fits comfortably alongside poets I’ve enjoyed, from populist Illinoisan Carl Sandburg to

Beat writer Diane Di Prima, plus collections creatively tied to topics dear to my soul (David Tucker’s “Late for Work,” about newspapering, and “Line Drives,” edited by Tim Wiles and Brooke Horvath, about baseball).

Some may feel put off by poetry or even confused by some of its structures, such as blank verse and free verse. But as a professor once said decades ago, prose is “line after line” and poetry “line under line,” respectively.

Here, Tanner is both nostalgic and no-nonsense, painting near-universal reminiscences, like, “I am a boy throwing a ball against a wall/ at nine, an arm extended/ the five and dime rubber ball whistled/ on a true plane, impacting the barnside/ returning in hops of youthful vigor...”

Whether wistful, or thoughtful and heavy, or light doggerel, the words flow and gurgle like a creek over a rocky bottom: “...I would move along the shore,/ where the young hickories and oaks crept near/their shade turning the shallows to shadow/ there the rock bass felt more secure/ hovering like a red-eyed sentry over the bed/ the art of the catch was parts tease and tempt,/ never quite sure if the strike came/ because of a guardian reflex, or the need to feed.”

Elsewhere, in “My bipolar odys-

sey,” Tanner writes, “I ride the lightning of manic high/ then cower deep in cloudy depression forever the sailor, ever on the raging sea/ tossed by the Storm of brain chemistry.”

A wonderful, heart-tugging recollection of Pulitzer Prize-winning war correspondent Ernie Pyle reporting on “oddities on the D-Day beach” – a banjo, a tennis racket and a little dog – relates the mundane to the monumental. Meanwhile, other philosophical thoughts or current-events commentaries provide a scope of living. About the pandemic, he writes, “We wish for you safety, strength, and optimism/ especially for those on the frontline of health care/ during this Season of Peace/ and for the hopeful New Year./ In masks and at a distance.”

The standout piece may be “Link the gandy dancer,” an autobiographical reflection about working as a teen one summer on a railroad section gang, with an African American mentor of sorts who sent young Tanner off to college with encouragement, saying, “Workin’ the road only fit for fools and mules.”

“Deep Enough to Fish” is fearless and fun.

Tanner plans readings at area libraries this winter, and he’s made the paperback available for \$12 (\$10 plus \$2 postage) by mailing a check or money order to him at: 205 N. Burson, Yates City, IL 61572.

LAWMAKERS: ‘Minimize exposure’

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Statehouse under strict testing, masking and social distancing protocols.
When lawmakers con-

vened the regular session later in January, both chambers adopted special rules allowing committee meetings to be held re-

motely and for some members to participate in floor debate and vote on legislation remotely.
“We continue to monitor the situation in an effort to protect our colleagues, our staffs and everyone else who is part of a legislative session day,” Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park said. “We have work to do, and we’ve proven that we can do it, minimize exposure and keep people healthy and safe. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the vaccines and booster shots available to protect themselves and those around them.”

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Bible study starting in Williamsfield Feb. 1

WILLIAMSFIELD – Teri Shane, the pastor at Williamsfield and Dahinda United Methodist churches, is starting a six-session Community Bible Study that will begin on Feb. 1 at the Williamsfield Public Library from 7-8 p.m.

Shane welcomes anyone interested in God’s word to the study, which is based on the book “Vanishing Grace: What Ever Happened to the Good News” by author Philip Yancey.

“In ‘Vanishing Grace,’ Yancey shows the desperate need our world has for grace, and how Christians can truly make the gospel good news again. In this video-based small group Bible study, participants will explore what kind of news is good to a culture that thinks it has rejected the Christian version,” Shane said. “Wading deep into the transformative power of grace, you will hear illuminating stories of how faith can be ex-

pressed in ways that disarm even the most cynical.”

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Shane by Jan. 15 (so she can order materials) at pstrshane@yahoo.com or at (309) 639-2389. If there is enough interest, Shane will offer a second afternoon class.

Camp Big Sky holding fundraiser at Par-A-Dice

EAST PEORIA – Camp Big Sky, in partnership with the Pilot Club of Peoria, will host a Kickin’ it Up fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 22, at Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino at 6 p.m.

The event will feature southern food, silent and live auctions and live entertainment. Funds raised will benefit children and adults with disabilities in Central Illinois served by Camp Big Sky.

Tickets are \$50 per person, or \$400 for a table of eight, and provide a homestyle country buffet, tea/coffee, dessert and live entertainment by Dawg Walker.

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Reserve tickets online at campbigsky.org/kickin-it-up/ or send a check payable to Camp Big Sky to: P.O. Box 56 Farmington, IL 61531. Reservations are due by Jan 15.

Adult literary tutor training in Peoria

PEORIA – ROE Adult Literacy will be conducting an Adult Basic Literacy & ELL Volunteer Tutor Training at the Peoria North Branch Library, Grand Parkway, Peoria, on Jan. 10, 12, 13 and 19 from 5:30-8 p.m. each day.

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Steven F. Bell

ELMWOOD – Steven F. Bell, 72, of Elmwood died on Dec. 28, 2021. Services are pending at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood.

Denise J.D. Hayes

YATES CITY – Denise June Davis Hayes, 62, of Yates City, Ill., passed away in the early morning of Dec. 31, 2021, at her home with the love of her life, her husband, Tom, by her side.

She was born on Nov. 2, 1959, in Peoria, Ill. She was the daughter of Roger and Janet (Lishman) Davis of Yates City. She married Tom Hayes on April 23, 1977, at the United Methodist Church of Farmington, Ill. He survives.

Denise is also survived by her mother, Janet; her sisters, Tammy (Joe) Brokaw of Monmouth, Connie (Russell) Krans of LaFayette, and Christine (Joel) Clark of Sherwood, Wis.; her brother, Ronald (Kari) Davis of Elmwood; her daughter, Stephanie Hayes of Bushnell, Ill.; her son, Andrew Hayes of Bushnell; her grandson, Jason Hahn of Yates City; her granddaughter, Alyxandria (Bailey) Sturgis of Monmouth; her great-grandson, Aeris Sturgis; and many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents.



Hayes

Denise was a 1977 graduate of Yates City High School where she was active in chorus, drama and pompons. She worked as a waitress at the Packinghouse Dining Company in Galesburg while attending Carl Sandburg College during the 1980s, after which she worked as the office manager for Zelmer's Dinner Theater in Farmington. She then worked as assistant to the director of tourism for the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. She also worked part-time as the secretary of the Elmwood United Methodist Church.

She was best known as the librarian for the Salem Township Library, a job she loved for over 16 years. She only retired when her health would no longer allow it. It was her great passion to organize activities, and programs for the young and old as well. She wanted everyone to feel welcome, and to love the library as much as she did.

Denise was an avid reader, finishing one book after another, and would always give helpful reviews of these books to anyone who would ask her about them. She loved to suggest books to patrons of the library. Her personal favorites were "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott, "The Killer Angels" by Michael Shaara and "Gone With the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell. She gravitated toward historical novels, but would read any type of book she found of interest.

Denise loved her family very much and was a wonderful mother

and grandmother. She was a master at knitting, crocheting and cross-stitch, and delighted at making gifts such as quilts, afghans and cross-stitch art for her children, grandkids, family and friends.

She loved playing Scrabble with her sister, Chris, and anyone else who could present a challenge to her at the game, although there were few.

Denise was a Christian woman who loved Jesus, and an active member of the Elmwood United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed attending services as well as bible studies, helping with food pantry and Sunday School, as well as other activities. She also helped organize Vacation Bible School every summer for many years.

She loved to travel with her husband, Tom, and together they enjoyed many wonderful trips all over the United States during their 44 years of marriage. She loved the mountains and caves, and they made sure to visit them whenever possible. The two also enjoyed old movies, "Casablanca" being their favorite. She loved the theatre, trivia games, "Jeopardy!" and cheering on her beloved Chicago Cubs, who won the World Series on her birthday in 2016.

She had a wonderful happy life, and was blessed with many good friends, a loving husband and a terrific family, all of whom loved her very, very much.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be a visitation

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from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at the Elmwood United Methodist Church followed by a funeral service at 11:30 a.m., at the church. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall, directly after the service. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Salem Township Library or the Elmwood United Methodist Church.

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Oaks Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

Edward A. Hougham

PRINCEVILLE – Edward Arlen Hougham, 81, of Princeville, Ill., died peacefully at his home on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, with the love of his life, Sharron, holding his hand. He was surrounded by his six children during this time and went out of this world to be with the Lord, knowing he was truly loved.

Ed was born on Jan. 31, 1940. His wonderful life’s journey took him to serve in the Air Force, working on the Titan Mis-

siles and aircraft carriers. He was an honored and respected 50-year member of the Local 353 Steamfitters Union in Peoria, and retired from Ruyle Heating and Cooling after a successful career.

Most importantly, his greatest accomplishment was his family. He is survived by his wife of almost 58 years, Sharron M. Hougham of Princeville and his six children and their families: Kimberly Houchin; Dawn Miller; Sonya Goodman and husband, Chris; Brent Hougham, Bryan Hougham and wife, Nicole;

Brad Hougham and wife Brooke. He is also survived by grandchildren, in order: Cole Miller, Clint Miller, Kyle Schoenbein, Taylor Hougham, Ava Hougham, Luke Hougham, Lauren Hougham, Mac-lain Hougham, Gabrielle Schupbach, Christopher Goodman, Griffin Hougham and Sydney Hougham; and great-grandchildren: Pawnee Miller and Canyon Miller. He is also survived by his baby sister, Carole Lansford.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Frances Hougham; along with his younger brother, Terry Hougham.

Edward enjoyed his family, farming, raising cattle, traveling, cards and golf.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Rev. Chris Goodman will officiate. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Jubilee Churchyard Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans www.ihelpveterans.org. Condolences may be left for Edward’s family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Amanda Oldfield

FARMINGTON – Amanda Oldfield, 46, of Farmington, passed away at 1:11 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021, at her residence. She was born on Jan. 11, 1975, in Canton, a daughter of James and Donita (McAdams) Mac-canelli. She married Rob Oldfield on May 21, 2011, in Middlegrove. He survives.

Also surviving is her mother, Donita of Farmington; two children,

Brandon Moore of Farmington and Samantha (Jordan) Folsom of Hartsburg; one grandson, Braxton; two sisters, Becky (Josh) Guy of Alabama and Cassy (Duke) Anderson of Farmington; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and a son, Jonathan Moore.

Amanda loved her family more than anything. She grew up babysitting everyone’s kids while dreaming of someday having a family of her own. After surviving the devastating loss of her first son Jonathan, Amanda became a loving mom to Brandon and Samantha. Raising loving, caring kids became her world as she watched them grow. She then married her best friend and true love Rob Oldfield. They enjoyed family gatherings, long drives in the country, camping, catching up with friends and watching kids anytime they were asked.

First known as “Aunt Mimi and Uncle Ra” by all the nieces and nephews, they were most recently proud to be called “Mimi & Papa” when their first grandchild Braxton was born. They adored Braxton and loved being with him as much as possible. Amanda had the kindest heart and will forever be remembered and missed by all those who love her.

Amanda was a member of Farmington Moose Lodge #1571.

Per Amanda’s wishes, cremation rites were accorded through Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington. Graveside services and burial of the ashes were held on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at Brunswick Cemetery in rural Trivoli. Rev. David Swain officiated. Memorials can be made to an education fund for her grandson, Braxton. To leave online condolences, please visit www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.



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NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **WANDA M. BURDETT** on October 27, 2021. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **PAMELA S. GILLES**, of 10533 North Princeville-Jubilee Road, Brimfield, Illinois 61517, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **15th day of July, 2022**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 2075, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 20th day of December, 2021.

PAMELA S. GILLES, Executor of the **Estate of WANDA M. BURDETT, Deceased.**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE

10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PEORIA COUNTY

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Busey Bank

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Peggy A. King; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

No. 21-CH-00090

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF

REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/20/2021, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on February 7, 2022 at the hour of 8:30 AM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Library Trustees of the Lillie M. Evans Library District, Peoria County, Illinois, as of December 9, 2021 has available a copy of its audit report for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The audit was conducted by the firm of Douglas W. Irwin & Co., Ltd. and may be publicly inspected at the main office of the Library District at 207 N Walnut, Princeville, Illinois, during normal business hours which are: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am-8pm; Wednesdays & Fridays 9am-5pm; and Saturdays 9am-1pm.

Lillie M. Evans Library District

By: Deb Givens

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Published 1/6/22

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 22, 2021, a Certificate of Ownership of an Assumed Name Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois, stating that AMANDA SCHETZ intends to conduct and transact business under the name of HAIROPTIX, located at 4812 N. Prospect Rd., Peoria Heights, IL 61616.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2021.

Rachael Parker

Peoria County Clerk

Published 1/6, 1/13, 1/20/22

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-4

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022,

OF THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That, whereas, there was passed by the Board of Trustees of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, on September 20, 2021, and published in The Weekly Post, a newspaper of general circulation in said sanitary district on October 14, 2021, the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, is in words and figures as follows:

See Attached Exhibit "A"

THEREFORE, there is hereby levied and assessed upon all property within the corporate limits of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, Knox County, Illinois, subject to taxation, as the same is assessed and equalized for the year, 2021, the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-one Thousand One Hundred Ninety and no/100 Dollars (\$351,190.00) for the following purposes.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND INVESTMENT BALANCES

Part I

GENERAL FUND

Anticipated cash balance 07/01/21	\$1,273,076.00
Anticipated Taxes	\$ 351,190.00
Anticipated Sewer Use Fees	\$ 240,000.00
Loans and Grants	\$ -
Special Assessments	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 8,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts for General Fund and Beginning Balance for the General Fund	\$1,872,266.00

Part II

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

(Constituting the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, as provided in SECTION 3 of this Ordinance):

GENERAL FUND

A. Administration

1. Salaries	
a. Trustees	\$ 13,500.00
b. Operator	\$ 53,000.00
c. Payroll Taxes	\$ 24,000.00
d. Health Insurance	-
e. Accountant	\$ 25,000.00
f. Audit	-
g. Services Purchased	\$ 3,020.00
h. Legal Fees	\$ 8,000.00
i. Contingency Fund	-
2. Insurance	\$135,000.00
3. Bonds	\$ 500.00
4. Misc. Administration Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Subtotal	\$141,520.00
B. Operational Supplies	
1. Power (electricity)	\$ 19,000.00
2. Materials and Supplies	\$ 6,750.00
3. Plant and Grounds Maintenance	\$ 31,500.00
4. Telephone	\$ 2,200.00
5. New Equipment	\$ 17,950.00
6. IEPA Fees	
\$ 2,500.00	
7. Contingency Fund	\$ 25,000.00

8. Interest Expense

9. Loan Payments

Subtotal.....

C. Engineering and Development Expenses

1. Existing System

2. Future Improvements

Subtotal.....

TOTAL.....

8. Interest Expense

9. Loan Payments

Subtotal.....

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1. Existing System

2. Future Improvements

Subtotal.....

TOTAL.....

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of this said THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISRICT be and he is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of Knox County, Illinois, on or before the last Tuesday in December, 2021, a copy of this Ordinance, duly certified by said Clerk.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED The 20th day of December, 2021.

APPROVED The 20th day of December, 2021.

/S/ Gerald M. Lichter

President of the Board of Trustees of The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District

ATTEST:

/S/ Daniel E. Dunn

Clerk of the Board of Trustees of The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District and Chief Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK OF THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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) ss

COUNTY OF KNOX

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I, DANIEL E. DUNN, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed qualified and acting Clerk of the Board of Trustees of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, Knox County, Illinois, and as such Clerk, I am the keeper of the records and files of the said SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT;

I do further certify that the foregoing and attached Ordinance No. 2021-4 is a full, true correct copy of said Ordinance of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, Knox County, Illinois, duly passed and adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT at a meeting held on the 20th day of December, 2021, as the same appears in the office records in my care and custody and that said Ordinance is now in full force and effect.

/S/ Daniel E. Dunn

Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District and Chief Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATE OF PRESIDING OFFICER

OF THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

The undersigned hereby certifies that he is the presiding officer of The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District; and, as such presiding officer, he hereby further certifies that the Levy Ordinance of The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, a certified copy of which is appended hereto, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with, the provisions of Section 4 through 7 of the Act known as the: "Truth in Taxation Act."

The notice and hearing requirements of Section 6 of the Act are inapplicable.

The notice requirement of Section 7 is inapplicable.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2021.

/S/ Gerald M. Lichter

Presiding Officer

“Exhibit A”

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-3

ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

OF THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

WHEREAS, there has been prepared in tentative form an Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, located in the County of Knox and State of Illinois, and the Clerk of said The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District has made said tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance conveniently available to the public for inspection for at least ten (10) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 20th day of September, 2021, notice of which hearing was given at least ten (10) days prior thereto by publishing in The Weekly Post, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, and by posting said notice in Three (3) of the most public places within said sanitary district, at least ten (10) days prior to the time of said hearing, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the fiscal year of this, The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, be and the same hereby is declared to be from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, both inclusive.

SECTION 2. That the following budget, containing in Part I an estimate of receipts and containing in Part II an estimate of expenditures, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this, The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the law:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND INVESTMENT BALANCES

Part I

GENERAL FUND

Anticipated cash balance 07/01/21	\$1,273,076.00
Anticipated Taxes	\$ 351,190.00
Anticipated Sewer Use Fees	\$ 240,000.00
Loans and Grants	\$ -
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Other Income	\$ 8,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts for General Fund and Beginning Balance for the General Fund.....	\$1,872,266.00

Part II

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

(Constituting the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, as provided in SECTION 3 of this Ordinance):

GENERAL FUND

A. Administration

1. Salaries	
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7. Contingency Fund

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\$ 25,000.00

SECTION 3. That there is hereby appropriated for the use of this, The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, for the said fiscal year the total sum of One Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-six and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,872,266.00) such total sum being divided amongst the several objects and purposes specified and enumerated and in the particular amounts stated for each object and purpose respectively in Part II of Section 2 hereof, entitled "Part II ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (constituting the Appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, as provided in Section 3, of this Ordinance.)", is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this SECTION 3 with the same effect as if said statement was repeated in its entirety, and that this SECTION 3 shall be and is the annual appropriation ordinance of this, The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, passed by the Board of Trustees thereof as required by law, and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the law.

PASSED by the Board of Directors of The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District and approved this 20th day of September 2021.

/S/ Gerald M. Lichter

President of the Board of Trustees of The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District

ATTEST:

/S/ Daniel E. Dunn

Clerk of the Board of Trustees of The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District and Chief Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATE OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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) ss.

COUNTY OF KNOX

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The undersigned, being the clerk of the taxing district hereinafter named, does hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the budget and appropriation ordinance or resolution of said district for its 2021-2022 fiscal year, adopted September 20, 2021.

The undersigned, being the chief fiscal officer of the taxing district hereinafter named, does hereby certify that the estimate of revenue, by source, anticipated to be received by said taxing district, either set forth in said ordinance as "Estimated Receipts and Investment Balances" or attached hereto by separate document, is a true statement of said estimate.

This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirements of the Revenue Act, as amended, Chap. 102, Par. 643, (now 35 ILCS 200/18-50) and on behalf of the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, Knox County, Illinois.

Dated: September 20, 2021.

/S/ Daniel E. Dunn

Clerk

/S/ Daniel E. Dunn

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Amber Waves


by Dave T. Phipps

THE SNOW HAS LET UP. I AM GOING TO GO OUT AND SHOVEL THE SIDEWALK.

I GUESS I'M GONNA HAVE TO BUY ANOTHER SHOVEL IN ORDER TO FIND THE FIRST ONE AS SOMEBODY LEFT IT OUT.

Out on a Limb


by Gary Kopervas

A BUNCH OF SPOILED ANGRY KIDS CONDESCEND AT THE MOON.

K.F.D.


by Mike Mariand

WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION, SIM?

OH, I'M DONE MAKIN' THOSE!

WHAT'S A MATTER -- 'FRAID OF A CHALLENGE?

WELL, IF I WAS, MILLIE...

I WOULDN'T BE A FARMER.

TOUCHÉ, SEMI TOUCHÉ!

The Spats


by Jeff Pickering

DO YOU KNOW THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DIVORCE IN NORTH AMERICA?

HUSBANDS.

GIRLS BKB: Brimfield falls to No. 1 in Class 2A

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Meyers (20 points) and Glenn (19 and 5 treys).

“They have inside-outside. They’ve got three really good post players. They’ve got it all,” Princeville Coach John Gross said of the Lady Trojans. “They’ve got what I had for those three years when we won 30 games [per year].”

Earlier that day, Elmwood topped Galva, 42-18, behind 14 from Glenn and 10 apiece from post players Meyers and Lauren Rushing.

On Dec. 27, the Lady Trojans topped Midland (55-16) thanks to 14 from Glenn and 11 apiece from Rushing and Bre Turner. Later that day, Elmwood beat Bushnell-Prairie City (53-27) behind Meyers (18), Glenn (11) and Rushing (11).

“I felt like sophomore Lauren Rushing had a breakout tournament,” Coach Meyers said. “She was able to help us out significantly by providing 8.4 points and 5.2 rebounds per game.”

Glenn led with 14.8 ppg, but Meyers also credited Turner for her defense and 20 assists and Ainsley Faulkner for 22 assists and for being “a constant pest” on defense, where she made 17 steals and had 19 deflections.

“The fact we are 14-3 is that all those guys have been contributing all the way along,” Coach Meyers said.

Elmwood was to play at Farmington on Wednesday and is home vs. Ridgewood on Thursday.

Brimfield

A lack of shots and a lack of made free throws doomed Brimfield (13-2) in a battle of top-ranked teams in the title game of the small school girls portion of the State Farm Classic on Dec. 30.

Class 1A No. 1 Brimfield made just 9 of 22 free throws vs. Class 2A No. 1 Winnebago (17-0) and the Lady Indians did not get as many field-goal attempts as usual en route to a 57-42 loss. A 16-5 second-quarter run boosted Winnebago to a 33-17 half-time lead it would not yield.

“For the game as a whole, and especially the second quarter, we didn’t get up enough shots,” Brimfield Coach Maribeth Dura said. “They put up probably twice as many shots as us, which is unusual. We’re usually the team that puts up twice as many as the other team.”

Ella Lune scored 28 points to keep Brimfield in the game.

The Lady Indians had better balance in a 42-40 semifinal win over Paris, the No. 3 ranked team in Class 2A. Jaclyn Fabry led with 16 points, Lune added 11 and Elynn Peterson had 9 for Brimfield, which again struggled on free throws, going 10-for-22.

“We’d like [Fabry] to do that all the time,” Dura said. “Her shots were good and she was really solid at both ends.”

Brimfield had won its quarterfinal game over Rock Falls, 45-30, on Dec. 28. Lune had 20, Sophie Bedell scored 10 and Fabry had 7, but Peterson suffered a sprained ankle in the game that Dura said slowed her some in the two final contests.

In its opener on Dec. 27, Brimfield routed El Paso-Gridley, 60-25, as Peterson had 17, Lune scored 16 and Elly Doe added 9.

“We came out of this with some things we have to work on,” Dura said. “That’s our New Year’s resolution: To get better, crisper and work harder.”

Brimfield was at Midwest Central

on Wednesday and travels to Stark County on Saturday.

Princeville

The Lady Princes (7-6) finished 3-2 at their tournament with wins over Galva (45-23), BPC (62-33) and Midland (58-15) and losses to Tremont (61-56) and Elmwood (48-26).

“We beat who we thought we would, had a close game with Tremont and Elmwood just blew us away after the first quarter and a half,” Coach Gross said. “Caitlyn Thole and Destinee Harwood both had five good games for us.”

Thole scored 14 against Elmwood, but got in foul trouble in the first half and came out of the tournament with an aching shoulder. That’s one of several ailments for Princeville, which was without starter Leah Wieland and two other players Monday in a 55-49 win at Knoxville.

The Lady Princes were to play Galva at home Wednesday and then travel to Peoria Heights on Thursday.

Farmington

Prior to a long break for the holidays, Farmington (7-8) won its last game on Dec. 22, topping Knoxville, 48-45 despite trailing 16-6 after one quarter.

“We played great team defense after the first quarter and Riley Jansen had a great game,” Coach Brad Whitcomb said.

Jansen was one of eight players who scored for Farmington and she tallied all 18 of her team-high points after the first quarter.

Delaney Foster added 13 points, with 7 from the free throw line.

Deer Creek-Mackinaw had to postpone Monday’s game for COVID complications. Farmington was to be home against Elmwood Wednesday and travels to Tremont Saturday.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Trivia test**
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which Russian city used to be called Leningrad?
2. SCIENCE: What is the coldest city in the northern hemisphere?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "persona non grata" mean?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state's flag is the only one currently that is two-sided?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the first animal to appear on a U.S. coin?
6. FOOD & DRINK: How many herbs and spices are in the original recipe of Kentucky Fried Chicken?
7. MOVIES: How many movies did Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire make together?
8. LITERARY: In the Harry Potter book series, what are N.E.W.T.s?
9. TELEVISION: How many children were in "The Addams Family" sitcom?
10. HISTORY: In what year was the first email sent?

Answers
1. St. Petersburg
2. Oymyakon, Russia
3. An unwelcome person
4. Oregon (state seal on one side and a figure of a beaver on the other side)
5. An eagle
6. 11
7. 10
8. Critical examinations (Nastily Exhausting Wizarding Test).
9. Two: Wednesday and Pugsley
10. 1971

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FOR ANSWERS
SEE PAGE 12

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.

KABBDKK ZK S VTAKI FDSBWDE.
ZF KDHABDK KCSEF XDTXVD
ZRFT FWZRJZRP FWDI BSR'F VTKD.
— GZVV PSFDK

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. West Side Story (PG-13)
2. Encanto (PG) animated
3. Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG-13)
4. House of Gucci (R)
5. Eternals (PG-13)
6. Resident Evil: Racoon City (R)
7. Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG)
8. Christmas With the Chosen: The Messengers (NR)
9. Dune: Part One (PG-13)
10. Venom:Carnage (PG-13)

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BOYS BKB: Elmwood third at Princeville despite injuries and illness

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defense that held Rockridge to 24.3 percent shooting. Embry limited Jase Whiteman to seven points and Barnes and Corbin Rutledge (16 points) combined to make things tough for Rockridge’s other scorer, Nate Henry (15 points).

“We forced Henry to go left all night,” Lozier said, explaining a gameplan that worked well.

Morse tallied 13 for Farmington and Barnes had 7 points and a game-high 7 rebounds.

The semifinal on Dec. 29 was a back-and-forth affair that ended on a missed jumper by Liberty at the buzzer. Morse finished with 16 points and hit 3 of 5 3-pointers for Farmington while Embry scored 10.

Farmington shot just 31.7 percent from the floor against Eureka and was 3-for-17 on treys. Rutledge led with nine points and Morse had eight.

Morse and Rutledge earned all-tournament honors, but Lozier also credited Ethan Evans, Embry and Barnes for having a very strong tournament.

“Keauntrey found out he can play varsity this tournament,” Lozier said. “He just did so many things that don’t show up in the scorebook.”

The Farmers were at Havana on Tuesday and are home against IVC on Saturday and Bushnell-Prairie City on Jan. 11.

Elmwood

PRINCEVILLE – Despite injuries and playing without head coach Josh Fugitt, who was home with COVID, the Trojans (8-6) placed third at the 93rd annual Princeville Holiday Tournament.

Assistant coach Brandon Butler coached the Trojans to a 2-1 record. Elmwood’s lone loss was a 63-46 setback in the Dec. 28 semifinals to No. 2 seed Ridgewood (6-3), which went on to win the title game against previously unbeaten Midland (13-1), 71-63.

Fugitt, who livestreamed the games from home, said his team’s defensive lapses hurt in the semifinal.

“When we play teams



In addition to shooting 3-pointers and scoring points, Elmwood senior Andrew Marincic spent some time inside at the Princeville Holiday Tournament helping rebound and defend in the post due to injuries to teammates. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

with better players, they make us pay [for our defensive lapses],” Fugitt said. “They didn’t miss much inside.”

Andrew Marincic led with 16 points and Brayden Lehman added 10 points while Layne Durst scored 9. Marincic, Durst and freshman Bo Windish were the rebounding leaders with four apiece.

The Trojans closed the tournament with a 50-43 win over Princeville, which was down to seven players and was missing two starters. Elmwood had issues of its own in the game, as Lehman reaggravated a knee injury and Brendan Williams was home sick.

As a result, Marincic spent more time that usual playing inside and grabbed a team-high 6 rebounds to go with 16 points. Durst scored 15 and Windish tallied 12.

“Brandon did an excellent job keeping the kids focused,” Fugitt said. “Once Brayden went out, he slid Marincic to the 4 position and Andrew did a really nice job of that.”

The Trojans negotiated Peoria Height’s matchup 2-3 zone in the opener for a 61-42 win. Heights won the consolation title.

Marincic led with 18 points, Windish had 15 (and went 3-for-6 on treys) and Lehman scored 11.

“We moved the ball well against their 2-3 zone,” Fugitt said.

Elmwood’s game with Brimfield Tuesday was postponed. The Trojans play ROWVA-Williamsfield at home on Friday.

Senior Victor Lenzi is recovering from an ankle injury and could return this week or next, Fugitt said.

Princeville

PRINCEVILLE – Princeville (1-6) got a much-needed win in the first round of its 93rd annual holiday tournament, downing Henry-Senachwine, 56-32, on Dec. 27.

“We played well. We got to the basket and played really good defense and found a way to close out that game,” Coach Tait Sennett said. “Henry made a little run to get within 12 and then we were able to put a run of our together and seal the deal.”

Things didn’t go as well for the Princes in their final two games. In a Dec. 28 semifinal loss to Midland (55-23), the Princes could not contend with a hot-shooting foe. Sennett said top-seeded Midland hit on 47 percent of its 3s.

“We had hands in their faces and they still shot the ball well,” Sennett said. “We just couldn’t stop that part of it. And defensively, they got in our chest and we couldn’t do a whole lot.”

The Princes played better on both ends of the court in the third-place game vs. Elmwood before falling, 50-43.

Princeville was without



nine players, two starters and head coach Sennett due to COVID rules, leaving just seven players on the bench and assistant coach Aaron Cowser to run the show.

“Parker Melick and Tucker Osborne did really well for us handling the ball and their pressure,” Sennett said. “I’m proud of our kids for how they fought and played.”

Princeville was to play Stark County on Tuesday.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

Before taking a long

holiday break, the Cougars (6-6) ran their win streak to three with a 65-46 road victory over North Fulton back on Dec. 22.

After a slow start, R-W regained control and wound up putting three players in double figures: Graham Wight with 23, Carson Malek with 21 and Dylan Tucker with 14.

“I think maybe the kids though they were getting good after winning a couple,” R-W Coach Bob Anderson said. “But after the start we played pretty

good. That was the first game we had everybody back in awhile.”

Malek and Wight missed some practice over break and were not eligible to start Tuesday at Ridge-wood. R-W travels to Elmwood Friday and plays the Trojans Monday, Jan. 10 in the ICAC Tournament.

Brimfield

The Indians (5-1) took a break over the holidays and then were forced to postpone Tuesday’s game at Elmwood due to COVID issues.

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The Elmwood girls basketball team won the 10th annual Lee Westerman Tournament at Princeville last week. Team members are: Front Row (left to right) – Melody Glenn, Kady Head, Kaitlyn Noll, Ainsley Faulkner, Mae Herman and Allie Svymbersky. Back Row (l to r) – Emma May, Bre Turner, Lauren Rushing, Liv Meyers, Lexi Lehman and Chloe Howerton. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

Elmwood girls 1st at Princeville

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – If the last tournament final left a bitter taste in the mouth of Elmwood girls basketball players, last week’s finale was a much sweeter experience. Elmwood (14-3) won five games in 50 hours to win the 10th annual Lee Westerman Tournament, and the closest contest was a 52-32 win over Tremont, which finished second in the tournament.

“It’s a much nicer way to end a tournament than the Knoxville Tournament, when we were just kind of flat,” Elmwood Coach Gregg Meyers said. “Defense is probably the best thing going for us right

now. If we’re going to win games, and by double digits, it’s because we hold people under 35.”

At Princeville, Elmwood outscored foes by an average of 50-24, despite missing four players for most of the tournament. Guard Mae Herman missed four games, but returned against Tremont.

In that game, Melody Glenn tallied 16 points, Herman had 11 and Liv Meyers scored 10 inside. Similar scoring patterns emerged for the other games.

Against Princeville on Dec. 28, Elmwood trailed 7-6 after one quarter before running off with a 48-26 win behind

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Farmers fall in title game

Farmington improves to 14-3; Elmwood 3rd at P’ville

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

MACOMB – Down 12 at halftime of the Macomb-Western Holiday Tournament title game, Marty Lozier figured his Farmington boys basketball team could still mount a comeback.

Then Eureka hit 81.3 percent of its shots in the final two quarters – despite what Lozier called “pretty good defense.” Some games aren’t meant to be.

But aside from that 55-30 loss to Eureka – the Farmers’ second straight appearance in the tourney championship game – Farmington (11-3) enjoyed an excellent showing at WIU.

On the way to second place, Farmington got a buzzer beater to survive Illini West (49-47) in its opener, earned revenge against No. 1 seed Rockridge (44-31), outlasted No. 4 seed Liberty (45-43) and added to a doubly-impressive start, given that the Farmers have played all but one game on the



Logan Morse goes for a layup against Eureka in the title game of the Macomb-Western Holiday Tournament. Morse made the all-tournament team. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

road.

“They have found out how good they can be,” Lozier said. “You walk out of that tournament in the winner’s bracket with just one loss and you’ve had a good tournament.”

The Farmers opened on Dec. 27 by topping Illini West when Logan Morse made a layup as time ex-

pired. Top scorers were Riley Embry with 11 and Keauntrey Barnes with 10 off the bench, fueling a 16-5 bench-scoring advantage for Farmington.

Next came a rematch of the 2019 title game vs. top-seed Rockridge. This time, the Farmers earned revenge, thanks largely to a

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