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BACK TO SCHOOL

Additional students bring new hope for future at St. Mary's

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

Back to school week has arrived too early for most students and teachers and just in time for most parents. The return to the classroom has brought new teachers, administrators and students to local schools. And in Kickapoo, this week ushered in new hope at St. Mary's School.

On Wednesday, St. Mary's welcomed another class of students – something that one year ago was very much in doubt.

That the doors opened for another year came thanks to aggressive marketing, successful fundraising and committed staff and alumni.

"I truly have been amazed by the outpouring of support that parents, parishioners and even those who don't have kids in the school have extended to St. Mary's," Father James Pankiewicz said. "There is a very real love for St. Mary's Catholic School."

Last fall, Pankiewicz wrote a letter to parents
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STEM learning is part of a new CONNECTed curriculum being featured this year at St. Mary's School of Kickapoo, which has boosted enrollment after an aggressive marketing campaign in the past year.

City of Elmwood hires school officer

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The city has hired a school resource officer, although he isn't new to the school.

During its meeting Aug. 8, the City Council authorized Stu Ingersoll as a member of the Elmwood Police Department. Ingersoll's main duty will be to provide security for the Elmwood School District, which began 2023-24 classes Tuesday.

For the past five years or so, Ingersoll was an unofficial school resource officer, as well as a school custodian. He spent 30 previous years as a Peoria Police Department officer, primarily in patrol, before he retired from that job.

Mayor JD Hulslander



Stu Ingersoll raises his hand to be sworn in as Elmwood's school resource officer on Aug. 8. Photo by Bonnie Beal.

asked Ingersoll if he was prepared for his new work. During the meeting and after his police-force induction, Ingersoll affirmed it.

"I think I'm able to do it," he said. "It's basically to protect the school."

Ingersoll suggested his rapport with Elmwood stu-
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Farmington to remodel city building

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The years-long saga of finding a home for Farmington's municipal offices appears to be over.

The Farmington City Council on Aug. 7 approved spending up to \$400,000 on the first part of a multi-phased remodel for the existing city building, located at 322 E. Fort St.

Approval would seem to end any discussion of building a new facility for the city offices, which had still been debated as recently as two years ago.

"We're staying," Mayor Kenn

Stufflebeam said Monday.

"We've collectively decided the route we'd like to go is to resurrect this building and then start doing the things necessary to (improve the building) over a period of time we can determine," Council Member David Rose said. "The bones of this building are really still in fantastic shape. We kind of think this is the best place to put the city building."

Rose said cost of constructing a comparable building would be \$5 million to \$8 million.

Added council member Joey Boggs, "We can do this in steps.

That's the biggest thing."

Approved as a first step was installation of 16 heat and air conditioning "mini-split" units for each room in the city building, necessitated by failure of two boilers in the facility. McVey Mechanical of Farmington had low bid of \$150,000 for the HVAC work. Rose said the new units will require only a 2-inch hole cut through the wall to be operational.

The project will also include substantial electrical work, however, since future phases will involve demolition of the old junior high building that con-



The Farmington City Council agreed to spend up to \$400,000 for new HVAC systems at Farmington's Municipal Building at 322 E. Fort St. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

nnects the city offices and the YMCA building. As part of that demolition, electric service will have to be separated for the

buildings.

Rose said the plan is to make that change now, which will add

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ELMWOOD PALACE THEATRE

ELMWOOD: Officer to work for city in summer

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dents will help him with his new duties.

Elmwood School Superintendent Chad Wagner wanted a full-time resource officer and approached the council earlier this year about hiring one.

“They want a (police) vehicle parked on campus,” Councilman Andrew Almasi said. “Part of it is just the deterrent effect. Stu was their choice, and we agreed that he is a good choice.”

During the academic year, the school district is to reimburse the city for

Ingersoll’s salary and benefits. Ingersoll is to be paid \$24 an hour, Almasi said. Finer points of the city-district contract are to be codified. The contract is to be year-to-year.

Ingersoll is to help provide the city police force when school is not in session during the summer.

Regarding another example of city-school cooperation, the two entities plan to split the cost of resurfacing, repainting and reconfiguring a softball diamond at Sweetwater Park. The city’s share is \$3,827.50.

The council also ap-

proved two tax-increment-financing grants – one for up to \$13,736.66 to H&H Industries Inc., and another for \$325 to New2U Community Thrift Store.

H&H, 110 W. Main St., requested a grant to help pay for a collapsed floor, according to Amy Davis, the economic-development director. Total repair cost was \$27,473.32. H&H might also receive an insurance reimbursement.

“They’re a third-generation business in the community and own a good chunk of that downtown block,” Davis said in pre-

sending the H&H case.

New2U, 110 E. Main St., spent \$625 for a new sign that in July was placed in its front window. The store is a volunteer effort among four Elmwood churches.

According to New2U officials, the sign is to help out-of-town visitors find the 6-year-old store.

“Those customers visit businesses and restaurants here. We think we provide a public service,” a New2U letter to the council stated. “We’ll put that (grant) money right back into the community.”

The council also reviewed the 2023-24 city budget. Estimated general-fund revenues and beginning cash are \$1,477,795 and total expenses are \$1,037,200, according to Treasurer Bonnie Beal.

A public budget hearing is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Sept. 19, before the council meeting that night.

Correction

In a story last week, Stephanie Landon was quoted as saying her business, Stephanie’s Day Care in Williamsfield, was caring for 70 children. She is caring for 12 children currently but has cared for more than 70 since opening. The newspaper erred.

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- 5:30 pm Baby Contest Registration (Stage)
- 6:00 pm Baby Contest (Stage)
- BINGO (North of Main/North Pavilion)
- 6:30 pm Grand Marshal Dessert Walk (South Pavilion)
- 7:00 pm Live Music: Afterthought (Stage)

Saturday, August 19th
Activities take place at both Harvest Home Park and Town Park (Gazebo)

- 6:30-7:15 am Gazebo Run Registration (Town Park)
- 7:30 am Start of 1 Mile Walk / Run (Town Park)
- 8:00 am Start of 5K Race (Town Park)
- 9:00-10:30 am Parade On-Site Registration (Town Park)
Line-Up Follows
- 10:00 am Vendor/Craft Show Opens (South Pavilion)
- 11:00 am Parade Begins
- Food Stand Opens (Main/North Pavilion)
- 12:00 pm Boden’s Amusements Open
- Parade Winners Announced (Stage)
- Tractor Pull Begins (South Side)
- 1:00 pm Pedal Tractor Pull (Basketball court)
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This Week's Hot Pick

• **Harvest Home** – The Harvest Home Festival is Friday, Aug. 18, and Saturday, Aug. 19, in Yates City's Harvest Home Park. Food stands open Friday at 4:30 p.m., carnival opens 5 p.m., baby contest at 6 p.m. and "Afterthought" performs at 7. Race registration Saturday, 6:30-7:15 a.m., parade starts at 11 a.m. with the theme of "Home Cooking." Vendor show starts 10 a.m. and food stands open at 11 a.m. Bingo, pedal tractor pull and more also scheduled on Saturday. "Twisted Whiskey" performs Saturday at 5 p.m.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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This Week's Events

- **Harvest Home** – The Harvest Home fundraiser dinner is today, Aug. 17, from 4:30-7 p.m. \$13 at the Yates City Community Center. Dine in or carry out. Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, roll, vegetable, dessert and drink.
- **Ladies Night** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood starts Ladies Night Out programs today, Aug. 17, for women over 18. Create tile coasters.
- **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.
- **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.

Future Events

- **Fire Safety** – Peoria County Farm Bureau has a farm-related fire-safety session with Chief David Tuttle on Friday, Aug. 25, at the Logan-Trivoli Fire Station at 11 a.m.
- **Tractor Pull** – Small Town tractor pull is Aug. 26 in Laura starting at 9 a.m.
- **Farmers Closet** – A Back to School fundraiser for Farmer's Closet will be Aug. 27 from noon to 3:30 p.m. at Reed Park in Farmington. Food trucks, inflatables and raffles.
- **MANNA Meal** – Elmwood United Methodist Church has its MANNA meal Thursday, Aug. 31, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost \$8. Fried chicken, mashed and baked potatoes, corn, salad, dessert and drink.
- **Food Pantry** – Princeville Community Food Pantry open first and third Thursdays at Princeville Presbyterian Church, 5-6 p.m., 339 S. Santa Fe Ave.

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War expensive on and off the battlefield

When asked to describe war, Union General William T. Sherman noted that, "War is cruelty, and you cannot refine it." Later, in a speech, Sherman did refine his easily forgettable dictum to the much shorter, impossible-to-forget: "War is hell."

Others thought war to be "...politics by other means," (General Carl von Clausewitz) or "...a wanton waste of projectiles," (author Mark Twain.)

However you describe it, war is expensive. World War II, in 2020 dollars, cost \$4 trillion and devoured 40 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product in 1945. To date, estimates of the total U.S. military, financial, and humanitarian aid to Ukraine since its February 2022 invasion by Russia range from \$75-110 billion.



Alan GUEBERT

War is extremely profitable, too. In 2023, Brown University estimated that the almost generation-long war in Afghanistan cost U.S. taxpayers \$14 trillion, "with one-third to one-half of that total going to military contractors."

Shooting wars aren't the only type of warfare that's costly, deadly, and often without a winner. In January 2022, the International Monetary Fund estimated the total cost of the Covid-19 pandemic would be at least \$12.5 trillion.

The human side of that coin is just as large. On Aug. 2, the United Nations World Health Organization estimated total Covid-19 deaths worldwide now stand at 7 million.

Covid has other, less visible victims. In 2021 alone, the U.N. calcu-

lated the pandemic more than doubled the number of "people experiencing acute food insecurity" around the world from 135 million to 345 million.

Then, with global food aid programs already reeling under Covid, the Russian invasion of Ukraine struck another blow. U.S. wheat futures prices rocketed nearly 50 percent higher, from \$7.50 per bu. to \$11 per bu., as shipping and boycott threats ricocheted through global markets.

But even after the invasion-shaken markets settled into a less volatile, more predictable pattern, the number of food-threatened nations remained high and access to supplies continued to be threatened.

However, throughout the pandemic and Russian-Ukrainian war, one area of the global food system remained - and remains - well-fed and fat. According to a Greenpeace International Feb. 2023 report, "The world's biggest agribusiness corporations made more in billion-dollar profits since 2020 than the amount that the U.N. estimates could cover the basic needs of the world's most vulnerable..."

That math, Greenpeace explains, shows that "The 20 corporations - the biggest in the sectors of grain, fertilizer, meat and dairy - delivered \$53.5 billion to shareholders in the financial years 2020 and 2021, while the U.N. estimates a smaller figure, \$51.5 billion, would be enough to provide food, shelter and lifesaving support for the world's 230 million most vulnerable people."

Recent financial reports from three of the biggest of the big - Cargill, Bunge and Archer-Daniels-Midland - show the trend not only continues,

but it's getting even more profitable. For example, on Aug. 3, Reuters reported, "Global commodities trader Cargill Inc. reported... its fiscal year 2023 revenue increased 7% from a year earlier to \$177 billion, the highest ever for the 158-year-old company."

Since Cargill is a privately-held company, it doesn't share all its financial data such as quarterly or annual profit.

Competitors like ADM and Bunge, however, are publicly held so they must post their financial results. "Both," says Reuters, have "reported solid earnings..." and have "raised their profit outlooks for 2023."

The key reason for the increased profits is as old as war itself: "Global supply disruptions, such as the ongoing war in Ukraine... have generated increased profit margins for grain merchants" and, no surprise, "concurrently opened up opportunities for firms like Cargill to step in..." explained BNN, an online global news service, Aug. 3.

Equally unsurprising, prices for ag imports and services have also soared during Covid/Ukrainian war years. According to a November 2022 report by the Institute of Agriculture & Trade Policy, the world's 20 most industrialized nations "paid almost twice as much for key fertilizer imports in 2021 compared to 2020 and (were) on course to spend three times as much in 2022."

So, yes, war is a cruel, unrefined hell where everyone, even the winners, are losers.

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Helpful friends quenched cows during drought

The 3 inches of rain we got overnight were a blessing to our pastures and crops, less so for the many outdoor concerts and other events scheduled around the area. Tis an ill wind that blows no good, however, so we will be both thankful for what we received and mindful of the disappointment felt by others.

We went from May 9 until the damaging storm at the end of June with no more than a few drops of rain, never even enough to wet the sidewalk beneath the trees. AJ has lived all his 80 years here and, in true old-timer fashion, said repeatedly as the drought progressed, "I've never seen it this dry, ever. And it's only June."

When the storm came through just before the Independence Day weekend, it also brought damaging winds that took down many power lines and poles. We were only out for a few hours here at home, but our Other Place, just a mile and a half away, had no power for several days.

For those who live in towns with water towers, it bears mentioning that out here on the farm, water comes from wells by means of electric pumps. No power = no water. When I came here in 1971, the old windmill still served to pump water for the hogs, but it is long gone now, another victim of strong winds that sometimes sweep across this former prairie.

Ordinarily, the cattle at the Other Place could easily find water in the slough. But with no rain for many weeks, only the spring in the hillside fed the small stream at the base of the hills. Adding to our concern was the extremely hot, humid weather. These cows were thirsty.

Ameren kept us updated on expected restoration times, but they were given in days, not hours. We had to do something. We weighed our options. We could bring them home, but our wells cannot support that many cows. Plus, that would be a lot of trips for Matt to make with the trailer.

We could try to find someone to

haul water to them, but from where?

None of my rain dances had brought results. As a last resort we considered letting them drink from Walnut Creek, but we would have to build a lot of fence just to get them there, not to mention somehow limiting the space they could occupy in the creek. There had to be another way to get them water.

Cows are quite resourceful, in their own way. Ours gathered along the slough in three places where the water gathered in hoof prints or low spots. They are not good at taking turns, however, so none of them ever really quenched their thirst. They had to stand and wait for the depressions to fill ever so slowly with water. The spring in the hillside is really just a seep, so oozing out enough water for 42 cows and their calves, plus the bull, was a slow process.

On the second day of the outage, with projections still three days out, we did what we always do in a crisis: We called a neighbor. We had decided if we could somehow dig out a small pond for water to gather, the cows could survive for a few days. Rick Rumbold is as good with a backhoe (or any piece of equipment, for that matter) as anyone around. He would come see what he could do.

What he did was to meticulously scoop out a spot maybe 20-feet by 20-feet in the slough just north of the culvert. He carefully placed each mucky bucketful downstream to create a partial dam. We didn't want to completely block the flow, since one cohort of cows had claimed water rights farther downstream in the frog pond, a safe place to drink without getting mired in mud.

Then he moved across to the bank near the springy hillside where he dug just a couple scoops out to provide a spot for calves to drink.

Our cows watched curiously as they gathered at the non-functioning waterers, mooing frantically for water. It took a while for the little pond to begin to fill, and the water was thick with mud, but by the time Rick was headed up the hill with his backhoe, one of the cows ventured cautiously down the steep bank to the drinking area.

When the power was finally restored, we thought our troubles were over. And for a few hours the pump

worked and the cows had access to fresh water once again. But then the pump quit.

Jim McNaught came at once, familiar with our farm and knowing our cows needed water. He determined the problem was not the pump itself, but the power supply. The next call was to our electrician, who is also familiar with our cow situation. He, in turn, called someone to trace a break in the underground power line.

This would have all been extremely stressful, but our cows were now able to get a drink, albeit a rather muddy one, whenever they needed. They would not die of thirst. Soon enough, the power line was repaired, the pump took right off and fresh, cool water flowed into the waterers for our grateful cows.

The 1½ inches of rain had miraculously greened the pastures enough that our cows could graze a bit instead of eating the rye bales intended for winter feed. For the first time in well over a month they were able to lie down in soft grass with full bellies, content once again. Sometimes it really does take a village ... or at least a neighborhood.

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- 2 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 1½ teaspoon Mexican oregano
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt

Garnish

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Jeanne Harland is a cow-calf producer in Knox County where she and her husband, AJ, also raise corn, soybeans, oats and turnips.



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ST. MARY'S: Enrollment up by 22 students

Continued from Page 1 and parishioners detailing various benchmarks the school would have to reach in order to reopen its doors for 2023-24.

Among those were less financial reliance on the St. Mary's parish, increased enrollment and more uniformity in how parents are billed for tuition.

"Last year we knew if we didn't have a positive answer by March 1 we would be seriously in danger of closing. By that I mean both the financial support and the enrollment," said Bill Lamb, principal at St. Mary's. "That was a very hard deadline. The consequences of failing were sobering.

"And we met both of those deadlines and far surpassed our expectations. That's why we feel positive this year we will continue to make strides."

In addition to raising about \$350,000 for the school, enrollment has in-

creased from 60 students last fall to 82 heading into Wednesday's first day. That includes 17 new students in grades K-8, according to Lamb.

"Our kindergarten group grew to a class of 12, which I am hearing is close to some of the public schools near us," Lamb said. "Hopefully those will be students who will follow through with Catholic education."

Lamb credits increased marketing of the school for part of the turnaround.

"We did a survey and part of that survey showed a significant percentage of the Kickapoo-Brimfield area wasn't aware of who we were or where we were," Lamb said. "We weren't doing significant, focused marketing and we found out we needed to."

St. Mary's staff of seven full-time teachers have also developed a new CONNECTed curriculum that features classes in agricul-

ture/cooking, STEM learning, physical education and typing, computers and coding. The school also offers music, theater art and Spanish for all grades.

Lamb said there is still work to be done moving forward, though. Last year, St. Mary's benefited from various grants and payroll tax credits to fund its \$800,000 annual operating costs. With that free money no longer available, the school will again need to rely on support from St. Mary's Church. But Lamb said that level of support has been cut from almost 96 percent in previous years to under 50 percent heading into this fall.

"We're on a positive growth ride right now and we're hoping to continue. That's the goal," Lamb said. "We need to make sure we don't backslide."

With that in mind, the school will soon launch another fundraiser and plans to continue market-

ing.

"Recognizing that St. Mary's is bordered by Elmwood, Brimfield and Dunlap – all very good schools that have earned great reputations – means we have to work even harder," Lamb said.



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Chemical spill halts traffic near Kickapoo

KICKAPOO – A semi-trailer tanker that was carrying a chemical overturned as it exited Interstate 74 south of Kickapoo on Aug. 8. There was no significant risk to the public, according to authorities.

The driver sustained minor injuries in the accident, which happened on the westbound I-74 exit ramp at Kickapoo-Edwards Road.

According to the Peoria Fire Department, responders from the Brimfield Community Fire Protection district found the truck and tanker upside down in the off-ramp median. They tended to the driver and determined the tanker was leaking.

Brimfield officials summoned the Peoria Fire Department Hazardous Material Incident Team. A concrete additive was determined to be leaking from the tanker. The leak was confined to the median.

The tanker driver was transported to an area hospital. The exit ramp was closed for several hours while the tanker was placed upright and an environmental-cleanup service worked, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. Personnel from the Dunlap Fire Protection District also responded.

Police Reports

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man was accused of beating his girlfriend so severely she required hospital treatment.

Danny D. Devine, 26, was arrested following the incident. It took place between midnight and 7 a.m. Aug. 7 at a residence in the 400 block of E. Pearl St., according to a Farmington Police Department report.

The 17-year-old victim told police the incident began at the residence and continued in a vehicle. She said Devine struck her in the face at least five times and choked her more than once. The victim had two black eyes, a swollen nose and bruises on her right arm and around her throat, the report stated.

An ambulance transported the victim to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Later, on Aug. 7, she was released and was expected to obtain an order of protection against Devine, who was charged with aggravated domestic battery and transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

• **PEORIA** – A Peoria doctor placed a video camera in a female employee bathroom at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, according to authorities.

Henry Chang, 28, was being held on \$10,000 bond last week at the Peoria County Jail. He was accused of unlawful video recording, a fel-

ony. The video camera recorded multiple females using the bathroom, according to the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office.

Peoria police officers responded to St. Francis after a female found the camera on the bathroom floor. Apparently, it had fallen from its hiding place. Video of Chang setting up the camera was retrieved, per the state's attorney's office.



Chang

As of last week, detectives had not identified the females in the videos. More charges against Chang were expected. The case remained under investigation.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Peoria Heights man admitted he stole a bottle of tequila from a Farmington business, according to authorities.

Brandon L. Hrdlicka, 30, was implicated in the theft, which was reported about 2 p.m. July 26 at Circle K, 1006 E. Fort St. Security video revealed a man entered the store that morning and absconded with a 375-milliliter bottle of Herradura tequila valued at \$22.

Hrdlicka said the Avon Police Department dropped him off at Circle K the previous night. He slept behind the business' dumpster, according to a Farmington police report. After Hrdlicka awakened in the morning, he entered the store, put the tequila bottle in his pocket, then stashed it next to the dumpster.

It wasn't clear why Hrdlicka was in police custody in Avon. He was given a notice to appear Aug. 29 in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

• **BRIMFIELD** – No injuries were reported in a two-vehicle accident in Brimfield.

The wreck happened about 3:30 p.m. Aug. 1 at Jefferson and Illinois streets. According to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report, Brandy R. Higgins of Kewanee was driving a 2004 Harley-Davidson motorcycle on Illinois Street when the vehicle struck the right rear fender of a 1994 Jeep Liberty.

Emma R. Smith of Galesburg was driving the Jeep, which was attempting a left turn on Jefferson Street. Higgins said he was behind the Jeep and drove to the right of it to attempt a right turn, but the Harley struck the fender.

According to the report, the accident detached the fender from the Jeep. The motorcycle sustained minimal damage. The report did not state in which direction either vehicle was headed.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man and woman were arrested after they visited a local business they were prohibited from patronizing.

About 1:30 a.m. Aug. 4, a Farmington police officer was summoned to Circle K, 1006 E. Fort St. There he found Joey L. Ames, 39, and Janet M. Sandoval, 42. Both had been barred from the McDonald's restaurant that is in the same building as Circle K.

Ames said he was under the impression he was barred only from the McDonald's portion of the building. An officer told Ames and Sandoval they aren't supposed to be anywhere on the property.

Both suspects were accused of trespass to real property and transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

• **ELMWOOD** – Shortly after 5:45 a.m. July 28, Oscar M. Vinas-Lizardi of Elmwood was driving a 2006 Honda Ridgeline pickup truck north in the 10300 block of N. Bell School Rd. when the vehicle struck a deer that entered the roadway from the east.

Vinas-Lizardi was uninjured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The pickup truck sustained a cracked windshield and a damaged front-right bumper, quarter panel and headlight.

• **ELMWOOD** – Cole Z. Taylor, 36, of Elmwood was arrested at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 12 and accused of driving under the influence of alcohol and unsafe backing on a roadway, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **TRIVOLI** – Blake M. Johnson, 32, of Trivoli was arrested about 8:45 p.m. Aug. 10 and accused of criminal damage to property of less than \$500, resisting-obstructing an officer and aggravated battery, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **ELMWOOD** – Chief Aaron Bean reported the following Elmwood Police Department activity for July: three traffic stops, five warnings and 14 reports.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – Chief James Robertson reported the following Williamsfield Police Department activity for July: two 9-1-1 calls, one alarm, one animal complaint, two domestic complaints and one motorcycle theft.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between July 30-Aug. 5: disturbance, Oak Run; burglary, Oak Run; suspicious incident, Dahinda; burglary, Illinois Route 180; suspicious person, Oak Run.

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FARMINGTON: Goal is heat on by Oct. 1

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 an estimated \$200,000 to \$250,000 to the total cost of the HVAC upgrades. Rose said he is “pretty confident” the project will come in under \$400,000, but said electrical contractor RKE of Farmington has not had time to offer a firm estimate on work needed. Rose said city staff has been seeking bids for about three months but added RKE was the lone electrical contractor willing to tackle the project. “We’re under a bit of a deadline here, because we don’t have heat,” Rose said. His goal is to have HVAC systems operational by Oct. 1. In time, the council plans to tackle additional phases of work that will include asbestos removal, new windows for the city building, a possible paint job for

the facility and demolition of the old junior high connecting those two structures. After demolition, walls on the police department and YMCA building will need to be closed in. Stufflebeam said City Administrator Bettina Bohanna has grant-writing experience and is hoping to find state or federal dollars to help fund the remodel. “Based on where we are in the city, we owe it to the city to make this building look like something,” Stufflebeam said. The board also approved the police department using an impounded Mercedes for the school resource officer. The car will be fitted with a purple and gold vinyl graphic wrap designed by C.J. Signs of Peoria that features the Farmington Farmers logo. Total cost of the wrap and some other repairs will be

about \$5,000 according to Stufflebeam. “It’s a good-looking car to begin with and I think the kids will get a kick out of the wrap,” Stufflebeam said. The board approved buying six bulletproof vests for the police department at a cost of \$930 per vest. A federal grant will bankroll half of the purchase. Also approved were two ordinances: one that would create a loading zone in front of Reincarnations Auto Works at 135 E. Fort

St.; and one that would limit parking in front of the firehouse for firemen only. Tom Oldfield was granted permission to use bleachers from Jacobs Park for the Farmington JFL league. Oldfield said the JFL enrollment is up to 131 tackle football players from a usual turnout of 100-105. Tabled for further discussion was possible purchase of a tube slide for Dimmitt Park for \$5,482. The current slide in the park has been damaged and is not usable.

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Princeville closer to annexing 15.5 acres

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Village annexation of about 15½ acres at the north edge of Princeville appears closer to reality.

Sale of the property to local manufacturing company Greenfield Contractors was to become final last week, according to Village Trustee Ron Delbridge. Municipal officials suggested the land probably would not be annexed until after the sale.

Village Board approval might be a formality, although as of last week no timetable had been set.

“We’re good with it whenever it comes up,” Delbridge said.

Delbridge presided over the Village Board meeting Aug. 7. Village President Jeff Troutman was out of town.

Greenfield intends to construct an office and a 20,000-square-foot fabri-

cation and storage facility on the property. According to Delbridge, Village Public Works Superintendent Chad Gardner told the board about plans to connect the property to municipal water and sewer lines.

Currently, Greenfield occupies a 1,600-square-foot building at 1012 N. Santa Fe Ave., across the road and south of the proposed site at the north edge of Princeville. The unincorporated 15½-acre plot is located just north of the Dollar General store at 1107 N. Santa Fe Ave.

Greenfield officials said it might be two more years before construction starts. They also said annexation and resulting village services might lure other businesses to that plot, because Greenfield isn’t likely to use all of it.

The report from Gardner came toward the end of a meeting that lasted about 20 minutes, Delbridge said.

Village trustees approved a reimbursement of \$2,500 for new vinyl siding, soffit and gutters for a building at 232 W. Douglas St. The tax-increment-financing funds came from the village Residential Redevelopment Program.

Trustees also authorized Cindy Miller and Linda Robinson to be hired as on-call office staff. They are to fill in when Village Treasurer Julie Delbridge is on vacation or otherwise unavailable. Robinson has filled the message-taking and telephone-answering role in the past, Ron Delbridge said.

Building permits were issued for demolition of accessory buildings at 216 E. High St.; for construction of a 15-by-15-foot addition to a shed at 1218 N. Town Ave.; and for a fence in a back yard at 212 N. Ostrom Ave.

Princeville schools hope to buy new van

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Amid discussion about how to better secure its transportation fleet, the Princeville School Board has authorized adding to it.

The district might purchase a van for student transportation, according to Superintendent Tony Shinall. Mileages on the current vans are high.

On Aug. 8, the board ap-

proved spending up to \$40,000 on a van if one can be found before the September meeting.

No decision was made regarding ongoing consideration to install fencing and security cameras at the district bus-storage facility. Catalytic-converter thefts earlier this year prompted the effort. Shinall is gathering additional information to present to the board.

Bids to provide the dis-

trict with milk and gasoline this academic year received board assent.

Half-pint bids from Prairie Farms Dairy Inc. were 35 cents for 1% milk, 37 cents for 1% chocolate and strawberry milk and 74 cents for lactose-free milk. The regular-milk price rose by 1 cent, Shinall stated.

Gas prices went down for this year, according to bids from Ag-Land FS Inc. The offer for regular gas was \$2.65 a gallon, and various grades of diesel ranged from \$2.99 to \$3.09. Regular gas decreased 36 cents per gallon, per Shinall. Diesel decreased 87 cents per gallon.

The board also approved a district-insurance contract with The Unland Companies of Peoria. Overall increase was 3%.

The Lexia Core5 Reading Unlimited and GoMath curriculums were authorized.

Regarding personnel, the board OK’d hiring Andrew Arnett as assistant baseball coach and Matthew Butterfield, Greg Down and Daniel Murk as volunteer baseball coaches; Jessica Bliss as eighth-grade volleyball coach; and Eric Friedman as eighth-grade boys basketball coach.

Friedman resigned as seventh-grade boys basketball coach and Bliss resigned as seventh-grade volleyball coach, according to Shinall.

Also resigning were Karen Barker and Kamryn Rahn as day-care personnel and Krista Kieser and Perry Kieser as transportation personnel. Bruce Welker is to retire from his custodian job.

The board meeting for next month was moved from Sept. 12 to Sept. 20. A budget hearing is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Sept. 20, followed by the regular meeting at 7 p.m.

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Brimfield schools boost pay for substitutes

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Substitute teachers in the Brimfield School District are getting a raise.

Daily substitute-teaching pay for the 2023-24 academic year is \$150, a \$25 increase. The Brimfield School Board approved the hike Aug. 9. The change is designed to attract more potential substitutes, according to Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones. “Just getting feedback, the substitute-teaching shortage is just as real as the certified-teaching shortage,” he said. “There just isn’t enough of them, and we need them.”

Early returns suggest the increase might be working as intended. A few days

after the board’s decision, Jones said he had multiple inquiries from job seekers.

The district had about 20 substitute teachers during the 2022-23 school year. At least one substitute was necessary almost every day school was in session. Usually, two or more substitutes were required.

In June, Brimfield Grade School Assistant Principal Nicole Loser presented her case for a substitute-pay raise. Loser also argued for the district to hire a permanent substitute.

Last month, the board authorized hiring a full-time paraprofessional who also is licensed to substitute teach. On days that employee serves as a substitute, they receive \$150 instead of the \$14 hourly

paraprofessional rate.

During the meeting last week, the board officially accepted the resignation of high school and grade-school baseball Coach Brandon Porter. He offered his resignation in May after school officials accused him of mishandling program-related funds. The board action is a formality, according to Jones.

“We wanted to have full closure there,” he said. “Everybody knows he’s not going to be the coach. At the beginning, I think people were still trying to politic to get Brandon back in there. That won’t happen.”

Last month, the board approved Josh Johnson as the new grade-school baseball coach. Last week, the board approved hiring Tyler Baysingar and Austin Sims as high school assistant coaches.

As of late last week, nobody had formally applied to succeed Porter as high school coach, according to Jones. The job is posted on the district website.

“The baseball season doesn’t start until the spring, so it’s not a major priority as of today,” he said. “But certainly, it’s something in the back of our minds. We’re looking for a quality person.”

Also posted on the district website is an opening for a treasurer. Following closed-to-the-public executive session last week, the board gave Jones permission to hire someone to fill the new position.

Jones envisions the job to be part time – perhaps once a month, with a stipend. He said Brimfield has not had a treasurer, someone who with the bookkeeper can provide a check-and-balance system regarding district finances.

“We want to try to make sure we’re covering everything as far as having another outside person look at everything,” Jones said.

Board Vice President Jason Snyder was approved as a high school and grade-school volunteer golf coach and Carrie Peek was approved as a grade-school cafeteria worker.

The board also accepted a bid of \$5,860 from Hoerr Masonry and Concrete to replace deteriorating sidewalk sections in front of the high school. That work is done, Jones said.

A hearing on the 2023-24 budget will be Sept. 20, during the board’s regular meeting.


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Quilt winner runs foundation

By KAREN HAZZARD

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The latest winner of a quilt from the Prairie Quilters of Central Illinois has quite a story to tell.

The Prairie Quilters meet monthly at Elmwood Presbyterian Church to create beautiful works of art from fabric and thread. Members live in Knox, Peoria, Fulton, Henry and Tazewell counties.

One of the club's missions is to award Quilts of Valor to individuals who are either active military or veterans who previously served in the military.

Quilts of Valor have been awarded during the Elmwood Strawberry Festival, at Seven Circles Heritage Center during the Veteran's PowWow and at American Legion Posts in Lewistown and Astoria, in addition to several awards presented privately by members.

To help finance the mission, a quilt was recently raffled at the Fulton County Fair. John Burke of Bartelso was the winner and visited the Prairie Quilters' booth to discuss the foundation he founded in 2014.

The Jared Burke Foundation was formed to provide positive outdoor experi-



John Burke of Bartelsto, founder of the Jared Burke Foundation, smiles after winning a quilt raffled off by the Prairie Quilters of Central Illinois during this year's Fulton County Fair.

ences for youth, the disabled, the disadvantaged, wounded warriors and first responders. The foundation is named in honor of John Burke's younger brother, Jared, who died in a hunting accident in November of 1999 during deer season in Pope County.

John Burke speaks at hunter safety courses to relay his message on the importance of safety in the outdoors. The foundation

also works closely with hunter safety course volunteers to provide hunting opportunities for youngsters, veterans and disadvantaged individuals.

Learn more at www.jaredburkefoundation.com or on the foundation's Facebook page, Jared Burke Foundation.

If you have someone you know that could benefit from a special outdoor adventure, please check the nomination tab on the foundation's website.

John Burke said that the organization will be working with several disabled individuals from the area as well as local organizations to provide these lifetime experiences.

"I think is important to ensure all kids get the opportunity to get out in nature and experience things that we sometimes take for granted. It is a great opportunity to give the kids and their family an experience to interact with one another outside the monotony of day to day schedules and obligations," said John Burke, who was inducted to the Illinois Conservation Foundation's Outdoor Hall of Fame in 2021.

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BRIEFS

Billtown board to meet about officer Aug. 15

WILLIAMSFIELD – The Williamsfield School Board passed a taxy levy and tabled final details on a school resource officer at its Aug. 7 regular meeting.

A special meeting was called for Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m. to discuss a memorandum of understanding with the Knox County Sheriff's Department regarding the hiring of a school resource officer. That meeting is after The Weekly Post news deadline.

The tentative budget and levy of \$4.37 approved by the board is expected to be the lowest tax rate in the area, but will not drop under the hoped-for \$4 mark, according to Superintendent Tim Farquer.

Farquer said the tax rate is expected to be a penny less than last year, remain flat the following year and then drop 5 cents in each of the two years after that.

– Jeff Lampe

Yates City council OKs tree removal in village

YATES CITY – The Yates City Village Board during its July 12 meeting voted to approve a tree removal by

Riverbottom Tree Service for \$5,500.

The board also heard from James and Laura Kitchen about a sewer backup at their residence during the July 4 holiday.

Board members also discussed sending letters to residents who own buildings deemed dangerous and in need of demolition. Action was tabled until the Aug. 9 meeting.

The board also approved paying \$35 for an ad in the Farmington fall sports program and voted to keep spending limits the same for department heads and village officials.

Knox Co. taxes second payment due Sept. 6

GALESBURG – Sept. 6 is the second installment due date for Knox County real estate taxes. To avoid a penalty, payments must be mailed with postmark no later than Sept. 6.

Knox County Courthouse Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but the office will be closed Sept. 4. There are also two payment drop boxes on courthouse grounds.

Most major credit and debit cards can be used, with a fee to the taxpayer, at www.payknoxcoil.us or by phone at (309) 315-4760.

Payments are also accepted at all Knox County banks through Sept. 6,

excluding Wells Fargo.

New online pay option for Peoria Co. tickets

PEORIA – The Peoria County State's Attorney's Office and Peoria County Circuit Clerk's Office have launched an online payment option for minor traffic tickets called Plead & Pay.

Traffic tickets will soon have a QR code printed on them that will link directly to Plead & Pay. It will be offered for tickets with a non-mandatory court appearance, such as speeding, failure to wear a seat belt and disobeying a traffic-controlled device. The website is now available at peoriacounty.gov.

Et cetera

• ELMWOOD – Elmwood's Uptown Cafe has received a \$50,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity as part of its Back to Business grant program, designed to support the restaurant industry.

• GALESBURG – The Galesburg Community Chorus will start rehearsals for its fall concert Aug. 21 from 7-9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 101 N Prairie St. All are welcome and no auditions are necessary.

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Trivia test by Ffi Rodriguez

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9. TELEVISION: What is the name of the dog on "Family Guy" animated series?
10. AD SLOGANS: "The dogs kids love to bite" are made by which company? band ABBA from?

Answers

1. Ecuador.
2. A bruise.
3. W.
4. 590.
5. Lansing.
6. Marriage.
7. A rafter.
8. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
9. Brian.
10. Armour.

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1. Barbie (PG-13)
2. Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13)
3. Oppenheimer (R)
4. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG)
5. Haunted Mansion (PG13)
6. Sound of Freedom (PG13)
7. Mission: Impossible -- Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13)
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Alan C. Blankenship

YATES CITY – Alan Clark Blankenship was a caring husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He left this world peacefully on Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at Jack Byrne Hospice Center in Lebanon, N.H.

Alan was born May 6, 1960, in Peoria, Ill., to Jack and Lola (Mathis) Blankenship. He lived most of childhood in Chillicothe and, after graduating from high school, he worked for the family upholstery business. After moving to Yates City, he was a cabinet maker at Admiral-Maytag until he started his own general construction business, Blankenship Custom Remodeling. After his son, Nathan, graduated college they became partners in this construction business.



Blankenship

He married Becky Dodd on June 19, 1982. Together they had two children, Nathan and Kimberly. Ever since Alan moved to Yates City in 1982, he has volunteered, donated to city projects and helped out individuals in need in the community. He was a volunteer fireman for 20 years. He served on the park board for two years, one year as president. For many years he helped with the Harvest Home Festival, everything from building stages with lights to cooking pork chops, from renting grills to running for supplies.

Alan's skilled workmanship is visible all-around town. And even though he was paid, he is responsible for such projects as the construction of all the "Welcome to Yates City" signs and many improvements at Harvest Home Park.

Alan lived out his faith through his generosity and kindness to others. For many years, he was a member of Bethel Bible Church where he volunteered for various building projects. He later joined Imago Dei where he was involved in different aspects of the church, from serving meals to the homeless to working security.

Alan was a generous, kind, hard-working individual who had few hobbies; he enjoyed working, spending time with his family and loved fishing. He loved his wife, kids, grandkids and family more than anything.

Alan is preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Marla. Surviving family members include

his wife, Becky; son, Nathan (Kristi) Blankenship of Yates City, and their two children, Bennett and Albie; daughter, Kimberly (Joshua) Williams of Fort Belvoir, Va., and their three children, Troy, Jaxon and Annabelle; and siblings, Terry, Marcella, Paula, Charlie and Jeff.

There will be a Celebration of his Life on Friday, Aug. 25. The celebration will begin with a short service at Faith Bible Camp, Yates City, at 4 p.m. The celebration will continue at the Yates City Community Center from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Susan N. DeVries

BRIMFIELD – Susan Marie DeVries, 72, of Brimfield, passed away peacefully at 9:03 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023, at her home with her family by her side.

She was born June 18, 1951, in Peoria to Clement J. and Muriel J. (Williams) Hoelscher and was raised and educated in Peoria. Susan graduated from Bergan High School in 1969 and married Edward L. DeVries of Brimfield. They cherished each other for 47 years until his passing on May 24, 2020.



DeVries

Susan is survived by her two children, Aimee Frank of Brimfield and Adam DeVries of Peoria; three grandchildren, Jeneva Thomas, Hunter McClure and Hadlee Frank; one sister, Judith Savage of Dunlap; and many nieces and nephews.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents; husband Edward; one sister, Cynthia Binder; and three babies at birth.

Sue was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Without question, the death of a loved one forces each of us to reflect on life, the journey itself and all its available pathways. Each path designed to bring us to the often dreamt of life well-lived where every action and step we take, hopefully, reflects the values we hold most dear. If you were lucky enough to have Susan step into your world, you remembered her and your chosen path instantly became sunnier and safer, while whatever burden you might be carrying became just a little bit lighter.

Sue Hoelscher was a very special

gift that Eddy De Vries gave to Brimfield, the community his family has called home for five generations. She possessed a soft and charming beauty shared daily through her kindness and good taste. Susan's strength of character served as a North Star for all.

Susan M. De Vries was driven by both faith and principle and would go to the ends of the earth for either. She fought for the underdog, gave voice to those that had none and fought off any attack on her family with a fervent passion. She was a champion that knew when to step up, speak out, or stand firm.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will take place at St. Mary Catholic Church in Kickapoo on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, from 10 a.m. until time of Memorial Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Fr. James Pankiewicz will officiate with Deacon Tom Mueller assisting.

Memorials in Susan's memory may be made to Multiple System Atrophy Coalition or the trust for her grandchildren at F&M Bank in Brimfield.

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

Tiffany N. Roger

PRINCEVILLE – Tiffany Nicole Roger, 31, of Manchester, Iowa, formerly of Princeville, passed away from unexpected complications with asthma at 6:59 p.m. on Aug. 7, 2023, at Regional Medical Center in Manchester.



Roger

Tiffany was born on March 18, 1992, in Peoria to Rudy Roger and Janeen (McBeth) Roger.

Surviving are her father, Rudy (Christine) Roger of Princeville; mother, Janeen Roger of Laura; grandmother, Patricia McBeth of Laura; fiancé and partner of eight years, Eric Wheaton of Manchester; brother, Logan Roger of Laura; sister, Dakota Roger of Princeville; two step-brothers, Cody Cobbs of Japan and Jesse Cobbs of Wyoming; her four cats, Luna, Freddie, Jean and Cali; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Dale McBeth; and her paternal grandparents, Rosa and Patrick "Pop" Roger.

Tiffany graduated from Princeville High School in 2010. She was cur-

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

SELMA	ADAPT	USB	GRABS
TRAIL	SIDEA	TEA	RESET
ARIDE	AMERICANS	NOOKER	
GOLDENFLEECE	TSA	ROTO	
ELAL	UEY	HERRING	GULL
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QUEENSROOK	HOSTELS		
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CRONTES	ESCAPED	CON	
ASP	ARENA	GEE	ANT
THUMBSUCKER	SAL	ORAL	
MIRA	AMO	RADIATOR	HOSE
FLIMFLAM	MARTISTS	HANNA	
ELSIE	NED	INNIE	ENDER
ESTER	NSA	AETNA	ADORN

CryptoQuote
answer

It was such a lovely day
I thought it a pity to
get up.
— Somerset Maugham

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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7	2	3	9	8	5	4	6	1
6	4	9	1	3	7	5	8	2
2	1	7	3	6	9	8	4	5
9	3	5	8	1	4	6	2	7
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5	9	2	6	4	3	7	1	8
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OBITUARIES

rently working as a CNA at Regional Medical Center in Manchester and was continuing her education to become a RN. Tiffany was a free spirit. She loved nature, creek walking, mushroom hunting and coming home with her pockets full of beautiful rocks. She had a passion for art, glass blowing, reading and all things Halloween, and she cherished a special stuffed cow she was given as a child.

Her funeral service will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville, with a visitation two hours prior from 4-6 p.m. Rev. David Pyell will officiate. A burial will be in St. Clements Cemetery in rural Dunlap at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Peoria County Animal Protection Services (PCAPS) in Peoria.

Memories, online condolences, and expressions of sympathy may be left on Tiffany's tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Donald R. Ward

FARMINGTON — Please join the family of Donald Ray Ward as they celebrate his life on Saturday, Aug. 26, at noon at the Farmington Moose Lodge. Hope to see you there.

Donald Ray Ward, 84, of Farmington, passed away at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023, at his residence.



Ward

He was born on March 24, 1939, a son of Lenis Malcolm and Glenna Edith (Elkins) Ward. He married Julie Unsicker on July 16, 1962, at the United Methodist Church of Farmington. She preceded him in death on Jan. 14, 2003.

Also preceding Donald in death were both of his parents; his brother, Bob; and five sisters, Juanita, Le-

nora, Helen, Norma and Sue.

Surviving are his children, Bradley (Dawn) Ward and Jennifer (JR) Sudol, both of Farmington; two grandchildren, Travis (Jamie) Ward of Fairview and their children, Aurora and Elliott Ward and Tawnee (Josh) Harding of Trivoli and their children, Amelia and Adley Harding; his brother David (Linda) Ward of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; brother-in-law James Unsicker of Farmington; and sister-in-law Joan (Nick) Weber of Bloomington.

Donald graduated from Sophia High School, Sophia, W.Va., in 1957 and served in the Air National Guard from 1956-58, and he served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1958-62. He later graduated from Midstate College in 1964 and worked 33 years for Caterpillar Inc., retiring in 1997.

He participated in the Farmington Jaycees and their clown troop, served terms on the Farmington Planning Commission, was on the Farmington Area Public Library Board and was a member of the United Methodist Church of Farmington and the Farmington American Legion.

He enjoyed playing cards and attending the Ward family reunions, was an avid coin collector, a model-train enthusiast and a lover of old country music. He loved watching the Hallmark channel, Game Show Network, Westerns and Bradley basketball.

He had many fond memories of trips north with his wife, Julie, to see the fall foliage. Most importantly, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Per Donald's wishes, there will be no services. Cremation rites will be accorded through Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorials can be made to the Farmington Rescue Squad 1100. To leave online condolences please visit

www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

Gary W. Nichols

ELMWOOD — Gary William Nichols, 86, of rural Galesburg, an Elmwood native, died at 11:25 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Gary was born Nov. 5, 1936, in Elmwood, the son of Frederick W. and Floy E. (Breece) Nichols.

Gary is survived by two sons, Joseph Nichols and Jeffrey (Jennifer) Nichols both of Galesburg; five daughters, Susan (Donnie Boone) Nichols of Alexis, Debbie (Roy) Canner of Knoxville, Jane (Jeff) Hughes of Wataga, Jackie (Ed) Nichols-Parsons of Danville and Julie (Jeff) Day of Heyworth, Illinois; 19 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday.

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

Rebecca L. Sigler

HANNA CITY — Rebecca “Becky” L. Sigler, 46 of Hanna City, formerly of Canton, passed away Monday, Aug. 7, 2023 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

She was born on Jan. 10, 1977, in Canton, a daughter of John and Connie (Arnold) Burgard. She married John D. Sigler on Oct. 18, 2015 in Canton. He survives.

Also surviving are her parents, John (Connie) Burgard of Canton; one daughter, Addison Sigler at home; two sisters, Renee (Ron) Tompkins of Canton; Rhonda (Craig Rios) Myers of Lincoln; mother and father-in-law, John (Judy) Sigler, of Mapleton; and sister-in-law, Ashley (Jason) Byers, of Mapleton.

Funeral services were Aug. 12.

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Baptist Church of Brimfield
Pastor Doug Seeley
321 S. Jefferson St., Brimfield
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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 pm
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
“Preaching Christ Crucified”
“Liturgical & Reverential”
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
Reverend James Pernel Sr.
135 S. Galena St., Brimfield
(662) 394-5880
Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lamentations (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which book may be summarized as “It really is true, Jesus Christ is God Himself”?
3. In Esther 2:17, who was she (Esther) made queen instead of?
4. Who gave Solomon cedar and fir

Sun. School: 8:30 a.m.

United 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 pm
• 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 during worship service
Church: (309) 639-2768
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com

DOUGLAS

Douglas United Methodist

Church

trees according to all his desire?

- David, Hiram, Chalcol, Mahol
5. From Ecclesiastes 3, there is a time to mourn and a time to ...?
Leave, Dance, Love, Profit
6. In 1 John 4:8 God is ...? Always, Grace, Love, Beloved
ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) John, 3) Vashti, 4) Hiram, 5) Dance, 6) Love
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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: 9 & 10:30 a.m.
In person and livestream
(Coffee, pastries 8:30-10:30 am)
Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
9910 W. Knox St., Edwards
(309) 691-2030
stmariyckickapoo.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.

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 James Pernel Sr.
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

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 David Pyell
420 E. Woertz, Princeville
(309) 385-4487
princevilleumc@mediacommbb.net
Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

St. Mary of the Woods

Catholic Church
Father Corey Krengiel
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.
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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
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Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 a.m. in the summer)

Williamsfield United

Methodist Church
Pastor Zoila Marty
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

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Sun. School: 10:15 a.m.

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ORDINANCE 2024-3 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, 2023, AND ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024. WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Lillie M. Evans Library District, Peoria County and Marshall County, Illinois, had prepared or caused to be prepared a tentative form of the Annual Budget and Appropriation for said Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and the same has been made conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Igloo Series V Trust, PLAINTIFF, Vs. Clifford Morgan Jr.; Conrad Morgan; Associated Bank, N.A.; Timothy Morgan; Jeffrey Morgan; Felishia Pace; Elizabeth Morgan; State of Illinois, Department of Revenue; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Clifford D. Morgan AKA Clifford Dale Morgan; S. Linn Perkins, as Special Representative for Clifford D. Morgan AKA Clifford Dale Morgan; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, DEFENDANT(S). Case No. 2022-FC-0000065 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Elizabeth Morgan Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Clifford D. Morgan AKA Clifford Dale Morgan Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-3 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS: SECTION 1: That this ordinance be, and the same is hereby termed the "Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

Farmington school board approves numerous personnel moves

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Farmington School Board approved several personnel matters Monday during executive session following its regular board meeting.

In the high school, hirings included Rich Paul and Kathy Harvey as part-time teachers and Blake Sondgeroth as a student facilitator. Isaac Asplund and Brandi Foster were named senior class sponsors, Susan Gibbs is year-book sponsor and Nate Parson will be freshman class sponsor.

In the junior high, Glen-

nette Barclay was approved as an ELA teacher.

In the elementary school, Kylee Bales was hired as a teacher, Kaylee Catton was approved as a playground sponsor and student facilitators added were Katlyn Wilson, Marisa Bonomo and Louisa Threw.

Amber Ossman and Marissa Russo were hired as custodians, Robert Solenberger was added as a bus driver and Catherine Balagna and Hannah Siegel were approved as cafe workers.

Kourtney St. Clair will now be working as a special education teacher and

Shelley Higgs is switching from full time to part time.

Resignations were accepted from Beau Foiles, Jack Nannen, Tamara Clark, Susan Payne, Lilly Mendez (as junior class sponsor), Melidan Koll, Carter King, Susan Gibbs (as senior class sponsor), Lucinda Elliott and Lori Lynch.

Taking leave of absences are Julie Mowen, Haley Hursey, Karen McCollough and Stacey Barton.

Athletic Director Jeff Otto reported that Go4Ellis, an online-based platform designed to pro-

vide athletic training support for youth sports, had not yet secured the services of a trainer for Farmington sporting events. But Otto said he has been assured there will be a trainer for games. Also, Colleen James of Physical Therapy Services, Inc., which has an office in Farmington, has offered a trainer to see students during the day.

Otto said, pending board approval, Farmington will continue its wrestling coop agreement with Cuba High School.

The board also approved a health-life safety survey, an emergency operations plan, several policy updates, goals for the district and for Superintendent Zac Chatterton and passed the consent agenda.

The board also heard a curriculum presentation from Natalie Almasi, who said that Farmington's curriculum council has made progress on several issues since prior to last year.

Finally, a Fiscal Year 2024 budget hearing has been scheduled for Sept. 11 at 6:20 p.m., prior to the regular meeting at 6:30.

GOLF: Brimfield has 23 golfers out

Continued from Page 20 along with Trent Stiers.

Avery Rigg is back for her second season as girls No. 1 and was medalist Aug. 10 at Oak Run with a 47. Rigg shot 51 Monday as R-W tied with Elmwood at 228. Other top scorers look to be Ava Landon (57 on Monday), Sidney Stiers (58), Ava Johnson (62) and Ella Erlacher.

Brimfield

Brimfield has 14 boys and 9 girls out, giving Coach Trent Trotter his biggest roster since he took over the program in 2018. There's talent, too, as senior Drew Kieser was sixth in the regional last year and junior Callie Lundell was six strokes away from advancing at regionals (after being five strokes back the year before).

"I can't wait to see who makes their way to the top by late September," Trotter

said.

Trotter lists junior Cleveland Bizosky and sophomore Celtin McGinn as top boys newcomers, while noting senior Olivia Kappes and freshman Nicole Detmers for the same mention on the girls team.

Kappes shot 48, Lundell 49, Detmers 50 and CJ Troxell 52 on Aug. 10 at Oak Run to lead Brimfield past R-W, 199-239.

That same day, Kieser shot 42, Nick Hainline carded a 45, Jackson Kappes a 48 and McGinn a 50 as the R-W boys topped Brimfield, 176-185.

Farmington

Eight boys are out for Coach Kaylee O'Donnell, led by returnees Henry Easley, a junior, and sophomore Brady Nickle. Senior Chase Miner also returns after a year off.

"We have good numbers, so I think we should be

able to put up some good scores as a team," O'Donnell said.

Coach Jody Rathbun's young girls team opened play Monday at Oak Run, falling to Mercer County, 227-250. Lone returnee Megan Turner and Kate Anderson carded 59s to lead Farmington, while Shayleigh Thompson shot 64 and Laila Irvin was at 68.

Princeville

Neleh Geiger, Paisley Schock and McKenna Roberts return to lead a girls team that went 4-4 last year and features three newcomers. With a solid top three, Princeville's success will hinge on finding consistent scoring out of the No. 4 position.

Alden Huss and Caleb Christianson are returning lettermen on a boys team that hopes to recruit more players once school starts.



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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2 BUDGET AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois have prepared in tentative form a Budget and Annual Appropriation Ordinance and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Annual Appropriation Ordinance on the 4th day of August, 2023, notice of which hearing was given at least 30 days prior thereto by publication in The Weekly Post, a newspaper having general circulation within the BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Trustees of the BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria County, Illinois: SECTION 1: That the fiscal year of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois be and the same is hereby fixed and declared to be from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

SECTION 2: That the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, or as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, Peoria County, Illinois, be and the same are hereby appropriated and budgeted for the corporate and specific purposes and obligations of said BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT as hereinafter specified, for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024:

1. For premium on bond of Treasurer	\$150
2. For upkeep of fire trucks:	
(a) for gas, oil and grease	\$16,000
(b) for repairs	25,000
TOTAL UPKEEP OF FIRE TRUCKS	\$41,000
3. For publication costs	\$1,200
4. For salaries:	
(a) for salary and expenses of trustees	\$600
(b) for attorneys fees	4,000
(c) for compensation of fire chief	1,200
(d) for bookkeeping services	2,400
TOTAL SALARIES	\$8,200
5. For reimbursement of volunteer firemen's expenses	\$85,000
6. For insurance:	

(a) workmen's compensation insurance	4,500
(b) for insurance on fire trucks	4,000
(c) for insurance on fire houses	3,000
(d) for public liability insurance	22,000
TOTAL INSURANCE	\$33,500
7. For upkeep of fire houses:	
(a) for telephone (including 911)	\$13,000
(b) for electricity and gas	30,000
(c) for water and sewer	1,000
(d) for supplies	4,000
(e) for repairs to and expansion of fire houses	25,000
TOTAL UPKEEP AND EXPANSION OF FIRE HOUSES	\$73,000
8. For firemen's training and education	\$8,000
9. For update and upkeep of radio equipment	18,000
10. For accounting services	2,000
11. For public education	5,000
12. For miscellaneous and contingent corporate expenses	15,000
13. For fire fighting equipment and accessories	55,000
14. For reimbursement for travel expenses	4,500
15. EMS Training and Equipment	15,000
16. For loan interest expense	15,000
17. For loan principal expense/refinance	210,000
18. For purchase of real estate	20,000
19. Addition/repairs to Brimfield Fire House	20,000
20. For repairs to Kickapoo Fire House	100,000
21. For real estate taxes	0
22. For replacement and purchase of firetrucks and equipment (net of trade-ins)	788,000
23. Dues	1,500
TOTAL FOR MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS	\$ 1,277,000
24. Contract ambulance service	\$165,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATED	\$1,684,050

SECTION 3: The foregoing items of appropriation and budget shall constitute the budget of authority of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for said fiscal period.

SECTION 4: In support of said budget and as a part thereof, the following statement is made in compliance with the provisions of Section 3 of "An Act providing for the regulating methods of adopting budgets and making appropriations by certain tax levying bodies of this State," approved July 12, 1937, as amended (50 ILCS 330/3).

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND RESOURCES	
Estimated cash on hand at beginning of fiscal year	\$500,000
Estimated receipts from property tax levy – general	425,000
– ambulance	209,000

Estimated Illinois Replacement Tax	9,000
Estimated receipts from Village of Brimfield (Foreign Fire Insurance Tax)	10,500
Estimated collection of back taxes, Mobile Home Tax, and interest thereon	100
Estimated interest income	200
Estimated Loan Proceeds (including renewals)	600,000
Estimated Service Fees and Contributions	1,800
Estimated Receipt from Sale or Trade of Equipment	-0-
GRAND TOTAL - ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$1,755,600
Expenses as per budget	(1,684,050)
Estimated balance (deficit) at end of fiscal year	\$71,550

SECTION 5: That the amounts herein specified shall be deemed to be the limit of the amounts to be expended, except by transfer authorized by the Board of Trustees; but any unexpended balance of any item may be expended in making up deficiencies in any item in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose or in like appropriations made by this ordinance.

SECTION 6: The appropriation herein of the amounts to defray the expense of any project or purpose shall not be construed as an approval by this Board of any of said bills or contract liabilities of any project or purpose mentioned herein, but shall be regarded only as the provision of a fund or funds for the payment thereof when such bills or contract liabilities have been found to be valid and legal obligations against the District, and when properly vouchered, audited and approved by this Board of Trustees, or when any project or purpose is approved and authorized by the Board of Trustees of said District, as the case may be.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage, posting and publication as provided by law.

Passed this 4th day of August, 2023

/s/ Ralph E. Peters
President and Trustee of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST: /s/ Merle Turner
Secretary and Trustee of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

/s/ Jerry Weaver
Treasurer and Trustee of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

YEA: Weaver, Turner, Peters NAY: None ABSENT: None
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Wake aims for state

Elmwood senior golfer among best in area

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – To say Tanner Wake has spent his summer preparing for this year's prep golf season is an understatement. When he hasn't been golfing over the past few months, Wake has still spent long hours on the course, mowing at Maple Lane Country Club.

Familiarity with his home course paid off for the Elmwood senior on Monday during a season-opening three-team match at Maple Lane. Wake was medalist after shooting a 1-over-par round of 36, with his lone bogey on No. 9.

That's not a surprise, though, since Wake is expected to be among the top prep golfers in the area. He tied for fifth in regionals last fall with an 81 and also shot 81 in the sectional to narrowly miss advancing to state.

This year, Wake hopes to make the next step to state. To do so, he'll have to shoot better at sectionals, where only 4 of the 14 golfers who finished ahead of him have graduated.

"Tanner has set some high expectations for himself and we are hoping they can be achieved Elmwood Coach Stephanie Colgan said.

Colgan has 14 golfers out and lists



Elmwood senior golfer Tanner Wake sinks a short putt Monday at Maple Lane Country Club under the watchful eye of ROWVA-Williamsfield senior Cade Farquer. Wake and Farquer are expected to be among the top golfers in the area this season. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

Wake, Anthony Guppy (who shot 52 on Monday) and Kuper Bolton (49) as top returnees for the boys team, who placed third Monday in the season opener with 196 strokes.

On the girls side, Colgan lists Maddie Conklin (56 on Monday), Addi Powers (51) and Addi Thrasher (59) as top returnees. Corinne Colgan shot 62 on Monday as Elmwood tied with R-W at 228 and Illini Bluffs won the girls match at 196.

Here's a look at other area teams.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

Depth has traditionally been a strength for the R-W boys team, and this year is no different. The Cougars have 13 boys on the roster and placed second to Illini Bluffs at Elmwood, 170-183.

Senior Cade Farquer, sophomore

Preston Lafary and junior Landon Hannam were starters last year and Farquer was a sectional qualifier. Coach Andy Fritz is also excited by the return of Mason Sornberger, back after taking a year off from golf to play football.

"This year with course rotations, we're back to (home course) Oak Run a majority of the time, so I expect better scoring and an even better win percentage," Fritz said.

Lafary was medalist and shot 40 on Aug. 10 at Oak Run Golf Course to lead R-W, which topped Brimfield, 176-185. Farquer shot 43, Hannam carded a 45 and Sornberger shot 48. Lafary again led the team Monday with a 40, while Sornberger shot 45, Farquer 46 and Hannam carded a 52

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Lincoln Trail to add Bureau Valley in '24

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

The conference merry-go-round keeps spinning.

The Lincoln Trail Conference has officially accepted Bureau Valley into the league starting with the 2024-25 school year.

Adding Bureau Valley fills a hole left by the pending departure of Mercer County, which will join the Three Rivers Athletic Conference for 2024-25.

Bureau Valley will compete in the large division of the new Lincoln Trail-Prairie-rieland football conference.

Princeville Athletic Director Jeff Kratzer said he views Bureau Valley as a good fit for the LTC.

"From our viewpoint, we are pretty much playing them in just about everything anyway, except football and basketball," Kratzer said.

Kratzer said replacing Mercer County with The Storm will also cut travel time by 30-45 minutes. Travel times will also improve for Stark County and Galva.

The change is a swap of

schools, as Bureau Valley had been a TRAC member since 1999. But changes had left Bureau Valley, enrollment 319.5, as the third-smallest TRAC member, ahead of only Sterling Newman Central Catholic (enrollment 210) and Orion (307.5). In the past six years, Amboy, Fulton and Peru St. Bede have left the TRAC. Morrison will leave next year.

Now Bureau Valley will be one of the largest schools in the LTC, ranking behind only Knoxville's enrollment of 328.5. The LTC will have 12 members in 2024-25: Abingdon-Avon, Annawan, Bureau Valley, Galva, Knoxville, Princeville, Ridgewood, ROWVA-Williamsfield, Stark County, United, West Central and Kewanee Wethersfield.

The TRAC will also have 12 members next year: Erie-Prophetstown, Spring Valley Hall, Kewanee, Mendota, Mercer County, Monmouth-Roseville, Sterling Newman, Orion, Princeton, Sherrard, Riverdale and Rockridge.

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