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## IDOT 6-year, \$41 billion plan includes local projects

By **PETER HANCOCK**

Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation recently unveiled a plan for spending nearly \$41 billion in federal, state and local funds over the next six years to repair and upgrade roads, bridges, airports, rail lines and other infrastructure throughout the state.

At least seven of those projects will impact roads and bridges in The Weekly Post area.

The latest version of the plan, which IDOT updates annually, is the largest multiyear plan in state history. It's driven by the state's

2019 Rebuild Illinois capital infrastructure program. The initial six-year Rebuild Illinois plan included \$33.2 billion for transportation, funded largely by increases to the state's motor fuel tax and increases to driving-related licensing fees that took effect in 2020.

"Over the next six years, we're investing over \$40 billion to improve all modes of transportation across our great state," Gov. JB Pritzker said at a news conference in Springfield. "And that means better roads and bridges, modernized transit and aviation, and expanded and faster passenger rail service. It even extends to im-

proved river ports, new sewers and water infrastructure and a huge upgrade to bicycle and pedestrian accommodations."

More than half of the plan, \$27 billion, will go toward road and bridge projects, including \$4.6 billion in the current fiscal year. That will fund repair and reconstruction of 2,866 miles of roadway and 9.8 million square feet of bridge deck on the state highway system, along with another 738 miles of roadway and 1.1 million square feet of bridge deck in systems maintained by local governments.

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### Local IDOT road and bridge projects

- Interstate 74 – Bridge replacement over N. Brimfield Road in Brimfield. FY 2024. \$9 million.
- Interstate 74 – Resurfacing eastbound lanes east of Illinois 97 to the Spoon River. FY 2025-29. \$13 million.
- Interstate 74 – New bridge deck at County Highway 18, 3 miles east of the Spoon River. FY 2025-29. \$2.3 million.
- Interstate 74 – New bridge deck over Illinois Route 78, in Peoria County 1 mile east of the Knox County line. FY 2025-29. \$2.5 million.
- Interstate 74 – New bridge deck at the Kickapoo-Edwards Road interchange. FY 2025-29. \$5.5 million.
- Illinois Route 8 – Bridge replacement at Kickapoo Creek tributary, 1 mile east of Edwards. FY 2025-29. \$2 million.
- Illinois Route 97 – Designed overlay from Littlers Creek south to Illinois Route 116. FY 2025-29. \$12.6 million.

SOURCE: Illinois Department of Transportation

## SUMMER IN THE STABLE

### Ranch Horse

Brimfield girl competed in national ARHA contest

By **JOSIE GRIFFITH**

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Horse riding has become a hobby and sport for many individuals as they learn to ride, teach and build relationships with their horses.

Megan Gargiulo of Brimfield has taken the hobby to a new level through the American Ranch Horse Association's 2023 Youth Challenge. The challenge is a national competition for riders 18 and under.

Gargiulo, 18, was one of five winners selected nationwide based on horse knowledge, horsemanship and other factors. That earned her a free horse and the chance to compete in the championships in Ocala, Fla., from June 27 through July 7. She placed fourth.

"My mom (JoAnn Johnson) has been very into horses since I was a kid, so they've always been something I've been

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Megan Gargiulo of Brimfield and her yearling American Paint Horse, Brooks, recently competed in the American Ranch Horse Association's 2023 Youth Challenge in Ocala, Fla. Submitted photo.

## Williamsfield board debates officer hiring

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – Some Williamsfield School Board members thought it a priority for the district to hire a mental-health/guidance counselor. So did the superintendent.

Other board members wanted to prioritize hiring a school resource officer, a police position.

Ultimately, the board voted 5-2 Monday night to contract with the Knox County Sheriff's Office for a school resource officer and to consider hiring a counselor. The SRO is expected to begin duties in the 2023-24 academic year. No timetable was stipulated regarding the counselor.

"I am not opposed to talking about a social

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worker in the future. I'm not," Board President Chad Goff said. "But I think one of our highest priorities as a board is to ensure our kids' safety, our visitors, our staff."

Board Member Gina Strom argued for more input from parents and from the community before an SRO was authorized.

"Is anybody opposed to taking more time to really evaluate this? I can't sit here and say I'm for it and I

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# IDOT: \$135.1 million to expand U.S. 24

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The project list includes \$611.5 million for reconstruction and improvements to portions of Interstate 90 in Cook County that will include improving safety and access to O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. The plan also calls for spending \$135.1 million to expand portions of U.S. Highway 24 to four lanes in Peoria and Fulton counties; \$156 million to replace a bridge over the Mississippi River in Quincy; and \$116 million to replace a bridge over the Ohio River at Cairo.

The multiyear plan also earmarks \$13.96 billion for other modes of transportation, including \$9.85 billion for transit systems, \$2.67 billion for freight and passenger rail, \$1.25 billion for aviation projects, and \$190 million for ports and waterways.

Among the intermodal projects in the plan are \$100 million for safety and reliability improvements on Am-

trak's Saluki service between Chicago and Carbondale and runway improvements at municipal airports in Litchfield and Pontiac.

Transportation Secretary Omer Osman said the \$41 billion six-year plan represents a 10 percent increase over the previous multiyear plan, and the money earmarked for the current fiscal year represents a 25 percent increase over the previous fiscal year. "But that is due in large part to the engineering and planning effort in the early years of capital program (which) is starting to result in more construction activity on work on the street," he said.

Pritzker and other officials at the news conference emphasized that the Rebuild Illinois program is meant to do more than improve safety and efficiency in transportation. The program is also supporting thousands of high-paying jobs in construction, engineering and other fields.

"This is more than just new rail. This is more than a runway at an airport," said Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea. "This is about opportunities. We can see all those physical infrastructure improvements, but what we don't really see is the opportunities that this program creates for a diverse workforce with high wages, middle class wages, health care, and retirement security."

Through four years of the Rebuild Illinois program, IDOT has completed \$12.1 billion of improvements statewide, including 5,339 miles of highway, 533 bridges, and 762 other safety improvements.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### This Week's Hot Picks

- **Pork Chops** – A pork chop dinner to support Peoria County 4-H will be held Friday, July 14, at Expo Gardens in Peoria, 5-7 p.m. A project auction will be held at 7 p.m.
- **Band Concert** – Elmwood's Municipal Band plays Sundays at 7:30 p.m. in Central Park until Aug. 6.
- **Harvest Home** – Fundraiser dinner for the Harvest Home festival is July 20, 4:30-7 p.m. at Yates City Community Center. Cost \$13 for walleye, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, dessert and drink. Dine in or carry out.

# The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

The Weekly Post **CLOSED FOR VACATION**

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>87</b> 65 WNW 8 mph	<b>88</b> 67 SW 9 mph	<b>85</b> 64 NW 8 mph	<b>86</b> 64 W 10 mph	<b>83</b> 61 W 9 mph	<b>83</b> 64 W 12 mph	<b>87</b> 68 SSE 8 mph

### This Week's Events

- **Farmer's Markets** – Elmwood's weekly Farmer's Market is Fridays, 4-6:30 p.m. at Central Park. Vendors welcome. Weekly through Aug. 25.
- **Brimfield's Farmer's Market** is Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. downtown on Galena Street next to Brimfield Hardware Store.
- **Dementia Awareness** – A free dementia/Alzheimer's awareness and wellness program is Wednesday, July 19, at Brimfield Public Library at 6 p.m. Ages 18 and up.
- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays, 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4. Classes also on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville's Lillie M. Evans Library.

### Publicize Your Event

Call us at (309) 741-9790 or email information about your upcoming event to us at [news@wklypost.com](mailto:news@wklypost.com).

Brimfield E-Free Church has vacation Bible school July 24-27 from 6:15-8 p.m. for children in pre-K through 6th grade. Call (309) 446-3029.

• **Hunter's Safety** – A free hunter's safety class will be held at St. Mary of the Woods Church in Princeville on July 27-28 from 5-10 p.m. each night. You must attend both nights. Dinner will be provided both nights. The class is open to ages 9 and up, meaning student must be turning 9 by the end of 2023. To register, call (309) 229-4090.

• **Manna Meal** – The monthly Manna Meal is July 27 at Elmwood United Methodist Church at noon. Lasagna, chicken Alfredo lasagna, bread sticks, salad and desserts. Bring table service. Meals \$8.

• **Country Concert** – Elmwood Presbyterian Church encourages people to save the date for a free country/gospel concert with Dave & Daphne on Sunday, Sept. 17. Call (309) 264-4294 for details.

### Future Events

• **Bible School** – The Baptist Church of Brimfield has vacation Bible school July 22, 2-7 p.m. Classes, singing, crafts, games, wiener roast and more. Call (309) 678-2208.

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### Of locked doors, muffled embarrassment & virgins

Rambling through central Illinois, wishing I had been alive for The Summer of Love, not born during it.

During a recent visit to the semi-large city of Buffalo, N.Y., I struck up a conversation with a native of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The Yooper lamented how hard it was learning to lock doors after moving to the city.



Jeff LAMPE

I laughed and told him how hard it was learning to leave doors unlocked after moving to the Midwest.

Sadly, it appears my learning experience may be a thing of the past. In case you missed it, there has been a rash of car burglaries lately. Hanna City and Farmington have been hit and other small communities may soon be targets. Overall, Peoria County had the highest per-capita rate of auto-related crimes in Illinois in 2022 according to State's Attorney Jodi Hoos.

This is not an attempt to frighten, but it is a plea to lock your cars – or at least to take keys and key fobs inside after you park. Let's make it harder for vermin to steal from us.

While our communities are generally safe, you can't say your town doesn't have crime. Even Mayberry had crime, and folks, we are a long way from the days of Mayberry.

Drugs are increasingly taking hold in all communities, rural or urban. A lack of resources to treat mental health problems plagues some who

might otherwise be able to find help. Changing laws to give criminals additional rights – coupled with oft-spineless state's attorneys – makes the job even tougher for officers.

It all adds up to a simple message, one that was delivered to the Princeville Village Board the other day and one that you too should heed: Lock your car doors, and maybe even the doors to your house. The alternative is to run the risk of being robbed.

WE WILL NOT PRINT A PAPER NEXT WEEK! You have been warned, but feel free to complain anyway. ... Pavlov should have done an experiment to determine why free food tastes so good. Subway had a two-hour promotion this week for free 6-inch sandwiches and that freebie was the best-tasting Subway my mouth has tasted. ... Maybe this never happens to you, but every now and then it seems I've become a real adult. Then a situation arises making it clear that hurdle still awaits. Somehow, my two pickup trucks now reside in Havana and Wyoming – the close Havana and the far-away Wyoming. And somehow, the car I got in the deal wound up in a body shop in Hanna City (where the D&N crew is no doubt doing a great job). Even so, for the past few days that has left the TWP delivery van as my lone mode of transportation. The van has a busted muffler, which I forgot about until – while attempting to accelerate – my ears popped worse than on Cedar Point's Millennium Force roller coaster. Even the dog was dubious about riding in the van. Sigh. About all one can do is blast the radio and ponder why young men

pay to have mufflers this loud. What, so they can roar down Main Street, then roar back, in case nobody heard them the first time? Yes, youth is wasted on the young. We're headed your way soon muffler magi Paul Cokel, and you will definitely know when we arrive. ... All this loud noise is having an impact. Somehow, in a haze, I almost fast-forwarded past "A Whiter Shade of Pale." ... And a thought occurred to me after looking through a series of laptop pictures: Hunter S. Thompson really had nothing on Hunter Biden as far as extra-curriculars, though Thompson could write and worked for a living.

AI must have taken over our spell-checker. While proofing this issue, spellchecker listed IDOT as a suspect word and suggested IDIOT as a replacement. ... A free prairie tour is this Saturday at 9 a.m. through native plantings maintained by the Jubilee Prairie Dawgs north of Jubilee College State Park. Meet at the observatory at 14700 W. Brimfield-Jubilee Road. ... Amidst real concerns over impacts of the June drought on row crops, there is this: What will it mean to our Big Tomato Contest? Fewer entries? Smaller entries? ... It occurs to me I forgot to mention Scot Jehle of Elmwood had a hole-in-one at Maple Lane Country Club. Also, Scot, the advertising contract is coming up. Let's talk! ... Parting shot: Do they still write trippy lyrics like this? "One of 16 vestal virgins, who were leaving for the coast. And although my eyes were open, they might just as well've been closed."

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# Hemming and hawing avoids tougher action

After plowing through a new, 57-page USDA report titled “Concentration and Competition in U.S. Agribusiness,” I asked an agronomist friend who had also read the report why it seemed that its writers used so much “hem-and-haw” language in analyzing, for example, the rise of today’s powerful seed companies.

“I’m less interested in the authors’ conclusions and opinions,” the friend emailed back, “and more interested in the data they show. I think it’s up to those of us outside USDA-ERS” – the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Economic Research Service – “to interpret the data in a manner that’s less favorable to corporate agribusinesses.”

That’s good advice. There are reams of data in the report, particularly in three key focus areas: seeds, meatpacking, and food retail. We – or “us” outside of USDA – need to draw our own conclusions and push policymakers to do the same.

For example, according to USDA, “Between 1990 and 2020, prices paid by farmers for crop seed increased by an average of 270 percent, while seed prices for crops grown predominantly with genetically modified (GM) traits rose by 463 percent, substantially more than commodity output prices.”

How would most of “us” explain this incredible, 193 percent price increase in GM seed over non-GM seed during this period?

No doubt, many of us would link the price increase to the tightening grip that one seed giant was having

on GM traits in the U.S. corn, soybean and cottonseed markets.

USDA confirms this in its detailed analysis: “By 2009, GM traits owned or licensed by Monsanto were used on 95 percent of soybean acres, 81 percent of corn acres and 79 percent of cotton acres in the United States.”

But wait, the report hems, “The increases in seed prices reflected to a large degree the higher productivity of improved crop varieties and provided a return on investments in R&D by seed companies.”

So, which is it – the transparently evident tight control of GM traits by one company or the never-defined “returns on investments in R&D by seed companies?”

Both, haws USDA, because “Higher seed prices reflect to a large degree the market power that firms derive from their IPRs (intellectual-property rights)... and a return on company investment in R&D.”

That murky explanation reads more like a 2010 seed company press release than a 2023 USDA official report.

That’s the problem with this and other recent USDA reports on market concentration, notes Peter Carstensen, a professor of law emeritus at the University of Wisconsin and an expert in antitrust law and economic regulation.

The Ag department often takes the middle road because “USDA has little role” in regulating any market anymore.

“The big villain here is the DOJ,” the Department of Justice, the government agency, explains Carstensen, “that failed to challenge, or settled on ineffective terms, the major mergers” in agriculture.

The report’s conclusions in other

areas of its anticompetitive focus, meatpacking and food retailing – basically, grocery selling – are just as statistically solid and definitively inconclusive as its views on the seed market.

For example, the report notes in its summary, “Economic theory and empirical analyses demonstrate that high concentration can facilitate the exercise of market power, with firms driving sales prices above – or livestock purchase prices below – the prices that would prevail in competitive markets.”

“However” – and you knew there would be a “however” on the horizon soon – “the relationship between concentration and market power is not tight and high concentration can often result from factors like innovations or the realization of scale economies that improve productivity and reduce costs and prices.”

Austin Frerick, a Yale University fellow who researches ag antitrust and competition issues, agrees with Carstensen that DOJ could do far more to push tougher antitrust reviews and legal challenges. But USDA – and, specifically, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack – could be doing more, too.

“Vilsack hasn’t done anything meaningful to address the concentration issues highlighted here in seeds, meatpacking, and grocery stores,” notes Frerick. “He’s been doing a little song and dance ... but there’s no substance there.”

There sure is a lot of hemming and hawing, though.

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# Lock up cars, deputy tells Princeville board

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Because unfriendly characters probably are in and around Princeville, the Peoria County Sheriff's Office has a friendly reminder for village residents:

Lock your vehicles, among other security measures.

Thefts that involve automobiles, sport-utility vehicles and pickup trucks have been prevalent recently in and near Peoria County. Thieves are likely to target the county's northern sections, according to Vince Cogdal, the sheriff's-office deputy who patrols Princeville regularly.

"This is a nice community, but there are negative aspects that come through the community that some people may not be aware of," Cogdal told the Princeville Village Board during its meeting July 5.

The sheriff's office is among public-safety agencies that formed the Greater Peoria Auto Crimes Task Force. Announced in April, the task force is attempting to combat a rise in thefts of and from vehicles.

According to WCBU-FM in Peoria, the task

force includes representatives of the Peoria Police Department, the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office and the Illinois Secretary of State Police. Peoria County Sheriff Chris Watkins said juveniles often are behind the thefts.

State's Attorney Jodi Hoos said Peoria County had the highest per-capita rate of auto-related crimes in Illinois in 2022, WCBU reported. Peoria County had 622 reported auto thefts last year, up from 180 in 2015.

Earlier this year, catalytic converters were stolen from Princeville School District buses as they were parked in their storage facility at the west edge of town. Rashes of vehicle burglaries and thefts were reported last month in Farmington, located along the Peoria-Fulton county border.

Cogdal suggested anybody in Princeville who suspects a problem should contact the sheriff's office immediately. He also suggested drivers use common sense regarding their vehicles.

"Keep your lights on, shut your car doors, hide your belongings. Don't leave your keys in your car," Cogdal said. "It irks me to no end when people come into Casey's and leave their cars running and go in. It's just a matter of time before a car is stolen."

"I would just like the community to keep their eye out. These people are dangerous. I'm not trying to scare anybody, but they're very aggressive. You wouldn't want to challenge them."

Cogdal's plea came before the board conducted most of its business on a light agenda following Independence Day.

Trustees approved the annual ordinance that authorizes expenses for the 2024 fiscal year, which began May 1. Total appropriations are \$3,246,243.

Also authorized were two reimbursements from the village Residential Redevelopment Program – \$2,500 for exterior painting and window replacement at 422 W. Spring St., and \$2,250 for tree removal at 330 E. Main St. Total verified costs of the projects were \$4,000 and \$3,000, respectively.



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**Examinations:** Students entering Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grades must have a new physical exam on file in the school office before they will be allowed to start school. Students entering Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades are required to have a dental examination. Students enrolling in Kindergarten or upon first entry into an Illinois school beyond Kindergarten (i.e., grades 1-12) are required to have an eye exam.  
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**Registration:** Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2023, in order to enroll. All Kindergarten and newly enrolled students must bring a certified copy of live birth when registering. All students will need to bring their social security number with them when registering.  
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JH - \$40/sport (max per athlete \$50)  
5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades - \$40/sport  
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**Lunch Prices:**  
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 **Elmwood 2023 Fall Sports Start Dates**  
**Elmwood Junior High Softball** 1<sup>st</sup> practice Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>; Sweetwater Park; 3:30-5:30 PM. Parent meeting immediately following practice.  
**Elmwood Junior High Baseball** 1<sup>st</sup> practice Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>; Sweetwater Park; 5:00-6:30 PM. Parent meeting following practice at 6:30 PM.  
**Elmwood Junior High Cross Country** 1<sup>st</sup> practice Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>; 6:00-7:30 PM. Parent meeting following practice 7:30 PM; Elementary gym.  
**Elmwood Junior High Girls Basketball** 1<sup>st</sup> practice Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>; 5:00-7:00 PM. Parent meeting following practice 7:00 PM; Elementary gym.  
**E/B Trojan Football** Parent meeting Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM; EHS Auditorium. 1<sup>st</sup> practice - Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:00 PM.  
**E/B High School Varsity Spirit Squad** 1<sup>st</sup> practice Monday, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>; 8 AM.  
**E/B High School JV Spirit Squad** 1<sup>st</sup> practice Monday, August 21; 4:30 PM.  
**E/B High School Boys and Girls Cross Country** 1<sup>st</sup> practice Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 AM at EHS. Parent meeting Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at TBD.  
**Elmwood High School Volleyball** First practice Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>; 3:30-5:30 PM in the HS gym. The parent/athlete meeting will be immediately following practice in the high school gym. August 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, practice will be held in the morning 8:00-11:00 am. Starting August 14<sup>th</sup>, we will practice after school 3:30-5:30 pm.  
**Elmwood Boys and Girls Golf** 1<sup>st</sup> practice Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>; 4:00-6:00 PM; Maple Lane Country Club. Parent meeting August 7<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 PM at the club. Please bring lawn chairs to this meeting. Golfers do not need to attend the parent meeting.  
**It is absolutely mandatory that every Junior High and High School athlete has an updated physical on file at their school to be able to participate at the first practice.**  
**Athletic Activity Fees**  
• HS football, cross country, basketball, track, volleyball, baseball, softball, golf, cheerleading, spirit squad, dance:  
Per sport \$50 ~ Max per individual \$70 ~ Max per family \$120  
• JH basketball, volleyball, cross country, track, baseball and softball, cheerleading:  
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• 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>-grade basketball: Per sport \$40  
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## Peoria men drown in Eden Road lake

• **ELMWOOD** – A pair of 67-year-old Peoria men drowned in a lake northwest of Hanna City, according to authorities.

Carter Lee and Michael J. Whitaker apparently were fishing July 8 from a boat in the lake located on private property owned by Paula Sheridan in the 5300 block of N. Eden Rd., according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. The area is midway between Hanna City and Oak Hill.

About 2:30 p.m. July 8, the property owner noticed a boat capsized in the lake and notified authorities. The boat belonged to Lee, who had permission to fish there and whom the property owner saw there earlier in the day.

Personnel from the Logan-Trivoli Fire Protection District recovered Lee's body from the lake about 3:45 p.m. He was pronounced dead at 5 p.m., according to Peoria County Coroner Jamie Harwood.

During the investigation, it was discovered another man might have been fishing with Lee. On Sunday morning, the Peoria Police Department dive team found Whitaker's body at the bottom of the lake. Whitaker was pronounced dead at 11:12 a.m. Sunday, per Harwood.

Foul play is not suspected, according to the sheriff's office, which was continuing to investigate. Neither man had injuries or wounds, and their deaths were determined to be accidental, Harwood stated.

## Police Reports

• **MAQUON** – Amputations were performed on two people injured in an Independence Day fireworks accident southwest of Maquon.

No medical update was available regarding the victims from the London Mills area, aged 22 and 18, who were injured in the accident that happened about 2 p.m. July 4 in the 1100 block of Bridgeport Road.

The victims lit a mortar, according to the Knox County Sheriff's Office, and the subsequent explosion resulted in hand and finger amputations. The sheriff's office was not more specific, although it stated the victims' injuries were not considered life threatening.

Helicopters transported both victims to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. The Farmington Police Department and the Fulton County Sheriff's Office were among public-safety agencies that responded. An investigation is ongoing.

• **ELMWOOD** – A boy on a bicycle sustained a broken leg in a collision with a vehicle in Elmwood.

The accident happened about 12:30 p.m. July 8 in the 500 block of N. Lilac St.

According to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office, Emily A. Streitmatter of Elmwood was driving a 2016 Honda Civic about 30-35 mph south on Lilac Street when the bike emerged from behind two vehicles parked in a west-side driveway.

Streitmatter said she slammed on the brakes and veered into the northbound lane but still collided with the

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bike. The boy fell onto the pavement. He said the bike's brakes did not work and he rode into the road to avoid hitting one of the parked vehicles, according to the sheriff's-office report.

An ambulance transported the boy to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Aside from the broken leg, the boy suffered minor injuries, including head abrasions, and never lost consciousness, according to the sheriff's office. His age was not available.

Streitmatter was uninjured. Her vehicle sustained minor front driver's-side paint damage and a broken bracket, the report stated.

• **FARMINGTON** – Following a traffic stop, a Farmington woman was arrested on drugs charges.

Christina R. Norris, 31, was a passenger in a 2014 Dodge Journey sport-utility vehicle Farmington police stopped about 3:30 a.m. June 23 in the 600 block of E. Fort St. for lack of insurance, according to a report. An officer smelled cannabis coming from inside the vehicle, then searched it.

A small plastic bag and two plastic straws inside purses found in the SUV tested positive for methamphetamine, the report stated.

Norris was accused of possession of less than 5 grams of meth and transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown. The SUV driver, 47-year-old Chasity S. Sulteen of London Mills, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and operating a vehicle when its registration was suspended for no insurance.

• **OAK RUN** – A bicycle-vehicle collision in Oak Run resulted in a Gilson man being transported to a Galesburg hospital.

The accident happened shortly before 6:30 p.m. July 1 at Lakeview Road North and Meadow Lane, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

A 16-year-old boy from Peoria was driving a 2006 Honda Accord north on Meadow Lane but disregarded a stop sign at Lakeview Road North. A westbound bicyclist on that thoroughfare, 60-year-old Steven J. Ramp, braked for the Accord but flipped over the handlebars and onto the pavement.

The bicycle crashed into the rear passenger-side door of the Accord and dented it, the report stated. Ramp was taken to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center. His condition wasn't reported. No injuries were reported for the driver and his two passengers, 16- and 15-year-old boys from Princeville.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man stole scrap metal and wire and attempted to sell it, according to authorities.

Jamie A. Beach, 48, was arrested and accused of theft of less than \$500 following the incident, which was reported June 27. Missing from a Main Street address were two containers that held about 20 pounds of brass and 21 pounds of insulated wire, respectively.

A Farmington police officer checked with a scrap yard in Canton, which reported receiving the material. A scrap-yard photograph confirmed Beach brought in the containers, according to a police report. Total value was \$59.95. Beach

was transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

• **FARMINGTON** – Someone stole about \$500 worth of tools from a Farmington storage unit, according to authorities.

A Yates City man reported the theft in the 600 block of N. Main St. about 9:30 a.m. June 13, according to Farmington police. Missing from his storage unit were a compound miter saw, a finish nailer-stapler and a roofing gun, all in cases.

The lock to the unit was cut off, the report stated. The burglary took place sometime between June 10 and June 11.

On June 22, a renter at the same facility reported his storage-unit lock was damaged. The Farmington man told police he had not been at the unit since early May, according to another police report. Nothing was reported missing.

• **DUNLAP** – A Princeville man avoided injury in a two-vehicle accident north of Dunlap.

About 6:15 p.m. June 21, Brian K. Peek was driving a 2017 Ford F-150 pickup truck stopped on Parks School Road at Illinois Route 91. As Peek drove through the intersection, his vehicle collided with a 2019 Volkswagen Jetta that was southbound on Route 91. The other driver was Hannah L. Rudolphi of Dunlap.

It wasn't clear in which direction Peek was driving, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. His vehicle sustained unspecified damage. The Jetta sustained driver's-side rear-panel and bumper damage. Neither vehicle was towed. Rudolphi and her two passengers reported no injuries.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man was arrested in connection with a domestic dispute.

Eric F. Brand, 42, was implicated in the incident, which happened about 2 p.m. June 22 at a residence in the 100 block of W. Pearl St. Accounts differ, but the 43-year-old female victim decided to pursue Brand's prosecution after she spoke with a nearby resident, according to a Farmington police report.

Brand was accused of domestic battery and transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

• **YATES CITY** – A Bushnell man and his passenger became stranded after he drove into standing water west of Yates City.

Devin E. Suggit, 20, was driving an eastbound 2004 Chrysler Sebring about 12:30 p.m. July 2 in the 2200 block of Illinois Route 8 when he encountered about 10 inches of water on the pavement, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The water then rose to about 28 inches.

Neither Suggit nor his 18-year-old female passenger from Ellisville was injured. The vehicle was towed.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Canton man was detained in Farmington on an outstanding warrant after he visited police to pay for the release of his son's impounded vehicle.

Benjamin J. Owens, 48, told Farmington police he knew he was wanted in Fulton County for failure to appear in court, according to a report. After Owens paid the impound charge June 22, he also paid \$180 in bond and fees and was given a notice to appear in court July 26.



## BILLTOWN: First county school with SRO

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can't say I'm against it," Strom said. "Maybe a counselor could be a good first step."

Strom voted against the SRO plan, as did colleague Lisa Hanson. Goff and board members April Bouchez, Brittany Byrd, Jennifer Smith and Wes Wrage voted for it.

The decision came after an SRO presentation from Knox County Sheriff Jack Harlan and Chief Deputy Lindsey May. Williamsfield would be the first school district in the county to have a sheriff's deputy as an SRO, according to Harlan. The Galesburg Police Department has an SRO program.

No formal contract with Williamsfield was offered. Later this month, the Knox County Board is expected to authorize an SRO among additional sheriff's-office positions, according to Harlan. After that, a contract probably will be forthcoming.

"That gives us an officer here that is going to mentor the young men and women of the school," Harlan said. "And God forbid, if there is ever a major incident here, we do have somebody here that can respond very quickly and help eliminate any of the threats that may possibly occur."

Harlan estimated the optimal response time to Williamsfield is about 17½ minutes from the sheriff's office 22 miles away in Galesburg. Byrd suggested such a wait would be too long, particularly in case of a school shooting.

"Everybody would be dead here," she said.

According to May, the SRO's annual salary probably will range from \$55,000 to \$65,000. The school district is to be responsible for 75 percent of it, as well as about \$12,500 in annual patrol-vehicle costs.

Superintendent Tim Farquer suggested district money might be better spent on a counselor, something the school hasn't had in years. The Knox-Warren Special Education District has provided occasional help, at a price, in that regard.

"The biggest void that we have right now are mental-health supports," Farquer said. "If we do add a full-time SRO, it would be a while before we would financially be able to support a full-time social worker."

Hanson and Strom appeared to support Farquer's view. But Goff suggested SRO time was of the essence, with classes beginning next

month and with the sheriff's office possibly receiving requests from other school districts.

Harlan and May declined to comment about whether other districts are seeking officers.

At times, the pro-and-con dialogue between Strom and Goff was pointed.

"I don't want people to think that I don't support safety," Strom said. "I just think we need to do our due diligence."

Replied Goff: "Your due diligence (a counselor) is something we haven't had for 20 years."

Farquer said he intends to seek additional SRO funding through grants and perhaps from village government. It's possible the new officer might respond to calls in town during his or her school shift, expected to be from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

"In practice, what will happen here (is) there's not going to be a lot of action going on here," Farquer said about school.

In other action, the board approved the 2023-24 student handbook, the hiring of Michelle Erickson as a business teacher and the remaining unauthorized extra-duty assignments for the upcoming academic year.

## GARGIULO: ARHA provided free Paint horse

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interested in," Gargiulo said.

Gargiulo, who has previously trained a service dog, graduated this past year from Brimfield High School and is currently taking the summer to study her career options, including horse training and other equestrian-related career choices.

Each of the national winners was able to pick a young horse, donated by the ARHA. Each student was responsible for the care and training of the horse. Gargiulo chose is an American Paint Horse named

Brooks, who is the first yearling, or young horse, for which she has had full responsibility.

For those unfamiliar with ranch horses, the steeds you see cowboys riding on the popular Paramount show "Yellowstone" offer a good representation of the tasks they are expected to perform.

Gargiulo's record keeping and the evaluation of Brooks were deciding factors on her place in the championship. After 10 days of interviews, training classes and inspection of both her and her

horse, she finished fourth overall.

Brooks was judged on his riding capabilities, overall fitness level and training. Gargiulo also interviewed with judges and attended performance classes with Brooks.

Prior to this summer, Megan and Brooks worked to get the young horse into prime riding condition, with different training exercises and overall grooming and nurturing.

Gargiulo is the daughter of Keith Gargiulo and Johnson, both of Brimfield. Johnson is a Peoria-based veterinarian.

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• **FARMINGTON** – Items worth a total of about \$1,800 were reported stolen from a Farmington residential garage.

Farmington police were notified about 5:30 p.m. June 24 regarding the incident in the 100 block of N. Gold St. According to a police report, a Cuba man was cleaning his daughter's property when he noticed the garage had been ransacked.

Missing were a self-propelled lawnmower worth \$1,299.99 and a fiberglass extension ladder worth \$499.99. No suspect information was available.

• **FARMINGTON** – The Farmington Police Department reported the following activity for June: 3,925 building checks, 291 business checks, 8 crashes handled, 16 property crimes, 52 ordinance violations, 1 crime against people, 102 traffic stops, 10 arrests, 32 reports completed, 319 calls, 16 assists to other police departments and 7 miscellaneous items.

• **BRIMFIELD** – About 5:30 a.m. June 20, Laura A. Kowalski of Brimfield was driving a 2020 Honda CR-V sport-utility vehicle east in the 14800 block of W. Brim-

field-Jubilee Rd. when the vehicle struck a deer. Kowalski reported no injuries, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. The SUV was towed after it sustained damage to the front driver's side.

• **BRIMFIELD** – Shortly before 2 p.m. June 16, Olivia Catton of Brimfield was driving a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu west in the 14900 block of W. Brimfield-Jubilee Rd. when the vehicle struck a deer that emerged from the south. Catton was not injured, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle sustained significant front-end damage but was driven from the scene.

• **HANNA CITY** – Rocky L. Williams, 44, of Hanna City was arrested about 4:30 a.m. July 6 and accused of driving on a revoked license, unlawful possession of between 15 and 100 grams of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a stolen motor vehicle and failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. Williams also was being held for other law-enforcement agencies.

• **ELMWOOD** – Curtis J. Land, 48, of Elmwood was arrested

shortly before 10 a.m. July 5 and accused of driving on a revoked license, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **ELMWOOD** – Chief Aaron Bean reported the following Elmwood Police Department activity for June: four traffic stops, five warnings, 15 reports and one ordinance violation.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – Chief James Robertson reported the following Williamsfield Police Department activity for June: three 9-1-1 calls, one wire down, one road hazard, two domestic disturbances, one accident, one animal complaint, four citations (three speeding, one other) and four warnings (one disobeyed stop sign, three others).

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between June 25-July 1: custody dispute, Dahinda; order-of-protection violation, Yates City; driving complaint, Dahinda; stray dog, Williamsfield; two domestic disputes, Williamsfield; structure fire, Oak Run; stray dog, Oak Run; telephone harassment, Yates City; animal complaint, Dahinda.



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# Williamsfield computerizing water bills

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

**WILLAMSFIELD** – Paying a Williamsfield municipal water bill might become as easy as clicking a computer mouse. Such convenience will come with a cost.

During its meeting July 3, the Village Board approved a five-year contract for North Carolina-based MuniBilling to handle much of the water-billing process. The deal includes provisions for customers to pay bills online with credit cards, debit cards and electronic checks.

“It’s a really easy way for them to make the payments,” MuniBilling representative Kara Matthews told the board.

The e-check and debit-card fee is to be \$1 per transaction, according to information MuniBilling provided. Credit-card fees are to range from \$1.49 to \$5.84 per transaction for bills up to \$200. For bills of more than \$200, a fee of 2.99 percent is to be assessed.

As of now, the village has no ability to accept online water-bill payments. In-person, mailed or drop-box payments by cash or check will continue to be accepted, according to Village President Robert Johnson.

MuniBilling is to charge the village \$2,800 to establish the system. It includes the software platform that will compile and store billing information for the 246 village water accounts. Once the system is in place, the village is to pay MuniBilling monthly subscription and processing fees that total \$350.

The current in-house Microsoft-based system the village uses no longer has technical support, according to Johnson.

“The water-billing system is like a house of cards,” he said. “One little thing goes wrong and it all collapses, and we can’t even do water billing. We’ve gotten bills we’ve had to handwrite because the thing crashes. Suppose you got your CILCO bill and somebody handwrote all the information.”

Johnson said he isn’t sure when the new system will be implemented. He appears more certain village water rates will increase eventually. He cited the monthly charge for the new billing system, among other things.

“We don’t have a choice,” Johnson told trustees. “Our water is not high. If you look at surrounding communities, we’re very low.”

## Billtown OKs Bridgeway for work

**WILLAMSFIELD** – Trustees have approved multiple service agreements with a not-for-profit organization for which the village president is an executive.

Robert Johnson made clear to the Village Board his affiliation with Bridgeway Inc. of Galesburg, which provides community-based health and human services. With three 4-0 votes July 3, the board approved the agreements.

Bridgeway clients with disabilities are to perform the work, as part of their vocational training, according to Johnson.

“We teach them life skills and then we provide them with jobs,” he said following the board meeting last week. “We have quite a few of those success stories. It’s awesome.”

Bridgeway is to install new ceiling tiles at the village hall for \$276.24. The village is to purchase the tiles elsewhere for about \$800, Johnson said. Bridgeway then is to deep-clean the first floor of the vil-

lage hall for \$234.24. Subsequent cleanings are to be \$60 per visit.

The village also is to use Bridgeway for secure destruction of documents. A one-time purge of material that dates from the 1980s is to cost 25 cents per pound and \$144 for six hours of labor. Bridgeway is to provide a container for future village documents to be destroyed, at 25 cents per pound.

According to the Illinois Secretary of State, statutes prohibit public officials from having interest in any contract or the performance of any work in the making or letting of which such officers may be called upon to vote. This isn’t avoided by a board member abstaining.

Officially, village presidents do not vote on board business, unless trustees’ decisions result in ties.

Johnson, the Bridgeway vice president of affirmative business and facility operations, assumed the village presidency in May.

The board did not consider other options for the work, Johnson said.



Lucas Leckrone is the newest trustee of the Williamsfield Village Board. He was sworn into office on July 3. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

In March, trustees approved a \$3 increase in the monthly base water rate, to about \$47.25.

Funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act are to pay for the new water-billing software. ARPA money also is to finance an agreement trustees made with Michigan-based Revize Software Systems for revamping and maintaining the village website.

Former Village President Matt Tonkin and his wife, Lora Kutkat, developed the current website. They are ceding control of it, Johnson said.

A municipal takeover of the website requires state-mandated upgrades. Those include posting of board agendas and minutes, as well as compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. The current website does not meet those standards, according to Johnson.

“You have to be web-savvy to be able to do that,” he said. “While I don’t want to spend money, if we’re going to have a website that’s robust, it needs to be professional.”

Revize is to charge the village a one-time fee of \$1,800, then \$900 annually.

“I don’t think we’ve got anybody in town who can do what we need to do,” Trustee Nancy Everett said.

Lack of a quorum caused the meeting to begin about one hour late. Everett and Tracy Self were the only trustees present at 7 p.m., the scheduled starting time. Trustee Andrew Scott arrived shortly before 8 p.m., followed about 25 minutes later by new Trustee Lucas Leckrone. He then was inaugurated.

A project manager for Industrial Trade Services Inc. of Monmouth, Leckrone replaced Jeremy Eagle, who resigned in April. Last month, the board approved Leckrone’s appointment.

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# Gas leak has Farmington seeking bids for city building repairs

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – A potentially dangerous gas leak has left Farmington’s municipal building without heat.

At a building committee meeting prior to the July 3 gathering of the Farmington City Council, Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said a gas leak was discovered in the old junior high building that was immediately “red flagged” by Ameren staffers called to the scene.

While gas was safely shut off, the gas-fired boiler in the former junior high has been shut down. That means there is no way to provide heat in the old junior high or the rest of the building where city of-

ices are located at 322 E. Fort St. Another boiler in the old building does not work.

“Before November we have to have a plan in place,” Stufflebeam said.

With that in mind, the mayor hopes to have bids for the council to review at its July 17 meeting.

Stufflebeam said he hopes to have bids for the HVAC system, electrical work, water, gas repairs, demolition of the old junior high and asbestos abatement that he said could cost up to \$70,000.

In the regular meeting, council members voted to shut down the existing Farmington city website as a security measure.

Alderman Alex Gilles

said suggested the shut-down and said there have been several attempts by hackers in recent weeks to enter the system as an administrator.

“We’re being constantly attacked every day by someone trying to hack it,” Stufflebeam said. “They could put something in there to make us look really bad.”

At its June 5 meeting, the council voted to pay \$18,500 to Peoria-based Central States Marketing for a new website. The new website is expected to be completed in October and should be more secure.

In other business, the council approved the Chamber of Commerce holding an East Street

Market on Aug. 19 and shutting down a portion of East Street for vendors and activities. That day also coincides with Farmington’s city-wide garage sales.

The council also approved TIF residential grant recommendations from the CEDC: \$2,500 for Darren and Kari Berry to replace windows, \$2,500 to Brad and Dawn Ward to replace windows, \$2,500 for Brian Elliott to remove and replace a deck and \$2,500 to Matthew Rose for window replacement. A non-TIF grant of \$2,500 was OK’d for Rocco Mannella to demolish a garage.

The council tabled discussion on a possible beer garden at Spin City Laun-

dromat and discussed a Whistle Blower Protection ordinance.

At its June 20 meeting, the council received a letter of resignation from Dave Ehlers, whose last day after a 16-year career as superintendent of public

works was June 30.

The council also approved:

- A bid for \$975 from Star Metal Arts to create metal signs for Bimmitt and Jacobs parks.

- Charles Fischbach as city treasurer.

# Farmington school board approves officer

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Farmington School Board heard Monday that Austin DeWester will be the resource officer for the upcoming school year.

DeWester is a Farmington High School graduate who has completed all necessary training for the job, according to Police Chief Chris Darsham.

“If nobody leaves (the department) we’ll have someone in the school every day,” Darsham said, noting that his department lost three officers last year who moved on to better-paying jobs. “We’re trying to hire people who don’t want to leave. I think we’ll be in a better spot this year.”

The school district pays the police department \$30 per hour for the school resource officer. The board agreed to pay for any extra time requests, such as covering an evening sporting event or other school function.

In other business, the board accepted the only bids received for bread and milk for the 2023-24 school year and gave Athletic Director Jeff Otto authority to sign a contract

for athletic training services with Go4Ellis.

Otto said many school districts are having difficulty finding athletic trainers for sporting events. He said Go4Ellis is a national mobile platform that helps locate athletic trainers.

He said the services offered are more comprehensive but also more costly than previous providers.

Last year’s provider was Professional Therapy Services, Inc., which was unable to handle services this school year.

Alpha Bakery’s bread bid included higher prices for sliced bread (13 cents per slice compared to 8 cents last year), hamburger buns (22 cents per bun vs. 16 cents last year) and hoagie buns (33 cents vs. 27 cents last year).

Milk increased 4-8 cents per half pint, with strawberry milk showing the largest increase, of 8 cents.

Hailey McCoy was seated as the new student board member.

In other business, the board approved a resolution for Superintendent Zac Chatterton to start work on the FY 2024

budget; approved an unchanged risk management plan, approved designating some out-of-date technology items as surplus and discussed the possibility of making driver’s education and Spanish classes available in the summer for students.

After closed session, the board approved hiring Haley Hursey as high school assistant volleyball coach, Jeff Flater as a high school student facilitator and Dustin Doubet for part-time tech support. Also accepted was custodian Jan Melton’s transfer from second shift to first shift and the following resignations: Hursey, 7th grade girls basketball; Cassie Gauf, 8th grade girls basketball; Avery Efnor, student facilitator; Byron Sondgeroth, part-time Spanish teacher; Jim Hardesty, teacher and

coach; Chelsea Milstead, assistant high school volleyball coach; and Quincy Thompson, teacher and high school volleyball coach.

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All **NEW** students to the District need to register online at our website under “Enrolling your Student”. Please visit our website at [www.dist265.com](http://www.dist265.com) for a list of acceptable residency documents that are needed. Computers will be available at the school on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

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# Elmwood to spend \$130,451 on parks

By NICK VLAHOS  
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – It probably won't be long before children will be able to use new playground equipment at two Elmwood parks.

Gear is likely to be installed at Elmwood's West and Sweetwater parks before the end of this season, according to Bob Paige, the Elmwood City Council member who oversees parks. Equipment delivery is expected next month.

Sweetwater Park is to house two sets of playground structures, as well as an embankment slide. The playground structures are to include slides, tunnels and ladders. One structure is to be placed near the ball diamonds, to help parents watch games and their playground-using kids simultaneously.

Another playground structure is to be installed at West Park. Like the others, it's designed for 2-to-12-year-olds. A new water fountain also is to be installed at Sweetwater Park. It'll replace one that hasn't worked for years, according to Paige.

"People were complaining that

our playground equipment was old and falling apart," he said after a City Council meeting July 6. "So we've slowly, over the last couple of years, updated it – bought new stuff and repaired the stuff that was there and tried to take care of what we had."

During the meeting, the council approved a \$77,911 deal with Play Design Scapes of Elk Grove Village to provide the new equipment. City employees and volunteers are to install it, Paige suggested.

Also approved was a \$52,540 expenditure with S&S Fencing of Canton to provide and install backstops for Diamonds 2 and 5 at Sweetwater Park. Work probably will begin in late September, according to Paige.

In non-park action, the council agreed to purchase for \$10 from Patrick Cox a house at 313 W. Hawthorne St.

The house has not been repaired since a truck smashed into it in 2021. The city is acquiring the house in lieu of fines for code violations, according to Amy Davis, the city economic-development di-

rector.

Mayor JD Hulslander said the city probably will demolish the house and sell the lot.

The council tabled a decision on whether to hire a school-resource officer. According to Alderman Andrew Almasi, a contract from the Elmwood School District didn't propose a salary for the new officer, who would be a member of the city police department.

Almasi estimated the new officer would be paid between \$20 and \$25 an hour. The school district is to pay the officer's salary during the academic year. The city is to pay the salary at other times, during which the officer is to perform standard municipal police work.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Aug. 8, one week before classes for 2023-24 are to begin.

According to city officials, the new officer probably will be Stu Ingersoll, a retired Peoria cop. He has been splitting school-district duties as a resource officer and custodian.

# State ends fiscal year with revenue record

By JERRY NOWICKI  
Capitol News Illinois

State revenues once again reached a record high in the fiscal year that ended June 30, creating what Gov. JB Pritzker called a "one-time" budget surplus of over \$700 million.

The \$50.7 billion in base general revenues that the state collected in fiscal year 2023 – which exclude one-time pandemic-related federal funds – topped last year's previous record by \$373 million.

That's \$726 million beyond what was projected by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget in its most recent estimate adopted in May during negotiations for the fiscal year 2024 budget.

"It's always good to have a surplus, and that's something that we've done consistently now for four years," Pritzker said at an unrelated Friday news conference. "I would add that much of the surplus that we saw that came in at the end of the year is one-time dollars."

In recent years, the state has dedicated surpluses to paying down long- and short-term debt, making pension payments beyond the amounts required in law and providing one-time temporary tax relief.

Pritzker indicated he'd continue to be cautious when considering spending priorities for one-time revenues, echoing his budget office, which noted that revenues have fluctuated wildly from month to month in recent years.

The surplus creates some breathing room one week into a \$50.4 billion state spending plan for fiscal year 2024 that anticipates a slimmer surplus of \$183 million.

"The overperformance in FY 2023 revenues essentially translated into a lower than projected June 30 bills on hold at the (comptroller's office) and higher than expected cash balances going into the new fiscal year," Carol Knowles, a spokesperson for GOMB, said in a statement. "We will continue to monitor the revenue performance in FY 2024 as the national economy continues to have mixed economic projections."

Comptroller Susana Mendoza's office noted the state entered the year with over \$1 billion in its general revenue fund and an accounts payable balance of just over \$500 million, meaning bills are paid within a week of being sent to Mendoza's office. The balance of the state's "rainy day" fund sits at nearly \$2 billion.

It's a drastic departure from 2017, when a state budget impasse between Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democrats in the General Assembly drove the state's backlog of unpaid bills to nearly \$17 billion and depleted the rainy day fund to less than \$60,000.

"All this good fiscal news did not happen by accident," Mendoza said in a statement. "This takes strong strategic planning throughout the year and daily attention to cash management; knowing which bills to pay first to maximize federal matching funds so we can end the fiscal year on such a high note."

Pritzker said getting bills out the door within three to five days might be "too fast" a turnaround, since they are being paid days to weeks before late-payment interest starts accruing.

The General Assembly's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability noted in its June report that state coffers accumulated \$407 million in interest in FY 2023. That's up from just \$30 million in interest in FY 2022.

FY 2023's revenues were also bolstered by a \$1.2 billion transfer into the general revenue fund from the state's income tax refund fund.

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# Troutman raises over \$20,000 for St. Jude

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Dean Troutman’s fifth trek appears to be a fundraising success.

The 92-year-old Troutman returned July 4 to Princeville to end a walk of more than 350 miles, his latest such effort to raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Pledges exceeded his goal of \$20,000 in donations and pledges, according to his son Jeff Troutman, who also is the Princeville village president. Final numbers probably won’t be available for another month.

“He said he was ready to be home, but he was doing fine,” the

younger Troutman said last week about his father, who began this trek May 21.

Dean Troutman walked as far north as Monroe, Wis., where he arrived June 11. Among communities Troutman visited were Annawan, Dixon, Freeport, Henry, Kewanee, Princeton, Toulon and Wyoming. He overnighted at local firehouses, among other places.

“I think everybody treated him fine,” Jeff Troutman said. “I think his trip back was probably better than parts of his trip up. It seemed like more people got involved toward the end.”

Family and friends greeted the elder Troutman on Independence Day at his eponymous park in

Princeville, which is a memorial to his late wife, Peggy. Troutman’s first long-distance walk, in 2015, was a 700-mile loop around Illinois that raised money for the park.

Subsequent Troutman walks have benefited St. Jude, an organization based in Memphis, Tenn., that has a Midwest affiliate in Peoria. When he isn’t fundraising for St. Jude, Troutman usually walks a few miles each day to stay in shape.

Whether Troutman attempts another extended amble might be an open question.

“I wouldn’t put it past him,” Jeff Troutman said. “Right now he says no, but we’ll see.”

# Burglars again target Farmington vehicles

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – For the second time in less than a month, a spate of vehicle burglaries took place in Farmington, according to authorities.

Key fobs from three vehicles were among items reported stolen June 25. Farmington police were notified between about 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The first report came from a resident of the 100 block of N. Elmwood Rd. He told police he found the doors open to two of his vehicles, 2000 and 2013 Chevrolet trucks. A key fob valued at \$250

was reported missing from the 2013 Chevy, a police report stated.

Another key fob, this one from a 2014 Ram 1500 pickup truck, was reported stolen in the 200 block of E. Pearl St. The fob was valued at \$500. Also missing were a pair of sunglasses valued at \$20 and a backpack that contained fishing gear. Its total reported value was \$50.

Nothing was taken from a 2015 Infiniti sport-utility vehicle broken into at the Pearl Street address, according to police.

A 2015 Dodge Chal-

lenger was reported burglarized in the 300 block of E. Fulton St. Another key fob was missing, this one worth \$400, per police.

The reported burglaries June 25 followed at least seven incidents June 3 in Farmington. On that date,

at least three vehicles were reported stolen and later recovered, and at least four others were reported burglarized.

Police investigations regarding both sets of incidents are ongoing.

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut is used in a satay?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the first president to have a telephone in the White House?
- MOVIES: Which actress won an Oscar for her role in “Mary Poppins”?
- ASTRONOMY: How many planets in our solar system have rings?
- LITERATURE: The novels “Tom Sawyer” and “Huckleberry Finn” are set in which U.S. state?
- TELEVISION: How many seasons of “Star Trek” were produced for television?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the highest mountain in Greece?
- SCIENCE: Which plant produces the world’s hottest pepper?
- ANATOMY: Which hormone regulates blood sugar?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a piebald?

**Answers**

- Peanut.
- Rutherford B. Hayes.
- Julie Andrews.
- Four: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.
- Missouri.
- Three.
- Mount Olympus.
- Carolina Reaper.
- Insulin.
- An animal with irregular patches of two colors, usually black and white.

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## TOP 10 MOVIES

- Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (PG-13)
- Elemental (PG)
- Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG)
- No Hard Feelings (R)
- Transformers: Rise of the Beasts (PG-13)
- Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken (PG)
- The Little Mermaid (PG)
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**OBITUARIES**

**Suellen E. Broadfield**  
ELMWOOD – Suellen E. Broadfield, 79, of Elmwood, passed away at 2:50 p.m., on Monday, July 3, 2023, at Knox County Nursing Home in Knoxville.



Broadfield

She was born Dec. 4, 1943, in Galesburg, to Carl and Maxine (Thomas) Swanson. She married Raymond Broadfield in Missouri in 1983. He preceded her in death in December 2002.

She is survived by three children, Kerry Williams of Elmwood, Paula (Scot) Jehle of Elmwood and Jeff (Dianna) Yoakum of Weatherford, Texas; and nine grandchildren, Jessica (Johnny) Mathis, Sawyer Williams, Nick Jehle, Matthew Jehle, Ethan Jehle, Yalile Johnson, Shaye (Clayton) Ruter, Jada Portillo and Parker Yoakum.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Gloria (Bill) Wiseman.

Suellen graduated in 1977 from Illinois Central College with her registered-nurse degree. She worked at many hospitals, nursing homes and doctor's offices in the surrounding areas.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, July 28, 2023, at Elmwood Township Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com).

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

**Ronald C. Osborn**

WYOMING – Ronald C. Osborn, 79, of Wyoming, passed away at 1:28 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.



Osborn

Ronald was born on Aug. 7, 1943, in Cross Key, Ala., the son of James D. and Susie "Viola" (Madry) Osborn. He married Sharon Kay Head on Aug. 25, 1962, in Harvard Hills, Ill. She passed away on Dec. 22, 2012. Ron later married Diana Hasty.

Surviving are two daughters, Shelly (Walter "Tony") Hilburn of Guntersville, Ala., and Rhonda (Mike) Liddle of Wyoming; four grandchildren, James "Jimmy" Self, David (Ashley) Self, Rachel Self and Alexis "Princess" (Braden) Hart; three great-grandchildren, Eli J. Self and Kayden and Quinn Hart; one sister, Mary (Charlie) Wells of Ardmore, Tenn.; and Diana Hasty of Roanoke and her family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and seven siblings, Lura Bell, Betty, Bonnie, Sara, Brenda Sue, William and Frank.

Ron was a retired pipefitter from Caterpillar. He was also an interim pastor for several years at the Landmark Baptist Church in Peoria.

Ron loved everything outdoors, including horseback riding and camping. He was a gifted singer and guitar player who performed opening acts for many local concerts. He enjoyed traveling and spur-of-the-moment road-trip adventures. Most of all Ron loved his family and attending their many activities.

His funeral service was July 8, 2023, at the Princeville Baptist Church, where he was a member. Pastor Lee Taylor officiated. Visitation was to be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was to be in Wyoming Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Princeville Baptist Church or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Alabama Chapter.

Condolences may be left for Ronald's family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

**Linda L. Mottaz**

ELMWOOD – Linda L. Mottaz, 69, of Elmwood passed away at 8:58 p.m. Thursday, July 6, 2023, at her home.



Mottaz

She was born on Jan. 25, 1954, in Peoria to Daniel and Marilyn (Weber) Bowhay. She married Steven R. Mottaz on Oct. 5, 1974, in Elmwood.

Surviving are her mother, Marilyn Bowhay of Elmwood; one daughter, Brenda (Doug) Passmore of Yates City; two

sons, Tim (Kim) Mottaz of Chatham and Curt Mottaz of Marietta; one grandson, Noah Passmore of Yates City; one brother, Larry (Norma) Bowhay; several nieces, great-nieces and great-nephews; two aunts, Dee Moody and Evelyn Savage; one uncle, Raymond Kolowski; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; her father, Danny; great-niece Kinsley Tomlinson; aunts Mary Lou Kolowski, Nancy Weber and Mildred Appell; and uncles Guy Weber, Harlan Moody, Dale Savage and Frank Appell; and several cousins.

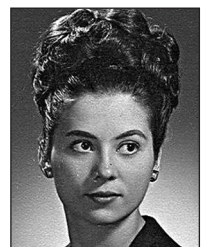
Linda graduated from Elmwood High School in 1972. She enjoyed being involved with her kids' activities, going to Mustang car shows, tractor pulls and taking movie photos of go-kart racing. She had the privilege of meeting so many wonderful people along the way. She farmed with Steve and also worked at Sam's Club and Wal-Mart for over 20 years.

Her graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at Elmwood Township Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elmwood United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for Linda's family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

**Marianne Theobald**

CANTON – Marianne Theobald, 80, of Canton, Ill., passed away on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at Graham Hospital in Canton.



Theobald

She was born on April 1, 1943, in Peoria, Ill., to Edward and Helen (Zink) Kleen.

Surviving are her children, Erin (Dr. Kevin) Berry of Marquette, Mich., Andra (Dr. Jason) Chamberlin of Canton; grandchildren, Shaun (Grant) Shepard of Alexandria Va., Riley Kate Devlin of Fairbanks, Alaska, Jace Tyler (Kenzie) Chamberlin and Alex Rae Chamberlin, both of Canton; nieces, Kim Reda and Jill Turney; and nephews, Jeff Turney, Jay (Diane) Turney; and many great-nieces and nephews.

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**Super Crossword**

**Answers**

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**CryptoQuote**

answer

Forget your perfect offering; there's a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in.  
— Leonard Cohen

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Karen Turney.

Marianne retired on Jan. 12, 2012, from Graham Hospital as a payroll accountant after 35 years of service. She was an accomplished seamstress and made all varieties of items including kids clothing, prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses, Barbie doll clothes, Halloween costumes and T-Shirt pillows.

Most of all, she loved her grandkids and never missed a sporting event or sending a card for any accomplishment in their lives. Marianne lived her incredible life dealing with the long-term effects of childhood polio but she never complained or let it slow her down.

A memorial visitation was to be held on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Canton from 2-3 p.m. A graveside burial of the ashes was to follow at Elmwood Township Cemetery in Elmwood. Memorials may be made to St Jude Runs, ACLU or Post Polio Health International.

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com).

### Betty R. Wagenbach

PRINCEVILLE – Betty R. Wagenbach, 94, of Peoria, formerly of Princeville, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2023, at Apostolic Christian Skylines in Peoria.

She was born on Sept. 11, 1928, in Cissna Park to Edward and Helen (Stoller) Knapp. She married Raymond R. Wagenbach on Feb. 18, 1951, in Cissna Park. He preceded her in death on May 9, 2021, after 70 years of marriage together.

Surviving are one daughter, Karen (Kenny) Elsasser of Dunlap; three sons, Daryl (Kenna) Wagenbach, Curtis (Marybeth) Wagenbach and

Dennis (Jennifer) Wagenbach, all of Toulon; 21 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one son-in-law, Jerry Getz of Roanoke; one sister, Shirley (Roy) Wyss of Goodfield; four sisters-in-law, Laura Knapp, Mary Ellen Martin, Bernice Stoller and Elaine Wagenbach; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Rodney Wagenbach; one daughter, Raylene Getz; three sisters, Edith Stahl, Eileen Greiner, Iola Feucht; and two brothers, Glen Knapp and Larry Knapp.

Betty loved spending time with and caring for all her family. She enjoyed gardening, canning, helping Ray with work on the farm and volunteering for several years at Proctor Hospital in Peoria. Betty had a deep faith and love for the Lord and was a longtime member of the Apostolic Christian Church in Princeville.

Her funeral service was to be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. Ministers of the church were to officiate. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Additional visitation was to be from 9-9:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery in Princeville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Apostolic Christian Skylines in Peoria. Condolences may be left for Betty's family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).



Wagenbach

eral.com.

### Maureen J. Couri

BRIMFIELD – Maureen Jean “Doll” Couri, 89, of Brimfield, passed away July 9, 2023, while surrounded by family.

She was born in Peoria to Tom and Effie (Joseph) Williams on Nov. 4, 1933. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Tony; two sons, Charles Couri and Kenneth Couri; as well as her brother Bill Williams and twin sister Marlene “Honey Bee” Miller.

Maureen married the love of her life, Anthony J. Couri, on Nov. 29, 1952. They were married for 53 years, until his passing on Oct. 30, 2005.

Maureen is survived by six children, Thomas (Angie) Couri of Washington, Mary (Gary) Burton of Pekin, Dr. Gene (Gretta) Couri of Peoria, Anthony (Mary Beth) Couri Jr. of Decatur, Margaret (John) Zdanowski of Morton and Michael (Theresa) Couri of Hamel, Minn.; daughters-in-law Jeni Couri of Peoria and Ilda Couri of Washington; 27 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by siblings Carl Williams of Peoria, Thomas (Rita) Williams of Metamora, Patricia Schelp of Peoria, Kitty Lewis of Farmington and Margie McDonald of Hanover, Minn.

Visitation will be at St. Sharbel Maronite Church from 4-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, with the rosary following. There will be an additional visitation prior to Mass on Friday from 10-11 a.m. A funeral Mass will be held at St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 14. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery in West Peoria.

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## Goodbye Teddy Tanner

April 1, 2010 - July 8, 2023

After 13 years of loving, family relationship, we had to put our Boston boy to rest, due to multiple health problems. All his life he was tethered to me but he loved his mom best. He had made many friends: SRAC, especially, Heidi and Dr. Sarah, Post Office Kim, Dayna, Chrissy, Ron Hess, Bank, Michelle, Angie, Sheri & Marsha, & our Library, Deli, & Quick Stop. Good neighbors Sharon, Max & Levi. He was a guard dog who slept on the job, and only barked when asking for an ice cube, or when attacking the sweeper. He has now joined his best buddy Kim, in the land of fond memories.

George, Mable Tanner & family

## AREA CHURCHES

**BRIMFIELD**  
**Baptist Church of Brimfield**  
Pastor Doug Seeley  
321 S. Jefferson St., Brimfield  
(309) 678-2208  
Sun. School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sun. Worship: 10:40 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
Father John Verrier  
314 W. Clay, Brimfield  
(309) 446-3275  
stjosephbrimfield.org  
Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 p.m.  
Sat. Mass: 5 p.m.  
Sun. Mass: 10:30 a.m. (10 a.m. in the summer)  
Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 a.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
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Pastor Michael Liese  
204 W. Clay St., Brimfield  
(309) 446-3233  
Sun. Divine Service: 10 a.m.

**Brimfield E-Free Church**  
Pastor Donald Blasing  
11724 Maher Road  
Brimfield, IL 61517  
(309) 446-3571  
brimfieldefree.org  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 p.m., ages 3-12

**Brimfield United Methodist Church**  
Pastor David Pyell  
135 S. Galena St., Brimfield  
(309) 221-4879

**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
By Wilson Casey  
1. Is the book of Colossians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?  
2. Song of Solomon and which other book specifically mention the “apple tree”? Genesis, Ezra, Joel, Nahum  
3. What chapter of Psalms has four verses (8, 15, 21, 31) that are alike? 4, 58, 107, 133  
4. From Genesis 4:26, who was Adam's

Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.  
Sun. School: 8:30 a.m.

**Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ**  
Pastor Stephen Barch  
105 W. Clay Street, Brimfield  
(309) 446-3811  
brimfieldunionchurch.org  
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.  
• First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten-free communion offered)  
• Grief & Loss Group meets Tuesday afternoons 3-4:30 p.m. until further notice.

**DAHINDA Dahinda United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Zoila Marty  
1739 Victoria St., P.O. Box 14  
Dahinda, IL 61428  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School starts Aug. 1, during worship service.  
Church: (309) 639-2768  
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389  
Email: [williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com](mailto:williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com)

**DOUGLAS Douglas United Methodist Church**

youngest son? Ishmael, Cain, Abel, Seth  
5. In John 11:16, who was also called Didymus? Simon Peter, Thomas, Silas, Judas  
6. Which book has the longest verse in the Bible? Psalms, Proverbs, Esther, Revelation  
ANSWERS: 1) 1) New, 2) Joel 1:12 (Song of Solomon 2:3, 8:5), 3) 107, 4) Seth, 5) Thomas, 6) Esther 8:9(c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Pastor Kristine McMillan  
484 3rd St.  
Yates City, IL 61572  
(NOTE: Church is in Douglas)  
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m.  
(Maquon worship: 11 a.m.)  
Facebook Live is 11 a.m. at Maquon UM Church page

**EDWARDS Bethany Baptist Church**  
7422 N. Heinz Ln., Edwards  
(309) 692-1755  
bethanycentral.org  
Sun. Worship: Inside services at 9 & 10:30 a.m.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
Father James Pankiewicz  
9910 W. Knox St., Edwards  
(309) 691-2030  
stmaryskickapoo.org  
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.  
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.  
Sun. Masses: 7 & 11:00 a.m.  
Daily Masses (Mon., Wed. Thurs., Fri.): 8 a.m.

**ELMWOOD Crossroads Assembly of God**  
Pastor Tim Cavallo  
615 E. Ash St., Elmwood  
(309) 830-4259  
crossroadselmwood.org  
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.  
Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**Elmwood Baptist Church**  
Pastor Bill Cole  
701 W. Dearborn St., Elmwood  
(309) 742-7631, 642-3278  
Sun. Worship: 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood**  
Reverend Marla B. Bauler  
201 W. Evergreen, Elmwood  
(309) 742-2631  
firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org  
Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sun. School: 9:30 a.m.

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**  
Father James Pankiewicz  
802 W. Main St., Elmwood  
(309) 742-4921  
Sat. Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.  
Tues. Mass: 8 a.m.  
Tues. Confession: After mass

**United Methodist Church of Elmwood**  
Pastor David Pyell  
821 W. Main St., Elmwood  
(309) 742-7221  
elmwoodumc.org  
Sat. Worship: 5 p.m.  
Sun. Worship: 10 a.m.  
Youth Sun. School: 9 a.m.  
Adult Sun. School: 8 a.m.

**FARMINGTON Farmington Bible Church**  
Pastor Tony Severine  
497 N. Elmwood Rd.  
Farmington  
(309) 245-9870  
Sunday School: 9:30  
Worship Service: 10:30  
**Farmington Methodist Church**  
Pastor Rick Atchley

187 W. Fulton St.  
Farmington  
(309) 245-4310  
farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

**First Presbyterian Church of Farmington**  
Pastor Cindy Bean  
83 N. Cone Street, Farmington  
(309) 245-2914  
firstpresfarmington.com  
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Live on Facebook also  
Fellowship: 11:30 a.m.  
**New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God**  
Pastor Tom Wright  
1102 N. Illinois Route 78  
Farmington  
(309) 231-8076  
Sun. Worship: 10 a.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.

**PRINCEVILLE Princeville United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Zach Waldis  
420 E. Woertz, Princeville  
(309) 385-4487  
princevilleumc@mediacombb.net  
Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

**St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church**  
Father Corey Kregiel  
119 Saint Mary St., Princeville  
(309) 385-2578  
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.  
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.  
Sun. Confession: 8-8:45 a.m.  
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.  
Tues., Thurs., Sat. daily Mass: 8 a.m.

**TRIVOLI Brunswick Community Church**  
4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli  
Pastor Terry England  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.  
(309) 403-4626

**WILLIAMSFIELD St. James Catholic Church**  
Father John Verrier  
Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N  
Williamsfield  
(309) 446-3275  
stjameswilliamsfield.org  
Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 a.m.  
Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 a.m. in the summer)

**Williamsfield United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Teresa Shane  
430 N. Chicago Ave.  
Williamsfield  
(309) 639-2389  
Sun. School: during worship  
Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 a.m.  
Sun. Worship: 11 a.m.

**YATES CITY Faith United Presbyterian Church**  
Reverend Marla B. Bauler  
107 W. Bishop St., Yates City  
(309) 358-1170  
Worship: 9 a.m.  
Sun. School: 10:15 a.m.  
Thurs. Choir: 7 p.m.



# OBITUARIES

## Bonita Tiezzi

BRIMFIELD – Bonita “Bonnie” Tiezzi, 74, of Brimfield, passed away on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, surrounded by her family.



Tiezzi

Born Dec. 18, 1948, in Peoria to Paul A. and Frances Whelan Stenger Sr., she married Craig B. Tiezzi on Jan. 24, 1970, in Kickapoo. He survives.

Bonnie worked in retail for many

years, working at Montgomery Ward and Famous-Barr to name a few.

She was an active member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Kickapoo, helping with the sausage supper, funeral luncheons and helping with the collections. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and loved to cook way too much for her family. She loved gardening, baking and volunteered at Jubilee State College.

Survivors are three children, Jacqueline (Doug Sutton) Tiezzi of Hanna City, Craig Matthew (Laura Harris) Tiezzi of Chillicothe and Angela (Morgan) McGowan of Brimfield; four grandchild-

dren, Charles and Abigail Tiezzi, and Brittany and Hailey McGowan; two brothers, Paul (Cathy) Stenger Jr. of St. Augustine, Fla., and Martial (Karen) Stenger of Brimfield; and her beloved dog, Sophie.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Visitation will take place at St. Mary Catholic Church Parish Hall in Kickapoo, on Friday, July 14, 2023, between the hours of 5-7 p.m. Recitation of the rosary will take place at 7 p.m.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. with an additional visitation 30 minutes prior to

mass. The Rev. Jim Pankiewicz and The Rev. David Heinz will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery.

Preferred memorials in Bonnie’s memory may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation or ALS Foundation.

Friends and family are encouraged to log onto [www.wrightandsalmon.com](http://www.wrightandsalmon.com) to sign the online guestbook, submit photos and share Bonnie’s memorial page via social media.

Cremation and memorial arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Wright & Salmon Mortuary.

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### CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF SARA L. MALMBERG, Deceased. No. 2023-PR-0000176

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of SARA L. MALMBERG on May 21, 2023. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to LAUREN M. MALMBERG, of 18608 West Bartholomew Lane, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, 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 5th day of January, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, 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.

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DATED this 14th day of June, 2023.

LAUREN M. MALMBERG, Executor of the Estate of SARA L. MALMBERG, Deceased.

ROBERT L. POTTS, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executor 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 becky@whitneyandpotts.com Published 6/29, 7/6, 7/13/23

### CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF KENNETH C. DOUBET, Deceased. No. 2023-PR-0000186

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of KENNETH C. DOUBET on May 17, 2023. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to LINDA E. DOUBET, of 20424 West Claybaugh Road, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, 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 5th day of January, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, 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.

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DATED this 20th day of June, 2023.

LINDA E. DOUBET, Executor of the Estate of KENNETH C. DOUBET, Deceased.

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### VILLAGE OF YATES CITY ANNUAL TREASURER’S REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2023

#### REVENUE SUMMARY:

Franchise Fee 6,241.78, Corp Interest Earned 530.89, Police Interested Earned 105.28, Licenses and Permits 635.00, Video Gaming 15,100.02, Liquor License 1,500.00, State Use Tax 26,142.28, Ordinance Violations 775.00, Replacement Tax 3,785.31, Reimbursements 6,426.59, Real Estate Taxes 48,419.78, Police Real Estate Tax 6,293.75, Sales Taxes 23,476.52, State Income Taxes 103,732.76, Cannabis Use Tax 1,010.77, Traffic Fines 1,211.08, Utility Tax 29,869.80, Telecommunications Tax 2,142.34, Water, Sewer, & Garbage Collections 340,822.34, Bulk Water Sales 272.03, Connectin Fees 200.00, American Rescue Relief 44,363.59, WW Interest Earned 471.35, WW Reimbursements 2,377.30, WW Misc. Income 5,682.75, Road and Bridge Real Estate Taxes 11,348.54, Road and Bridge Interest 161.54, MFT State Allotment 15,107.81, MFT Renewal Fund Allotment 11,832.89, MFT Rebuild Illinois Grant 7,611.90, MFT Interest Earned 362.32

Total Revenues \$718,013.31

#### COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

Under \$1,000.00: Matt Ehens, Mark Hostetler, Samuel Hostetler, Thomas Kinzer, Seth Lekies, David Mahr, Ronald Smith \$1,200.00 to \$2,500.00: Eric Benson, Curtis Kramer, Doug Sampson, Scott Simmons, Ken Vallas, John Woolsey \$3,000.00 to \$6,000.00: Debra Canier, William Emerick, Jeff Pemberton, Jordan Suits \$6,000.00 to 8,000.00: Troy Cash, Ben German \$13,000.00 to \$17,000.00: Bruce Brinker, Quinton Fultz, Joy Mahr \$34,000.00: Cameron Oldfield \$41,000.00: Randall Benson Gross Payroll \$164,150.86 Employer Fee, Taxes, and Contributions \$15,379.95

Total Payroll \$179,530.81

#### EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

A.C. McCartney Equipment 650.00, Ameren 35,088.88, AmeriForms 755.10, Bank of Yates City 21,071.56, Barry’s Excavating 660.00, Bruner, Cooper, & Zuck 91,003.71, Bubba Dump Dumpsters 1,856.00, Burgess Bros. 1,916.69, Camille’s of Canton Inc.632.05, Central Butane Gas Co 394.20, Central Illinois Pest Management Inc. 1,052.00, City of Galesburg 160.00, Core & Main 402.00, Debra Canier 937.29, Eagle Enterprises Recycling Inc. 2,035.20, Ecowater Systems 25,000.00, Elba-Salem Fire Protection Dist. 300.00, Elba-Salem Park District 3,984.00, Elmwood, Yates City, Farmington Fireworks 500.00, Farm King of Canton 348.65, Farmington NAPA 515.91, FCHS After Prom 250.00,

G & O Disposal 42,837.90, G.A. Rich & Sons Inc. 7,178.26, Gasvoda & Associates, Inc 7,665.83, Getz Fire Equipment 218.00, Graves Milling Company Inc. 105.00, Gunther Salt Company 15,670.81, Hawkins 7,095.15, Illinois EPA 2,500.00, Illinois Public Safety Agency Network 600.00, Illinois Rural Water Association 346.60, IMRMA 29,963.85, Immense Impact LLC 565.95, Interstate Battery 170.96, Intuit 1,094.06, J.C. Dillon, Inc. 282.00, Jordan’s Service Center 2,181.17, Joy Mahr 963.84, JULIE, Inc. 110.28, Kamstrup Water Metering, LLC 1,235.69, Lawerance & Karla Kane 57,942.70, Kinsel Trucking & Excavating LLC 5,056.00, Knox County Road District 2,437.50, Koenig Body & Equipment, Inc., 807.79, Lambasio Inc 100.00, Lampe Publications 966.20, Lozier Oil Co. 3,696.01, Marco Technologies, LLC NW 7128 2,838.68, Martin Inc. 389.67, MCTC 3,352.74, Mediacom 599.40, Menards 830.09, Metal Culverts 134.20, Midwest Equipment 2,140.79, Miko Armwood 1,424.00, Mobile Team Training Unit IV 510.00, Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc 40,470.00, Motion Industries 1,423.83, Motorola STAR-COM 572.00, Myers and Myers CPA LTD 9,000.00, Niemann Foods Inc. 821.12, Omni Site 1,564.00, Pace Analytical Services, LLC 7,636.37, Petty Cash 393.09, Pitney Bowes 1,098.30, Purchase Power 2,051.13, Quality Water Solutions, Inc 139.79, Quick Stop 3,891.97, Quick Books Payroll Service 2,077.91, Radar Man, Inc. 210.00, Randy Benson 165.54, Roto-Rooter 875.00, Serv-a-Pure Company 1,283.75, Satham & Long 5,234.25, Tannock Electric Inc. 2,324.45, TEST Inc 9,744.23, Timber Creek 520.00, USA Bluebook 1,217.32, USPS 210.00, Verizon 1,689.92, WIRC Western IL Regional Council 385.20, WPC 825.92, Yemm Ford 134.87 all other Disbursements in amounts \$100.00 or less 139.66

Total Expenditures \$489,623.98

#### SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS

Beginning Funds	671,577.52
Revenues	718,013.31
Expenditures	669,154.79
Ending Funds	831,581.25

#### Certification

I, Joy A. Mahr, Village Treasurer of Yates City, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is true copy of the Annual Treasurer’s Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023.

Joy A. Mahr  
Village Treasurer

Published 7/13/23

### LEGAL NOTICE

All personal property belonging to Jesus G. Rodriguez and any additional property, stored in unit H118 located at Kickapoo Storage, 7405 N. Kickapoo Edwards Rd., Edwards, IL, will be disposed of on or after July 18, 2023 if the balance due is not paid in full by July 17, 2023.

Published 7/6, 7/13/23

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-1

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE TAX LEVY FOR SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Salem Township Public Library District of the County of Knox and State of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, for building and maintenance purposes, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require that the question of levying such tax be submitted to the electors of the District, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the Ordinance, it shall be published in the Weekly Post, a newspaper of general circulation in the Salem Township Public Library District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Yates City, Illinois this 10th day of July, 2023.

1. The specific number of registered voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of the adoption of the resolution be submitted to the electors of the District is 85.
2. The petition must be filed on or before August 12, 2023.
3. The referendum would be held March 19, 2024.

/S/ Bryan Reynolds

President of the Board of Trustees of the Salem Township Public Library District

/S/ Dixie Marsh

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Salem Township Public Library District

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AKRON-PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the AKRON-PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from and after 5:00 P.M. on the 21st day of July, 2023, at the PRINCEVILLE FIRE STATION, 240 East Main Street, Princeville, Illinois.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 6:00 P.M., the 21st day of August, 2023, in the PRINCEVILLE FIRE STATION, 240 East Main Street, Princeville, Illinois, and that final hearing and action on this Ordinance will be immediately thereafter taken at a regular meeting of the Trustees of the AKRON-PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

DATED this 7th day of July, 2023.

RICKY POPE, Secretary  
AKRON-PRINCEVILLE Fire Protection District.

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# Worms want to eat your garden. Stop them

By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

The other day I came into the house and mentioned to my wife that I had worms. To which she replied, "No wonder you're so skinny."

I was pretty sure she was attempting to be funny. I told her worms were attacking our cabbage and broccoli again. If you grow cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, kohlrabi or horseradish, you know what I'm referring to. I applied an organic insecticide a week or two earlier but hadn't reapplied it after a recent rain, which is important to do. My bad.

Those little white butterflies freely fluttering about your plants from leaf to leaf are not your friends. When you see them land on a leaf and tuck their little bottoms under the edge, they're depositing eggs. If you look closely at the underside of the leaf, you'll see a single tiny yellow bullet-shaped egg. It hatches into a hungry little velvety green caterpillar called a cabbage worm. Scientists call the species *Pieris rapae*. They're sometimes referred to as imported cabbage worms.

After hatching they immediately begin to feed on the leaves, chewing holes in them and chomping on the edges. Unless you take action, just a few worms can make your cabbage leaves look like Grandma's doilies. I suppose young readers are now wondering what a doily is. Whatever.

If you want to impress your gardening friends you can tell them how to tell the sex of a cabbage worm

butterfly. The female has two black dots on its forewings while the male has just one. Also, if you see one chasing another, it's the male doing the chasing.

I've always blamed imported cabbage worms for filigreeing my cabbage leaves, probably because the white butterfly stage is so visible. But this year I discovered another culprit just as hungry. It's the cross-striped cabbage worm, *Evergestis riosalis*.

The adult stage of the cross-striped cabbage worm is not a butterfly but a plain-looking moth about an inch long and dusty brown with dark smudges on the wings.

The moth flies at night, thus you're not likely to notice this pest until you see buckshot holes in the leaves of your cabbage family plants.

Unlike the white butterfly, the moth lays her eggs in clusters, which means the progeny of one moth can do a whole lot of damage to one plant. The egg clusters appear as small flat yellow patches on the leaf undersides. The caterpillars grow to less than an inch long and are bluish-grey with narrow black bands across their back. They sport a yellow racing stripe along each side.

There is a third little caterpillar that will munch its way through a cabbage patch and that's the cabbage looper, *Trichoplusia ni*. You may know this pest better as the inchworm, so called because it moves forward by bringing the rear end of its body up to the front, forming a

loop, then moving the front end forward, thus inching along, so to speak.

Well, give them an inch and they'll take a mile. They're just as voracious as the other worms I've mentioned and you need to stop them in their tracks.

The caterpillar stage of a fourth insect, the diamondback moth, is yet another worm that devours cole crops. It's tiny, less than a half-inch long, and wiggles vigorously when disturbed. The little varmint eats the outer surface layer of a leaf and the center, leaving the other side untouched. The result is a distinctive windowpane effect, the telltale sign of the caterpillar's presence.

So how do we control these glutinous gobblers?

A floating row cover over the crop is probably the easiest non-spray method to prevent the moths and butterflies from laying eggs on valued plants.

Otherwise it's ye olde hunt-and-pick method, scouting for the worms and eggs, picking them off the plants and destroying them. Not fun.

I prefer an organic spray with the active ingredient, *Bacillus thuringiensis subsp kurstaki*, Btk. When ingested, it causes holes in the worm's stomach. Poetic justice, I'd say. Death results from infection and starvation. Btk is harmless to humans, birds, fish, and most beneficial insects.

Remember: It's important to reapply weekly and after a rain.

## HIRING FOR CAFETERIA POSITION

Brimfield School District is looking to hire for a cafeteria position. Some Benefits Included. Qualifications: Food handler's certificate, cooking experience, and register experience are preferred; must be friendly, enjoy working with children, dependable, punctual, and team-oriented.

**Brimfield Café • C/O Petrina Winkelman**  
323 E. Clinton St. • Brimfield, IL 61517 or  
petrina.winkelman@brimfield309.com

## Brimfield District #309 Grade School & High School Registration

**Monday, July 17 • ONLINE Registration Opens** for all RETURNING students 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Online Registration Instructions can be found on the district website.

**Wednesday, August 2 • In-Person Registration** will be at Brimfield High School from 10am-7pm. This is for all new students or returning students having difficulty registering online.

**ALL Students MUST be registered no later than Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**Tuesday, August 15 - Back-to-School Night** for all PK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students.

- A-M last names - 5:00-5:30pm
- Jr. High (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>) Meeting BGS Gym - 5:40pm
- N-Z last names - 6:00-6:30pm

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### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### FOR SALE

- **WET GRAIN BINS:** Cone type, 18 ft. Butler, 5,000 bushels \$5,000; 16 ft. Behlen 3,200 bushels \$3,200. Ready to haul on trailer (309) 635-4575.
- **POOL:** 24' swimming pool with 1.5 sand filter, auto chlorinator, vacuum, Hayward Aqua Critter auto vacuum, saddle for cover. \$1,500 or OBO. (309) 643-3074, 10 am - 8 pm.

#### FOR RENT

- **BRIMFIELD:** Small, two-bedroom, partially furnished farm house, private. \$795/month, (309) 678-7400 leave message or text.

#### SERVICES

- **GIACOBBAZZI'S INCOME TAX INC.:** Est. 1990, In Person or Remote Services, (309) 685-8003 or email office@giacobbazzitax.com. Office in Peoria or drop-off location in Farmington.
- **More heat. Less wood.** Classic Edge Titanium HDX EPA certified OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE. 26% Tax Credit. Prices start as low as \$9,525. Call today (309) 565-4300.
- **SALVAGE:** Buying junk autos, farm equipment, grain bins, and also doing total farm clean up. Call Doug Lofgren at Spoon

River Salvage (309) 299-8531.

- **LAWN MOWING:** Mowing lawns in Elmwood. Insured. (309) 210-3106.

#### FOR RENT

**Huge Family Garage Sale**  
110 E. Maple St., Yates City  
(Crenshaw Residence)  
July 14 - 8 am to 5 pm  
July 15 - 8 am to 4 pm  
Couch, air compressor, Hobalt power tools, Tupperware, 2 curio cabinets, puzzles, shingles, 3-ton floor jack, sweeper, panda figurines, 57 vintage cars, misc. tools, and other things.

### Sponsor the Crossword Puzzle Call (309) 741-9790

#### Answers on Page 14 - Super Crossword

- ACROSS**  
1 By means of  
4 Seizes suddenly  
9 Niche religion  
13 Cousins of rumbas  
19 Noah's craft  
20 Zellweger of "Bee Movie"  
21 Assistant of Frankenstein  
22 Mount where the 19<sup>th</sup> Across landed  
23 1987 comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Holly Hunter  
26 Set fire to  
27 Streisand musical film  
28 Diner relative  
29 Portion (out)  
31 Part of "GWTW"  
32 Mosque God  
35 Black-and-yellow stinging insect  
39 1993-2004 Chrysler sedan  
43 Thing to fly in the wind  
44 Pertaining to  
45 Seat in a bar  
46 Seat in a church  
48 Things  
52 Give new weapons to  
54 Fluctuate wildly  
56 Cole — (shoe brand)  
59 Curious pet  
60 Gift label  
61 Pro — (some tournaments)  
64 Sport fish also known as "little tuna"  
68 "Them's the breaks!"  
71 Title word before "Inferno" or "Peak"  
72 Came to rest  
73 Atlanta daily since 2001  
77 "Game of Thrones" actress  
78 Charlotte — (Virgin Islands capital)  
79 Turning out  
80 Windy City  
84 Adobe Acrobat file  
85 "— believer!"  
88 Almond-hued  
89 Actress Olin  
90 Plaintiff  
92 Turns toward  
94 Darling child  
96 Perceive  
99 Imitated a sheep  
102 — -pedi  
103 "It's My Turn" singer Diana  
106 Small, floating cephalopod  
109 Device used in cardiology  
113 Actress Eve  
114 Everything  
115 Venus de —  
116 9-to-5er's shout  
118 Of a junction point  
122 Gazed angrily  
124 Principle of capitalism  
129 Showing on TV  
130 Work to make  
131 Second-largest city of India  
132 — out a win (just prevail)  
133 Distant  
134 California, par exemple  
135 Stellar hunter  
136 Abbr. that can precede nine key words in this puzzle  
2 "Dies —" (Mass hymn)  
3 Similar  
4 Car radiator  
5 Toon pal of Stimp  
6 "The Ice Storm" director  
7 Plastic pail or shovel, say  
8 Toxin fighters  
9 Form a rough judgment of  
10 Vanity  
11 With  
15-Down, flimflaming guy  
12 "Lady and the —"  
13 Rum cocktail  
14 Evita's land  
15 See 11-Down  
16 Big name in faucet filters  
17 Solemn vows  
18 Expensive  
24 Veteran  
25 Casual  
30 Comic shriek  
33 Fleur-de- — (iris)  
34 Kitchen pest  
36 Fabric flaw  
37 Bardic verse  
38 Rainy  
39 Juicy gossip  
40 Draft-eligible  
41 Coercing  
42 Edifice  
47 "Let's suppose..."  
49 Like the study of habitats  
50 County in the Bay Area  
51 "Undo" mark  
53 Bryn —, Pennsylvania  
55 Info that's not up to date  
57 Pub spigot  
58 Preposterous  
62 Domestic household  
63 Hit hard, as the brakes  
65 Airline to Copenhagen  
66 Apnea-treating doc  
67 Abel's brother  
69 Blacklisting org. of the 1940s-'50s  
70 Petting zoo animals  
73 2008-12 Mets pitcher  
74 Roman 151 planet  
75 Suffix with planet  
76 Petty quarrel  
77 Eight; Prefix  
81 Doled-out share  
82 French inn  
83 2021 is one  
86 Diner list  
87 Sale rack  
91 Pursued speedily  
93 Key related to C major  
95 Bungle  
97 Lead-in to center or demis  
98 Do lunch  
100 Gift for music date  
104 Wee bit  
105 Note above fa  
108 One of a bowler's targets  
109 "Horrible" cartoon  
110 Actress Kemper  
111 Fire alert  
112 Credit card lure  
117 — -Chinese  
119 God, to Gigi  
120 Inquires  
121 Some blue jeans  
123 Brazilian city, in brief  
125 Hamelin pest  
126 Slice of time  
127 Yale attendee  
128 Pi-sigma link

### ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2022-23

NOTE: Several items are changed in this listing as compared to the one printed 6/22/23.

TOWN FUND	
Balance as of 4/1/2022	\$81,671.42
Income	\$120,773.10
Other Expenses	-\$56,716.42
Expense Over \$2,500	-\$73,502.47
(Steve Davis \$5,000; Diana Hall \$3,456; Dave Wagner \$35,748, Connie Davis \$7,720; Elmwood Comm. Foundation \$5,000; MANNA \$5,000; Office Depot \$3,412.22; PTC Select \$3,525.25, TOIRMA \$4,641.)	
<b>Balance as of 3/31/23</b>	<b>\$72,225.63</b>
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	
Balance as of 4/1/2022	\$69,988.48
Income	\$455.99
Other Debits	-\$300.00
<b>Balance as of 3/31/2023</b>	<b>\$70,144.47</b>
CEMETERY FUND	
Balance as of 4/1/2022	\$99,926.73
Income	\$47,857.14
Other Expenses	-\$4,084.80
Expense over \$2,500	-\$33,000
(Meyers Mowing \$33,000)	
<b>Balance as of 3/31/2023</b>	<b>\$110,699.07</b>
COMMUNITY CENTER	
Balance as of 4/1/2022	\$45,814.91
Income	\$58,549.52
Other Expenses	-\$20,579.77
Expense over \$2,500	-\$19,450.04
(Peggy Whitby \$7,500; ADT \$4,286.01; Ameren \$7,664.03)	
<b>Balance as of 3/31/2023</b>	<b>\$64,334.62</b>
ROAD AND BRIDGE	

Balance as of 4/1/2022	\$94,629.56
Income	\$108,017.18
Other Expenses	-\$17,258.37
Expense over \$2,500	-\$84,992.41
(Fliginger Equipment \$18,291.36; Hoerr Blacktop 20,274.30; J&L Dock Facilities \$13,579.55; Metal Culverts \$2,548.30; TOIRMA \$8,438; Tri State Asphalt \$21,860.90)	
<b>Balance as of 3/31/2023</b>	<b>\$100,395.80</b>
GRAVEL FUND	
Balance as of 4/1/2022	\$33,664.56
Income	\$72,119.91
Other Expenses	-\$14,761.48
Expense over \$2,500	-\$54,359.09
(Ace in the Hole \$17,556.50; Lozier Oil \$2,516.86; Peoria County Highway \$7,658.85; River Bottom Tree \$8,500; Tri State Asphalt \$23,148.33; Windish Trucking \$4,978.55)	
<b>Balance as of 3/31/2023</b>	<b>\$36,663.90</b>
BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT	
Balance as of 4/1/2022	\$16,436.59
Income	\$15,116.23
Other Expenses	\$0
Expense over \$2,500	-\$12,599.43
(Caterpillar Financial \$12,599.43)	
<b>Balance as of 3/31/2023</b>	<b>\$18,953.39</b>
JOINT COUNTY BRIDGE FUND	
Balance as of 4/1/2022	\$56,655.44
Expense	\$900.00
Income	\$21,680.43
<b>Balance as of 3/31/2023</b>	<b>\$77,652.49</b>



**BRIEFS**

**College graduates**

• **Ken Nguyen** of Edwards graduated from Drake University this spring as a Doctor of Pharmacy.

• **Andrew Endres** of Elmwood graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville this spring with a bachelor of arts in fine arts.

• Spring graduates from Carl Sandburg College include the local students:

**Associate in Arts**

Dahinda - **Lindsey Williams**

Edwards - **Jacob Abenroth,**

**Logan VanHeuklon**

Elmwood - **Charles Shissler**

Farmington - **Abigail Simpson**

Laura - **Abigail Smith**

Princeville - **Chase Williams**

Trivoli - **Lily Sharum**

Williamsfield - **Cadence Man-**

**ning, Graham Wight**

**Associate in General Studies**

Dahinda - **Caitlin Sherman**

Princeville - **Chase Williams**

**Associate in Dental Hygiene**

Farmington - **Meghan Wher-**

ley.

**College honors**

• **Dale Crosman** of Edwards, a senior, was named to the spring

honor list (3.2 gpa or better) at Missouri University of Science and Technology.

**Elmwood library has reading party Friday**

ELMWOOD – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood will have its summer reading celebratory party on Friday, July 14, from 1-3 p.m.

The library will have a Tropical Sno truck with a free sno-cone for everyone who participated in summer reading, even if they didn't turn in any of the logs. Sno-cones are the gift of an anonymous patron.

**'Cinderella' musical at Illini Bluffs**

GLASFORD – In celebration of its 17th season, Arc Light Productions and Better Banks are proud to present Rodgers & Hammerstein's musical "Cinderella" July 20-21 at 7:30 p.m. and July 22-23 at 2:30 p.m. at Illini Bluffs High School.

Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" is the new Broadway adaptation of the classic musical.

General admission tickets are \$10, seniors and kids under 12



Youngsters enjoyed the July 4 parade held in Farmington. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

are \$7. Tickets can be purchased at [www.arclightpro.com](http://www.arclightpro.com) or at (309) 455-4095.

**Redneck fishing tournament Aug. 4-5**

BATH – The annual Redneck Fishing Tournament returns to the waters of the Illinois River Aug. 4-5 to help raise money for charities that benefit veterans.

"What's not to like? Ugly fish. Good times. Great cause. And there's a beer garden," said tournament organizer Nikki Greger. "Every year I look forward to seeing returning friends and making new ones. If you haven't been part of the 'Redneck,' you

should check it out."

The tournament is in Bath, a small town along the Illinois River in Mason County. In addition to the fishing, there are bands, food stands and a variety of other fun stuff happening near the boat launch. More information can be found online at [www.originalredneckfishintournament.com](http://www.originalredneckfishintournament.com) or on Facebook at Redneck Fishing Tournament.

**Hotel business booming in Illinois**

CHICAGO – For hoteliers, business is booming in Illinois.

On Monday Gov. JB Pritzker, the state's legislative leadership

and representatives of the hospitality industry announced that hotels in Illinois saw record revenues in fiscal year 2023, which ended June 30.

Across the state, hotels brought in \$307.8 million, according to figures from the state's Department of Revenue. That beats fiscal year 2019, the previous record year for hotel income.

Revenue in 2023 was up 35.8 percent from the prior year and 230.1 percent from fiscal year 2021, when the pandemic was still significantly affecting peoples' travel habits.

Major events have helped bolster Illinois' tourism industry in 2023, according to Kristin Richards, the head of the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. These include the sold-out Enjoy Illinois 300 NASCAR race in Madison and Taylor Swift's Eras tour.

Swift's fans, who descended on Chicago's Soldier Field for three nights over the first weekend in June, contributed to Chicago seeing the highest weekend hotel occupancy rate in history – an average of 96.8% according to Bloomberg.

**Yates City Community Center Rental**  
 For Reservations contact:  
**Neely Carr (309) 369-5597**  
**Jim Ralston (309) 645-7759**  
**Wayne Wrage (309) 635-1723**  
**Elba Salem Park District**

People are often unreasonable and self-centered....  
**FORGIVE them anyway.**  
 If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives....  
**Be KIND anyway.**  
 If you are honest, people may cheat you....  
**Be HONEST anyway.**  
 If you find happiness, people may be jealous....  
**Be HAPPY anyway.**  
 The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow....  
**Do GOOD anyway.**  
 Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.  
**Give your BEST anyway.**  
 For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.... It never was between you and them anyway.

*Mother Teresa*

**Pages From The Past** Compiled by Josie Griffith

**5 Years Ago**  
 • The second Elmwood Habitat home began construction for Amber Selman and her three children; Abbey, 14, and twins Ryan and Lily, 12. The home was on track to finish by Thanksgiving, with the help of the Homeway Home corporation and the community helping with tasks such as electrical and plumbing. Selman will have to pay on a 20-year no-interest mortgage, and work 250 "sweat-equity hours" for the downpayment.

**10 Years Ago**  
 • Local graduate Robah Kellogg died on June 23, 2018, years after retiring from University of Illinois-Chicago College of Nursing in Peoria and decades after helping to eradicate smallpox and malaria from Iran. A 1938 graduate of Elmwood High School, Kellogg earned a bachelor's degree from Wheaton College and completed the Cook County School of Nursing program, earned a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan and a public health nursing certificate from the University of Minnesota.

• Tim Farquer began his new career as superintendent of Williamsfield School District 210. Farquer, 40, is a Dahinda native and Williamsfield graduate, with his mother working as a teacher at the school until her retirement. He also served on the Board of Education in District 210 for eight years.

**30 Years Ago**  
 • Wildwood, a Bloomington-

based band, performed in Laura for the annual Millbrook "Summer-fest."

**50 Years Ago**  
 • Four Elmwood cheerleaders began their enrollment at Illinois State University cheering on the Redbirds teams. They were Sharon Korth, Mary Brothers, Connie Williamson and Joan Asbell.

• Boy Scouts from Williamsfield began their journey to the Philomont Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico for a 12-day hiking expedition.

**60 Years Ago**  
 • The Dr. E. K. Dimmit Memorial fund in Farmington began a fundraiser to raise \$675. The goal was quickly reached within two weeks.

• At the 1958 Illinois State Fair, excitement began to spread as it was announced that Louis Armstrong, Jonathan Winters, James Garner and Peggy King were to be the headliners for the fair.

• Cheryl Norris of Elmwood was accepted in the Illinois Summer Youth Junior Orchestra.

**70 Years Ago**  
 • Farmington's water was shut off for about an hour while some of the connections to new water mains were being made. Shut-off valves were being installed in the new mains to enable future repairs to be made, when necessary, without shutting off the water supply of the entire city.

**80 Years Ago**  
 • The Peoria County 4-H club contest was won by the Elmwood 4-H club. John Manock of Elm-

wood held the highest individual score in Peoria County with his total of 332 points. John has maintained this high rank for several years. Ruth Bradshaw, with 303 points, completed the Elmwood dairy judging team, which won its event.

**100 Years Ago**  
 • Dean Hurlbutt of Williamsfield lost six head of cattle to a lightning strike.

• The State Highway Department was to allow the City of Farmington \$11,194 in cash and 1,559 barrels of cement as its portion of the pavement on north Main Street, for use on State Route 97.

• Local people began making trips to visit Lewistown to see the Native American burial mounds that had recently opened for the public.

• Ben Walden and Jesse Armstrong caught a 15-pound carp in the backwaters of the Spoon River.

**110 Years Ago**  
 • The music firm of Ellis and Atherton in Elmwood dissolved partnership, by mutual consent.

**120 Years Ago**  
 • C.C. Davis took charge of the Princeville Elevator formerly owned by G.M. Cox.

• Mr. Lott and C.W. Harkness of Elmwood began the process of possibly putting in a telephone line from Elmwood to Laura and Williamsfield.

• Mr. S.L. Smith's crayon studio began to teach large classes of beginning artists, as well as teaching a class in penmanship.

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# Drought limiting corn height

By DANIEL GRANT

FarmWeek

If you can still easily look across entire cornfields because the plants are so short, you're not alone.

The height of corn has been greatly limited in many areas of the state by the severe lack of moisture so far this season.

The majority of the state (92.7%) was in drought, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor released June 29, while the remainder, mostly in southern Illinois, was abnormally dry.

This includes a pocket of extreme drought in western Adams, Hancock and Pike counties along the Mississippi River and the very western edge of Schuyler County. Meanwhile, most of the northern two-thirds of the state was in severe drought as of June 27. The latest Drought Monitor was released hours before a widespread derecho hit a large portion of the state June 29 and provided much-needed relief.

"We've been drier since planting than 1988 or 2012," Lance Tarochione, DeKalb/Asgrow technical agronomist, told FarmWeek hours before the storm. "Things don't look good."

"If you have early-planted corn on good soil, it's held up the best," he noted. "But, if you have later-planted corn, corn on lighter soils or compacted soils, that stuff looks pretty tough. There's lots of scary-short corn and lots of nutrient deficiency symptoms."

But, while much of this year's corn crop might not grow to the height of a professional basketball player, many farmers can still score some respectable yields if the recent return of regular showers continues. And the June 29 storm, despite wind and hail damage, was a good start in many areas.

"There's a lot of concern about height. There's going to be a lot of corn 6 feet



Lack of moisture in Illinois has limited the height of corn in some areas of the state. Photo by Catrina Rawson.

tall fully tasseled," Tarochione said. "And it's not going to grow much after it tassels."

"But there's really no correlation between height and yield, although there is some correlation with leaf area and yield (which can affect sunlight capture and photosynthesis)," the agronomist noted.

Just 26% of the corn crop and 25% of soybeans were rated good to excellent statewide as of June 26, down dramatically from 70% and 66%, respectively, as of the same date last year.

The key, of course, is the weather pattern for the upcoming pollination season.

"The height of corn is determined in June, but the corn yield is determined in July," Tarochione said.

"This crop still has far more potential than crop insurance levels, but we need a lot of rain soon. If there's not much rain soon, then it won't pollinate well and there could be a lot of kernel abortion."

Soybean growth also remains limited, although that crop has more time to recover this season as yield potential isn't usually set until August, the agronomist noted.

Rainfall activity increased in the state during the last week of June.

"We got three-tenths (Wednesday, June 28) afternoon, which was our biggest rain in two months (followed by much heavier downpours Thursday, June 29)," Tarochione said. "The forecast is at least more optimistic."

Moisture deficits reached 8 to 10 inches in much of the state through late June, according to Trent Ford, state climatologist with the Illinois State Water Survey. Statewide, topsoil ranked 89% short to very short as of June 26.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that pursuant to the Illinois State Statutes and the permanent **Zoning Ordinance of Peoria County, the Peoria County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings on August 10, 2023**, as follows:  
*Case No. ZBA-2023-033 at 10:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.*  
Petition of **THERESA HOLSHOUSER, acting on behalf of ROBERT COX ESTATE (Theresa Holshouser, Executor) (owner), a SPECIAL USE** request from Section 20-6.2.1.1.b of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use when a proposed land split does not meet the 40 acre minimum lot size in the A-1 Agricultural Preservation Zoning District. The petitioner proposes to

divide an existing 17.956 acre tract into three tracts consisting of 5 acres, 5 acres, and 7.956 acres.  
The South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; situated in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois.  
EXCEPTING THEREFROM A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows:  
Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 7; thence South along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 7, a distance of 1,204.17 feet to the Point of Beginning of the tract to be described; thence continuing South along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 7, a dis-

tance of 130.71 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes 42 seconds West along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 7, a distance of 507.72 feet; thence North, a distance of 200.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 299.63 feet; thence South a distance of 69.29 feet; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 208.10 feet to the Point of Beginning, as shown by Plat recorded in Plat Book "37", Page 75, excepting there from any part taken or used for roadway purposes;  
AND ALSO, Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 7; thence South along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 7, a distance of 1194.88 feet to a magnetic nail at the Point of Beginning of the

tract to be described; thence continuing South along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 7, a distance of 9.29 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes 42 seconds West, a distance of 208.10 feet to a point; thence North, a distance of 9.29 feet to an iron rod; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 208.10 feet to the Point of Beginning, excepting there from any part taken or used for roadway purposes, situated in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois. (**Radnor Township 08-07-200-009**)  
This property can be located by heading southeast on Main St and turning left at the first cross street onto NE Adams St. Turn right onto Eaton St, then turn right to merge onto I-74. Merge onto I-74 and continue for approximately 11 miles. Take exit 82 for


Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. Turn right onto N Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. and continue for approximately 1 mile. Turn left onto US-150 W and then turn right onto N. Princeville Jubilee Rd. and continue for approximately 4.7 miles. Turn right onto Dunlap-Jubilee Rd./Legion Hall Rd. and continue for approximately 2 miles. Turn left onto N. Evans Mill Rd. and continue to 14903 N. Evans Mill Rd., Princeville, IL.  
All pertinent written materials by either proponents or objectors pertaining to the above cases should be filed in the Department of Planning and Zoning, 324 Main Street, Room 301, Peoria, IL 61602.  
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