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Solar farm coming to Princeville

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Construction of a long-planned solar farm in Princeville is expected to begin in 2024.

The solar array is to be built off North Street near Princeville Township Cemetery, in the northwest part of town, according to Village President Jeff Troutman. Highland Park-based Trajectory Energy Partners agreed to lease from a private landowner about 17 acres for the project. The lease is effective March 1.

Construction is to start no later than April 1, Troutman said during a Village Board meeting Aug. 22. Preliminary designs for the project have been completed.

Kiersten Sheets, a Trajectory project-development manager, *Continued on Page 2*

CONGRESSMAN IN BILTOWN



U.S. Rep. Eric Sorensen checks out a model of Williamsfield High School's microgrid with Hunter Aldred (left) and Williamsfield Superintendent Tim Farquer (right). Aldred is a 2016 Williamsfield graduate and was part of a STEM class that built the microgrid model the school is implementing. Farquer said the school expects delivery of its first four Lion Electric buses by the end of September. The buses are a key component of the microgrid. Sorensen toured the school and held a roundtable session with students, teachers and administrators. "I applaud Williamsfield Schools for being awarded this critical funding to showcase how investments in renewable energy and clean transportation can have a positive impact on our communities," Sorensen said.

Princeville art teacher arrested

Accused of 3 counts of battery

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – A Princeville art teacher was arrested last week after students accused him of touching them inappropriately.

Anthony R. Johnson, 46, of Mackinaw was booked into the Peoria County Jail about noon Aug. 25 and accused of three counts of battery, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. He was released Aug. 26 and was given a notice to appear at 10 a.m. Oct. 4 in Peoria County Circuit Court.

Johnson's arrest resulted from an investigation the sheriff's office is conducting. Multiple Princeville students said Johnson made them feel uncomfortable because of how he touched them, according to the sheriff's office. It did not release specifics.

Johnson had been teaching at Princeville Junior-Senior High School. He is on paid administrative leave and has not been on campus this



Johnson

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Elmwood transfers funds to finance IA building

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – While classes are not yet being held in the Elmwood School District's new Claude W. Keefer Industrial Arts Building, bills will be coming due for the structure.

To accommodate that, the Elmwood School Board on Monday voted to transfer \$850,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance fund to

address a projected budget deficit in that fund for Fiscal Year 2024.

Superintendent Chad Wagner said the district is still waiting for 100 percent of the items on a construction punchlist to be completed in the building, something he said should happen any day. After that, an occupancy permit has to be issued by the Regional Office of Education.

Construction on the

3,000-square-foot building started in April and the exterior structure has been completed. Total cost is just under \$1 million, Wagner said, with a portion of that offset by fundraising.

Elmwood has also hired Brett Grant as its new Industrial Arts teacher and expanded its offerings for this year to include classes such as welding, CAD, metals machining and an introduction to Industrial Arts. Prin-

icipal Tony McCoy said Grant has organized meetings with potential employers to assist in gathering needed supplies, set up tours of facilities and arrange for guest speakers.

Work is expected to start after Labor Day on a patio between the new building and the football field. Pavers in the patio will be engraved with the names of donors to the project.

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Elmwood students will soon be attending classes in the new Claude W. Keefer Industrial Arts Building, which should be cleared for occupancy soon. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

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ELMWOOD PALACE THEATRE

SOLAR: Work to start in 2024 in TIF district

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told The Weekly Post she intends to meet next month with Princeville officials to discuss the project. Additional details are expected to be made public after that.

The solar farm is to be located within one of Princeville's tax-increment-financing districts, according to Troutman.

"It will be a good increment for the village," he said.

According to Sheets, Trajectory received a village special-use permit for the solar installation about five years ago.

Earlier during a board meeting that lasted less than 20 minutes, trustees approved to sell for \$10 to the Princeville School Dis-

trict about one-quarter acre of municipal-owned property along Town Avenue.

The land is adjacent to the school-district office.

According to district Superintendent Tony Shinall, the land will be used to expand parking at district headquarters. District day-care operations are housed there, among other programs. Earlier this month, the Princeville School Board signed off on the transaction.

The Village Board also agreed to donate \$1,000 to the school-district parent-teacher organization. It's in the process of raising about \$8,000 to help pay for school supplies and other

items on teachers' wish lists, according to Christina Stedman, PTO president.

Village Trustee Donald Peterson Jr. suggested the donation amount. There was no record of recent municipal donations to the PTO, according to Troutman.

"A lot of times we look back on what was done in the past, but there's nothing there," he said.

Trustees tabled a decision regarding a lease-purchase agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Corp. for a new track loader. They cited confusion about the payment terms listed in the contract.

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ART: Investigation ongoing

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school year, according to Tony Shinall, the district superintendent. The Princeville district hired Johnson in 2003.

In June, the Princeville School Board reprimanded Johnson for an unspecified issue. Johnson received a notice to remedy. According to district officials, such a notice signifies an action that needs to be improved upon and cannot happen again.

Board members voted following an executive ses-

sion, which was closed to the public and lasted almost two hours. At least two people appeared in front of the board during the closed session, per observations The Weekly Post made outside the meeting room. They didn't appear to be students.

As part of the ongoing sheriff's-office investigation, students who might have had an uncomfortable experience with Johnson are asked to contact the school or Detective Demery at (309) 216-4475.

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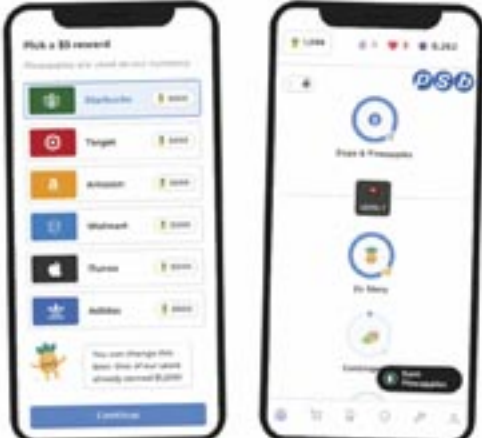



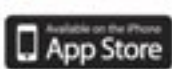
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THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week's Hot Pick

- **MANNA Meal** – Elmwood United Methodist Church has its monthly MANNA meal today, Aug. 31, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost \$8. Fried chicken, mashed and baked potatoes, corn, salad, dessert and drink.
- **Ag Day** – Williamsfield FFA has its Ag Day Festival Sept. 10 at Doubet-Benjamin Park. Free pancakes and sausage breakfast at 8 a.m., community worship at 9 a.m. and other activities run 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 20 free activities and food sold. Pie and ice cream at 1 p.m.

This Week's Events

- **Family Fun** – Elmwood's Morrison & Mary Wiley Library has Family Fun Night today (Aug. 31) starting at 6 p.m. and featuring games for friends and families.
- **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.

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• **Political Chat** – Elmwood Alderman Kenny Blum invites people to discuss all things Elmwood Sept. 12 from 5-6 p.m. at Elmwood's Corner Inn.

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

• **Woofstock** – Fund-raiser for SAMS animal shelter of Hanna City is Sept. 17 at Sommer Farm Park, 6329 N. Koerner Rd. West MacQueen Street Band performs. Gates open at noon. \$10 online advance reservations, \$20 at the gate, ages 12 and under free. Pets allowed.

• **Food Pantry** – Princeville Community Food Pantry is open the first and third Thursdays at Princeville Presbyterian Church, 5-6 p.m., 339 S. Santa Fe Ave.

• **Food Pantry** – Christ Alive Church in Kickapoo opens its food pantry the first and third Monday each month, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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 - Lettie Cowman

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SCATTERSHOOTING



Of moose & women and the joy of mowing

Rambling through central Illinois, in a better place after a day aboard the little orange tractor.

While I don't read many issues, the latest Moose magazine caught my eye. That's because the cover of the August-September issue featured someone wearing a purple shirt emblazoned with the words "Farmington Moose Lodge." That someone is **Rachel Kenney**, administrator of Farmington's Lodge 1571, who has been credited with helping fuel a "substantial jump" in membership this year. That plus increased donations to a Moose endowment fund helped earn Farmington its first Premier Lodge Award. And it earned Kenney a cover shot for the official publication of an organization that claims more than 1 million members. Kudos. ... While it appears **Matt Hayden** knocked out our big tomato contest with a flurry of 4-pound hay-maters in July, there's time for someone to get off the mat and bring in a heftier entry. Deadline day is Sept. 11. ... Question: Has it ever been hot in Illinois before last week? Based on the histrionics that heat wave brought, the answer must be "No way." Right? Hmmm. Read on.



Jeff LAMPE

We should never have planted all these grass lawns in the U.S., some say. It's a European thing we brought to America. And ever since, we've been wasting money, time and chem-



icals on nicely maintained yards and paths. There is an argument to be made there. But not by me. Mowing is a godsend. ... Need to clear your head? Line up a few acres that need cutting, put on headphones (preferably with Bluetooth), fire up the motor and let your mind relax. Sunday's therapy session included trails plus 2 acres of alfalfa, clover, hay and fox-tail - food plots for deer and wild turkeys, who unlike some in my life actually appreciate the effort. Deer graze on the fresh growth that results and turkeys gobble up the grasshoppers and other bugs they can pluck out of knee-high grasses. Plus, to keep a good stand of alfalfa or clover, my past failures have proven that occasional clippings are critical to control unwanted grasses. ... What I encountered Sunday, though, was an overgrown mess, which reflects a recent spate of too much time in the office and too many distractions elsewhere. But after an hour of intense therapy, senses sharpened and observations flowed. ... Following me all afternoon were dazzles of dragonflies, whose migration leads them

through central Illinois in late summer and whose diet of mosquitoes, midges and other pesty bugs makes them welcome company. Plus, watching a dragonfly hover and dart about is one of those moments that make me believe in a divine being. ... Speaking of bugs, this is also the time of year when spiders get desperate. Winter is coming. They know it. Which explains Sunday's face full of webs, several of which felt more like spider ropes - impressive strands spanning trails and tied to webs built strong to catch a few last meals before the frost comes. ... Mowing also provides a good elevated platform from which to scan the countryside, and to shred any thistles missed earlier in the summer ... and to see which seeds need to be collected for November's native seed exchange at Salem Township Library in Yates City (date still TBA).

A trio of kittens arrived on our porch this week, which has added enoyable pandemonium to a house already occupied by a cat and dog who are increasingly jealous about the freedom of the new arrivals. While we have no room for the three feline stooges, their antics do raise the a good question: Is there anything cuter than a kitten? ... Parting shot: The hottest month in Illinois history was July 1936, when the average temperature statewide - averaging night and day - was 83.1 degrees. That's according to the "Climate Atlas of Illinois," published by the Illinois State Water Survey. Ahh, what an inconvenient truth.

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GUEST VOICES

A time to celebrate labor's successes

This has been a long, hot labor summer for workers across Illinois, and climate change cannot be blamed.

This Labor Day, we take time to remember the sacrifices made over many decades by the thousands of working men and women across Illinois. We thank our policymakers in Springfield and Chicago for consistently stepping up to support working families.

We must acknowledge that our gains have come with continued challenges.

After voters approved last year's Workers Rights Amendment to enshrine worker protections in our constitution, Illinois has partnered with organized labor to improve wages and working conditions for temporary workers, created legal protections for freelancers, increased transparency in wage rates and ensured the emerging clean-energy industry has an equally strong, diverse workforce.

Illinois has a new AFSCME contract to ensure the dedicated state employees in our agencies and facilities are appropriately compen-

sated and protected.

We never take these advancements for granted. We see neighboring states attacking working families through misguided policies such as right-to-work or loosening child-labor protections. We remain diligent and resilient, even in our victories.

We see some of these struggles right here.

Just this year, labor has found itself at the center of a number of worker strikes and actions to demand better. Nurses have hit the picket line at Chicago-area hospitals. Professors and staff have followed suit at universities across the state. Cannabis dispensaries and a major shipping company have not been immune.

Even Hollywood is facing a new storyline. The workers who provide the backbone for the television, movie and streaming productions that we cannot get enough of have stood up to say paltry salaries and three-cent residuals must improve. They have yet to persuade the megabucks producers, but we remain hopeful they will make progress soon.

This Labor Day, we encourage you to take a moment to think about the teachers, nurses, plumbers, set riggers, drillers, entertainment professionals and so many more men and women who sacrifice every day to make our lives better.

We have included here a list of labor-sponsored events this Labor Day to support our brothers and sisters. Please come out and join us

to send the message that Illinois is union strong and growing stronger every day.

- Belleville: Aug. 31, Southwestern Illinois CLC 55th Annual Labor Award Dinner; Sept. 4, Labor Day Parade and Picnic.

- Bloomington-Normal: Sept. 4, Labor Day Parade, downtown on Front and Center streets, 10 a.m. start.

- Champaign-Urbana: Sept. 4, Labor Day Parade and Picnic.

- Danville: Sept. 4, Labor Day Parade.

- Decatur: Sept. 4, Labor Day Parade and Picnic.

- Galesburg: Sept. 4, Labor Day Parade, 10 a.m., downtown on Main Street.

- Granite City: Sept. 4, Labor Day Parade and Picnic.

- Peoria: Sept. 4, Labor Day Parade, 10 a.m., with staging at Peoria Civic Center starting at 8:30. Labor Day Party until 2 p.m. at Riverfront Festival Park. Music, beverages and food available.

- Quad Cities: Sept. 4, Labor Day Parade (40-year anniversary).

- Quincy: Sept. 2, Labor Day Picnic.

- Rockford: Sept. 4, Labor Day Parade, Picnic and Pageant.

- Southern Illinois: Now through Sept. 4, Du Quoin State Fair.

Tim Drea is president and Pat Devaney is secretary-treasurer of Illinois AFL-CIO in Springfield.



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Another Mr. Smith has come to Washington

To the Editor:

It would seem to be a form of fundamental justice when a man with the common American name of Smith comes to Washington with enough evidence to secure indictments on



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— **George Tanner**, Yates City

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II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the 2022 tax year were \$0. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for the 2023 tax year are \$0. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for the 2022 tax year were \$536,636. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for the 2023 tax year are \$536,636. The represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for the 2022 tax year were \$4,787,971. The proposed total property taxes to be levied for the 2023 tax year are \$5,066,715. This represents a 5.82% increase over the previous year.

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Elmwood School Board member arrested

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – An Elmwood School Board member was arrested after he was accused of violating a no-stalking order.

Kevin L. Windish, 40, of rural Brimfield was booked into the Peoria County Jail

about 3 p.m. Monday

and was released after he paid

\$160 in bond and fees, according to jail records. He received a notice to appear at 1:15 p.m. Oct. 11 in Peoria County Circuit Court.

Shortly after 7:30 a.m. Monday, a man who resides in the 16100 block of

W. Wolford Rd. southeast of Oak Hill reported Windish drove past his residence, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

A stalking-no-contact order against Windish prohibits him from being within 300 feet of the address. It wasn't clear why the order was issued.

No words were exchanged between Windish and the 62-year-old victim, a sheriff's-office report stated. The victim took and submitted to a deputy a photograph of Windish behind the wheel of a white Ford F-250 pickup truck.

The deputy contacted Windish, who said an unidentified judge told him he could drive past the residence and not be in violation of the order. Windish suggested the deputy call

the judge. The deputy suggested he and Windish meet in person. They did, at Smithville and Texas roads south of Trivoli.

Windish, who was unarmed, was taken into custody there after he declined to answer questions about the incident, according to the report. He advised the deputy to contact Windish's attorney.

Elmwood School Superintendent Chad Wagner stated the district had no comment regarding Windish's arrest.

Windish's current four-year term expires in 2025. When contacted Tuesday, board President Mark Davis said Windish's status on the group was unchanged. Windish's situation was discussed briefly during the board meeting Monday night.

"We didn't know much, so not much was talked about," Davis said.

But the ex-wife of the man who took the picture wants Windish removed from the board. The two have children who attend Elmwood schools.

"He is a clear threat of danger to my children as well as others within the district," Megan Miller wrote in an email to Davis that The Weekly Post also received. "I am further demanding an immediate safety plan be developed to keep my children safe."

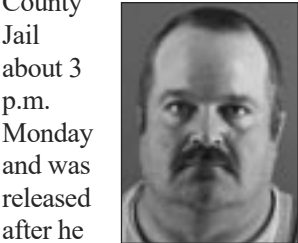
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Police Reports

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Princeville man was transported to a Peoria hospital after his hand was caught in machinery at a local food-processing plant.

The accident happened about 8 a.m. Aug. 21 at Seneca Foods Corp., 606 S. Tremont Ave. The 37-year-old victim, who wasn't identified by name, was replacing a shield on a dried-pumpkin-seed auger when it caught his right hand, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Someone freed the victim's hand from the auger, which was not shut off, per protocol, the report stated. Personnel from the Akron-Princeville fire and ambulance departments responded. A large amount of the victim's skin was ripped from his hand, according to a sheriff's-office deputy.

The victim was conscious and alert before he was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. There was no further word about his condition.

• **KICKAPOO** – A man was accused of battery following an incident at a Kickapoo-area gasoline station.

Employees of Freedom Oil Co., 7200 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd., said they saw Terry R. Abbott, 59, grab a woman's hair and slap her in the face about 3:15 p.m. Aug. 12, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The 39-year-old victim said Abbott was driving her home to Kewanee when his car broke down. An ensuing argument escalated. Afterward, a deputy found Abbott walking along Interstate 74 toward Brimfield.

Abbott received a notice to appear Sept. 20 in Peoria County Circuit Court. His hometown was unavailable.

• **FARMINGTON** – A rural-Farmington driver was implicated in a hit-and-run vehicle crash in a local supermarket parking lot.

Cody A. VanMiddlesworth, 18, was behind the wheel of a 2005 Honda Civic at County Market, 1090 E. Fort St., when it backed into a 2014 Nissan Rogue about 5:45 p.m. Aug. 10, according to a witness. VanMiddlesworth then drove away, a Farmington police report stated.

Later, an officer located VanMiddlesworth at his residence. VanMiddlesworth said he thought he backed his vehicle into a pole. He

was cited for leaving the scene of an accident with only damage to a vehicle. VanMiddlesworth is to appear Sept. 15 in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

• **BARTONVILLE** – A Hanna City woman reported no injuries following a two-vehicle accident west of Bartonville.

Shortly after 8 a.m. Aug. 2, Amy L. Evans was driving a 2018 Nissan Rogue east on Lancaster Road and was attempting a northbound turn onto Lake Lancelot Drive when a southbound 2005 Chevrolet Impala crashed into the front-right portion of her vehicle.

The other driver, Collin M. Cochran of Mapleton, said he did not see Evans turning as he began to enter the intersection, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. Cochran's vehicle sustained minor damage. Evans' vehicle required a tow after it received extensive right-front quarter-panel damage.

• **BELLEVUE** – A Dunlap driver rear-ended a Hanna City man's vehicle west of Bellevue, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Wiley O. Holt was driving an eastbound 2016 GMC Sierra pickup truck that was pulling a trailer about 1:30 p.m. July 25 in the 6900 block of W. Plank Rd. when it slowed for a turning vehicle. A 2015 Mitsubishi Outlander driven by Shelby M. Ford couldn't stop in time to avoid hitting the trailer.

Neither Ford nor Holt was injured, according to a sheriff's-office report. Both vehicles and the trailer were damaged but drivable.

• **HANNA CITY** – A two-vehicle collision northwest of Hanna City resulted in two people requiring hospital attention in Peoria.

The accident happened about 2:45 p.m. July 23 at Eden and Sommerfield roads. Per a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report, Susan M. Crowe of Trivoli was driving a 2009 Hyundai Santa Fe that stopped eastbound on Sommerfield Road at the intersection.

Crowe began to turn south on Eden Road when her female passenger yelled at her to stop because a southbound vehicle was approaching. That vehicle, a 1007 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup truck, collided with the front section of Crowe's.

The Ram driver was Edward F. Lindsay of Trivoli.

Ambulances transported Crowe and her passenger to Carle Health Methodist Hospital. Crowe sustained whiplash, left-neck bruises and ankle and knee pain. The pas-

senger had elbow and shoulder pain and a small cut on her head. Lindsay sustained minor shin and head cuts and declined hospital transport.

Lindsay said he couldn't remember seeing the other vehicle before impact, according to the report. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed. A dog in Lindsay's vehicle was uninjured.

• **OAK HILL** – A combine was reported stolen from property southeast of Oak Hill. The apparent theft took place Aug. 21 in the 16100 block of W. Wolford Rd., according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. No other information was available. The sheriff's office cited an ongoing investigation in refusing to release a copy of the incident report.

• **KICKAPOO** – At 1 a.m. Aug. 11, Leroy E. Dunbar of Edwards was driving a 2002 Mercury Grand Marquis south on Princeville-Jubilee Road near Jubilee Hollow Court north of Kickapoo when the vehicle struck a deer. Dunbar said he was uninjured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained minor damage to its grille and driver's-side headlight.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – At 8 p.m. Aug. 5, James P. Messersmith of Princeville was driving a 2018 Ford F-150 pickup truck west on Illinois Route 90 about one-quarter mile east of Maher Road when the vehicle struck a deer that emerged from the south. Messersmith and his two passengers were not injured, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The truck sustained damage to the driver's-side front fender, doors and bed.

• **ELMWOOD** – Amy Jo Wilson, 42, of Elmwood was arrested about 7:15 a.m. Aug. 21 and was being held for another law-enforcement agency, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Aug. 13-19: fight, Yates City; burglary, Galva; domestic incident, Farmington; structure fire, Williamsfield.

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Kickapoo native seeks 10th judicial circuit seat

PEORIA – Associate Judge Sean Donahue has announced he is running for the 10th Judicial Circuit Seat vacated by Judge Kevin Lyons. The next primary election is March 19, 2024, with a general election Nov. 5, 2024.



Donahue

A lifelong Kickapoo resident, Donahue graduated with an associate's degree from Illinois Central College, a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and a law

degree from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 2004. Prior to attending law school, Donahue joined the Laborers Local 165 and worked as a union laborer prior to and during the summers of law school.

"I hired Sean as a prosecutor, I've judged cases with him in the courtroom as a lawyer, and I've been his colleague as a judge. He is the very finest of human beings and I support him 100%," Lyons said.

He also has endorsements from Illinois Sen. Dave Koehler, Peoria County State's Attorney Jodi Hoos and former Democratic Party Chair Billy Halstead.

College honors

• **Amanda Hamilton** of Dunlap made the Dean's list for the spring



Tractors and trucks turned out in good numbers last Saturday for the annual Small Town Tractor Pull in Laura. Photo by Walt Avery.

semester at Illinois State University.

• Several local students made the University of Missouri Dean's list for the spring semester, including **Clare Harmon** of Brimfield, **Jada Hill** of Brimfield, **Nicholas Keith** of Brimfield, **Isabella McKinty** of Brimfield, **Mackenzie Glover** of Edwards, **Haley Grothaus** of Edwards, **Lydia Sutter** of Edwards, **Mollie Unes** of Edwards, **Emily Kiesewetter** of Farmington, **Kylie Turner** of Hanna City, **Grace Brown** of Princeville and **Makenna Moore** of Trivoli.

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GALESBURG – The Orpheum Theatre is offering a series of free movies on Fridays in September at 7 p.m. as part of its "Flight Through Cinema" series.

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Et cetera

• The Peoria City/County Health Department has discovered the first West Nile virus positive bird sample detected in Peoria County for 2023. The positive bird is an indication that West Nile virus is circulating and individuals should take appropriate measures to protect their health.

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ELMWOOD: Elementary school project in 2024

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 In other business, the board heard an update on the FY24 budget, which is now on display and is on the agenda for approval at the Sept. 25 meeting.

The total FY24 budget is projected to show \$8,328,835 in income and \$9,961,849 in expenses for a deficit of \$1,633,014, according to figures provided by Wag-

ner. That would still leave the school district with a projected operating balance of \$3,695,836.

Moving forward, the board approved a school maintenance grant for the summer of 2024 of \$164,430 to complete flooring and painting work in the elementary school. Bidders for the project were: Central Illinois Flooring, \$67,500 for 23 rooms and \$30,500 for hallways; Vogue Painting, \$13,800 for elementary lockers; Dragoo Painting, \$28,000 for rooms and \$18,000 for hallways. The state will provide \$50,000 toward the project if the grant is approved.

In personnel, the board

approved the hiring of Dianne Burwell as a part-time learning-loss specialist, Dee Hanlon as part-time social-emotional interventionist, Charlesa Roberts as a bus driver, Debra Hutchinson as a bus monitor and Tara Fulton as a paraprofessional.

Finally, in other business the board OK'd:

- Adding the Class of 2029 as an account in the high school activity fund.
- A required reevaluation of the district's bullying policy, using policy language from the Illinois Principals' Association Handbook and the Illinois Association of School Boards' PRESS Policy service.

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By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

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A few years ago we opted for a trendy new look. We had accumulated a variety of succulents in our greenhouse and decided to try some.

That was four years ago, and today those same planters are still looking good. The plants are much larger, of course, but have grown into beautiful succulent garden specimens. We set them out in the spring, when the danger of frost has passed, and move them indoors to sunny windows when cold weather approaches.

Succulents make up a group of plants that have fleshy leaves and stems that store water. Aloe, sedum and agave are succulents as are kalanchoe, sempervivum and cacti. What makes succulent plants attractive to gardeners is their wide variety of leaf shapes and colors, as well as their easy care.

Perennial gardeners are surely familiar with numerous hardy sedums such as 'Autumn Joy' and 'Brilliant', and the sempervivums, commonly called hen and chicks. But hundreds of other succulent varieties can make attractive container plantings.

The secret to successfully growing a succulent container planter is benign neglect. It takes special effort to kill a succulent plant, and the leading cause of succulent murder is over-watering. Unlike other potted plants, succulent planters need to dry out between waterings. This is especially true while the plants are indoors.

To put together a succulent planter, start with a shallow planter. Most succulents have a shallow root system and have no need for a deep planter. The containers we used for our patio are plastic shallow bowls about 6 inches deep and 14 inches across. They fit nicely into the low concrete urns atop the pillars.

Experts tell us to mix sand into the potting soil to improve drainage, and that's probably a good idea. We didn't do it and the planters get along fine. I think that's because our planters are shallow and don't hold a lot of water. If you must use a deep pot, then for sure add sand to the mix. Or you can buy



planting mixes concocted specifically for succulents.

The hardest part of establishing a succulent planter is deciding which plants to use. That's going to take some research and some experimentation. Nevertheless, the same rules you use to make a container garden of annuals or perennials apply to creating a succulent arrangement, aiming for a contrast of forms, textures and colors.

Putting together a combi-

nation of plants takes trial and error. Many young succulents look quite different when they grow larger. Some get tall while others spread out laterally.

To create your own succulent container, I suggest spending time on Pinterest and Google. Check out Jades, Mother-of-Millions, Ice Plant, String of Beads and Burro's Tail, to name a few. Make note of those that catch your eye and visit local garden centers to see the plants in the flesh. Then get to it.

Succulents are durable and relatively disease free. One nemesis experts warn about is the mealybug. If you see little clumps of white fluff tucked into the crevices of stems and leaves, you, or rather your plants have contracted

mealybugs. You can try to eliminate them but it will be a futile endeavor. My advice and that of the horticultural cognoscenti is to discard the plants and thoroughly clean the container. Put it in the dishwasher if it'll fit.



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FFA mental health grant unveiled

By **ANDREW ADAMS**

Capitol News Illinois

Farmers and residents of rural communities often face stigma when it comes to mental health challenges, but state leaders hope to change that.

Governor JB Pritzker announced Tuesday that chapters of FFA – the group once known as Future Farmers of America – will be eligible for \$1,000 grants to fund mental health awareness programs in schools and rural communities. Up to 20 such grants will be available through the Illinois FFA Foundation starting this fall.

Pritzker and other state leaders made the announcement at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, an annual exposition of farm technology and other agriculture industry advancements.

“There is nothing more important than making sure that every Illinoisan has access to the mental health services they need to live happy and healthy lives,” Pritzker said.

The program is being overseen by the Illinois FFA Foundation in partnership with the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine’s Farm Family Resource Initiative.

Karen Leavitt Stallman, an ag resource specialist at SIU Medicine who coordinates FFRI, said she hopes the partnership with FFA will help direct attention to the resources available for farmers.

“There is a stigma. It’s hard for someone to reach out for help...” Stallman told Capitol News Illinois. “In the agriculture community, it’s particularly difficult. As farmers, we’re a stoic bunch.”

FFRI began in 2019 the late state Sen. Scott Bennett, D-Champaign, advocated for its launch. After a pilot in six counties, the program expanded to offer mental health and stress-management resources to the entire state, with increased state and

federal funding.

The SIU program offers professional development, webinars and online resources to help farmers and their families manage stress and mental health challenges. They also offer up to six free telehealth counseling sessions to those in the agriculture industry and their families.

The inspiration for the FFA partnership came from a similar program at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, according to Stallman.

SIU system president Dan Mahony said in a news release Tuesday that FFRI is “moving the health of rural families forward” and that the FFA partnership represents a “multi-generational approach to mental health and wellness,” something the governor echoed.

Rural communities face particular challenges in both access to and attitudes toward mental health.

A July research brief from Adee Athiyaman, a professor at Western Illinois University’s Institute for Rural Affairs, found rural communities lag behind metropolitan ones in awareness about mental health care. This leads to “poor knowledge about mental health issues and minimal support for policies about mental health care,” according to the brief.

Rural areas also face more hurdles when it comes to accessing mental health care. The federal Health Resources & Services Administration designates every rural county in Illinois as a “health professional shortage area” for mental health workers based on population statistics, the number of mental health providers and the prevalence of substance abuse.

If someone faces mental health challenges and needs immediate assistance, the national suicide and crisis lifeline can be reached by phone call or text at 988 or online by chat at 988lifeline.org/chat.



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Williamsfield eyeing advertising

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD

This village could use a little roadside advertising, according to some Williamsfield officials.

Although nothing is imminent, they suggest signs that list essential services and businesses be placed along two major highways that skirt the village. Those highways are east-west U.S. Route 150 and north-south Illinois Route 78.

Route 150 passes about a mile south of Williamsfield, between Peoria and Galesburg. Route 78 passes about 4 miles east, between Kewanee and Canton. Williamsfield is located on Illinois Route 180, a north-south road that carries a fraction of the traffic the other two highways handle.

One Billtown business, Wight Chevrolet, long ago erected signs along Routes 78 and 150, complete with arrows that point the way to town. The proposed signs would be more comprehensive.

They also would be more of a civic effort to boost the local economy and provide a public service, according to Village President Robert Johnson.

"Everyone knows where Wight Chevrolet is, but nobody knows there's a



grocery store or whatever other businesses we have here," he said.

"If you're coming down Route 78, there's no place for gasoline until you get to Kewanee, or back to Elmwood. There's nothing else there. If you needed gas and didn't know if you could make it to one place or another, there's a 24-hour gas place in Williamsfield. We're just off the beaten path a little bit."

The concept sprang from sessions the Western Illinois Regional Council conducted about one year ago, according to Johnson. The Macomb-based council provides technical assistance to local governments.

Partnering with the village regarding signs would be the Williamsfield Community Fund, an adjunct of the Galesburg Community Foundation. That philanthropy-facilitating organization established the fund in 2021. It provides Billtown-centric grants to not-for-profit organizations, among other things.

Johnson suggested the fund could pay for at least some of the proposed signs. First, the signs must pass muster with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Village Trustee Nancy Everett said several sign programs are available through the state, but the kind Williamsfield wants don't really fit into any of them. They're considered outdoor advertising, which requires permits issued by the IDOT central office in Springfield.

Everett said she's pursuing more information about that process. Knox County officials also would have to be involved.

What form or shape the signs might take hasn't been determined. It might be a year or longer before anything concrete — or wood and metal, given the subject matter — is established, according to Johnson. But he believes it's worth investigating.

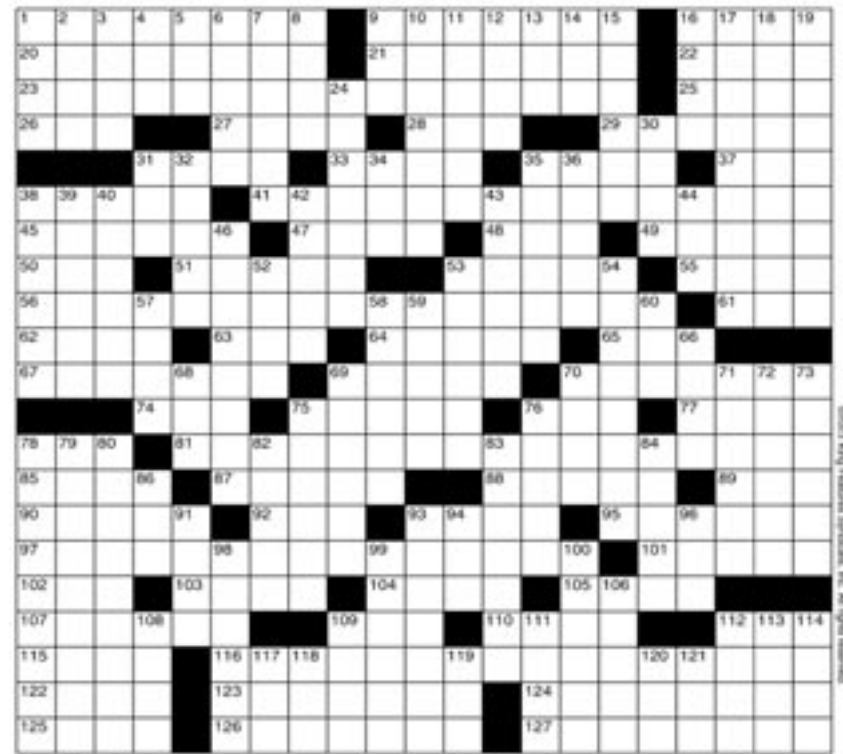
"The more people know we're here and what's here, that's the important thing," Johnson said. "The more traffic that we can generate, the better."

Answers on Page 18

Super Crossword

MILK-AND-HONEY POCHES

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANATOMY: What are the small bones that make up the human backbone?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is made up of about 7,000 islands?
- MOVIES: What native language is spoken in the movie "Avatar"?
- BUSINESS: When did the first Apple computer go on sale?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male swan called?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which nut is used in a Waldorf salad?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in arithmophobia?
- TELEVISION: Who played the lead in the series "Buffy the Vampire Killer"?
- AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain advertises itself as "no rules, just right"?
- SCIENCE: Which science fiction author wrote the three laws of robotics?

Answers

- Vertebrae.
- The Philippines.
- Na'vi.
- 1976.
- A cob.
- Walnuts.
- Fear of numbers.
- Sarah Michelle Gellar.
- Outback Steakhouse.
- Isaac Asimov.

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXH is LONGFELLOW

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

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TOP 10 MOVIES

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| 1. Blue Beetle | (PG-13) |
| 2. Barbie | (PG-13) |
| 3. Oppenheimer | (R) |
| 4. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem | (PG) |
| 5. Strays | (R) |
| 6. Meg 2: The Trench | (PG-13) |
| 7. Talk to Me | (R) |
| 8. Haunted Mansion | (PG13) |
| 9. Mission: Impossible -- Dead Reckoning Part One | (PG-13) |
| 10. Sound of Freedom | (PG13) |

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CryptoQuote
answer
It's always been the woman's disadvantage to be older, never the man's.
— Jane Fonda

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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OBITUARIES

Paul E. Johnson
MAQUON – Paul E. Johnson, 87, of Maquon, died Aug. 16, 2023, in Peoria. He was born Aug. 6, 1936, in Oak Hill to Henry and Lois (McKown) Johnson. He married Bonnie Schoonover on Feb. 22, 1974, at Orange Chapel United Methodist Church in Gilson. She survives.

He is also survived by three children, Paulette Johnson of Peoria, Melissa Myers of Fargo, N.D., and Billie Johnson of Moorhead, Minn; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Glenn H. Johnson and Earle Johnson.

Paul served in the U.S. Army for four years. He was a lifelong farmer with his brothers and also worked as a welder at Butler's.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, at Maquon United Methodist Church. A visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. at the church.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneral-home.com.

Ralph G. Welker

FARMINGTON – Ralph George Welker, 91, of Farmington, died Aug. 24, 2023, at his residence. He was born on Aug. 7, 1932, to Clarence

and Gertrude (Anderson) Welker, at home outside Farmington.

He married Mary Woodcock on April 27, 1953. She preceded him in death on March 8, 1986. He then married Patricia (Fresia) Black on Aug. 8, 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; children, Debbie (Gene) Lingenfelter of Farmington and Kay Lynn Pierson of Avon; stepsons David (Kelsey) Black of Farmington; grandchildren, Chris (Chad) Pyatt of Trivoli, Brandy (Brett) Stevens of Elmwood, Heather (Jason) Schrodt of Banner, Jeremy Pierson of Canton and Steve (Maggie) Black of Farmington, Zec Black of Farmington, Carl (Megan) Clemons of Fairview, Lynsey and Ami; great-grandchildren Alysha and Kylie Pyatt, Brendan, Austin, and Caleb Stevens, Kaprice and Colter Pierson, Bailey (Hannah) and Kaley Pierson, Taylor (Cody) Johanningsmeier, Stevie D. Black, and great-grandson on the way, Abi, Carter, and Aleeda Clemons, Bryse and Braydon Hunter and Jlynn; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by brothers Alfred (Bonnie) Welker of Elmwood and David (Nancy) Welker of Hanna City.

He is preceded in death by his son, Jeff Welker; his stepson Steven E. Black; and his sister Ila.

Ralph served in the U.S. Army from July 1953 until September 1954

during the Korean War. He was a member of Farmington Presbyterian Church, where he served as a trustee.

Services were Aug. 29, 2023.

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

Lawrence V. Davis

HANNA CITY – Lawrence "Larry" V. Davis, 90, of Hanna City, died Aug. 20, 2023, at his residence. He was born on June 6, 1933, a son of Leo and Ruth (Churchill) Davis. Larry married Sharon Lounsberry Hibbs Davis on July 10, 1976, at La-Marsh Baptist Church in Mapleton. She survives.

Also surviving are four children, Mike (Jan) Davis of North Pekin, Lonnie Davis of Colorado, Beth Hibbs (Daniel) Ledbetter and Stacey Hibbs; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and his brother, Dennis Davis.

Preceding him in death were both of his parents; his son, Leo Emerson Davis; four brothers, Charlie, Floyd, Benny and one infant brother; and one sister, Dorothy Hanback.

Larry was a veteran of the U.S. Army and of the Coast Guard Reserves. He worked for Caterpillar Inc. for 40 years before retiring in 1990.

Services were Aug. 25, 2023.

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Dispute over GMO corn heats up with Mexico

By **TIMOTHY EGGERT**

FarmWeek

An ongoing trade dispute between the United States and Mexico over the country's policies to ban genetically modified corn intensified after the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) called for a dispute panel under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

USTR's announcement comes after officials Aug. 16 passed a 75-day deadline to reach a resolution through USMCA dispute consultations.

"The United States has used the tools provided by the USMCA in attempting to resolve concerns with Mexico's biotechnology measures," USTR Ambassador Katherine Tai said in a statement. "Today the United States is taking the next step in enforcing Mexico's obligations under the USMCA."

Once formed, the three-member dispute panel will have 120 days to file an initial report. That work will be focused on the decree that Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador released in February. It declared his country would immediately ban GM white corn used in tortillas and dough, while directing government agencies to gradually substitute the use of GM yellow corn in all animal feed and products for human consumption.

The U.S. is Mexico's primary supplier of feed corn – nearly all of it is genetically modified – and in 2022 exported 15.4 million metric tons of corn to the country, according to USDA data. Annual white corn imports into Mexico total about 1.6 million tons.

Tai's office contends both the decree's white corn and yellow corn measures each violate the same seven USMCA provisions, according to a copy of the dispute panel request.

"Through the USMCA dispute panel, we seek to resolve our concerns and help ensure consumers can continue to access safe and affordable food and agricultural products," Tai said.

"It is critical that Mexico eliminate its USMCA-inconsistent biotechnology measures so that American farmers can continue to access the Mexican market and use innovative tools to respond to climate and food security challenges."

Mexico's Ministry of Economy in a statement released Aug. 24 said it does not agree with the U.S. position and was prepared to demonstrate to the panel "that the national regulation is consistent with the commitments signed in the (USMCA)" and "that the challenged measures do not have commercial effects."

American officials for months have

consistently said the Mexican policies lack scientific basis and limits American farmers' access to the Mexican grain market.

Their concern was specifically addressed in March when Tai, along with other top U.S. ag and trade officials, requested "technical consultations" with Mexican officials under the USMCA's sanitary and phytosanitary chapter.

The talks did not lead to a resolution, and the USTR office requested the dispute consultations in June.

"Mexico's approach to biotechnology is not based on science and runs counter to decades' worth of evidence demonstrating its safety and the rigorous, science-based regulatory review system that ensures it poses no harm to human health and the environment," USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack said Aug. 24.

The dispute-settlement panel, Vilsack said, will ensure U.S. producers and exporters have "full and fair access to the Mexican market," adding the U.S. "will continue to support fair, open, science- and rules-based trade, which serves as the foundation of USMCA as it was agreed to by all parties."

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By Wilson Casey

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3. In a letter to Christians at Corinth, what did Paul say was the greatest? Faith, Love, Charity, Tithes
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Sennacherib, Artaxerxes, Belshazzar, Jabin

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6. Who were Nadab and Abihu the sons of? Joshua, Aaron, Moses, Mordecai

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Sin, 3) Charity, 4) Sennacherib, 5) Adonibezek, 6) Aaron
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Volleyball teams battle through hot first week

By PHIL JOHNSON

For The Weekly Post

Weekly Post area volleyball teams, for the most part, battled through the extreme heat of the past week to begin their 2023 campaigns. The following are those results.

Brimfield

Brimfield (1-1) topped Prairieland foe Peoria Heights 25-23 and 25-11 at home Aug. 24. Chloe Fabry was the kills leader with seven. Claire Gilles scored on four ace serves. Ava Heinz blocked three. Dawsyn Stahl recorded seven digs. Kylie Frail was the team's assists leader, with 11.

The Lady Indians next travel to Manito to face Midwest Central today (Aug. 31).

Elmwood

Elmwood (2-4) went 2-3 at the Macomb Tournament Saturday. The Lady Trojans defeated West Central in two hard-fought sets, 26-24 and 25-23. EHS bounced back to top Lewistown 17-25, 25-16 and 16-14. Losses were to Rockridge, Pleasant Plains and Kewanee.

Elmwood fell in its season opener at Peoria Heights on Aug. 22, 25-13 and 25-20.

Mahala Mercer, Cheyenne Burge and Elise Schell each scored on two kills. Mercer added four assists and five digs. Brooke Allen was the team's digs leader with six.

Next up is a trip to Illini Bluffs

today.

Farmington

Farmington (0-3) lost on the road 25-15 and 25-18 to Prairieland foe North Fulton on Monday.

Alayna Keefer scored on four kills and one ace. Meagan Carpenter blocked four. Claire Hanlin recorded nine digs. Mailyn Hamilton assisted on two scores.

FHS fell to Knoxville 25-19, 22-25 and 22-25 in Prairieland action last Thursday at home. Keefer had 11 kills. Claire Hanlin recorded 14 digs and two ace serves. Bella Archdale blocked four. Madilyn Hanlin was the assists leader with 11.

The Lady Farmers came up short in their opener on Aug. 22 with a 25-21, 25-21 setback at nonconference rival Peoria Christian.

Keefer again was the scoring leader with four kills and four ace serves. She also added five assists. Archdale blocked three. Claire Hanlin was on the floor for nine digs.

Farmington is home today vs. Prairieland foe Abingdon-Avon.

Princeville

Princeville (2-5) visited nonconference rival Roanoke Benson Monday for a 25-23, 25-18 sweep.

Brianna Brodie scored 12 kills. Claire Dearing followed with nine kills. Carly Cox had five kills. Greta Dwyer assisted on 27 scores. Sydney Kratzer recorded 19 digs.

The Lady Princes also defeated Havana 21-13, 18-21, 15-10 Satur-

day at the Wethersfield Tournament in Kewanee. PHS fell to Wethersfield, Bureau Valley and Monmouth-Roseville at the tourney.

Brodie had 34 kills and 10 blocks on the day. Dearing scored on five aces. Cox had 13 kills. Dwyer was very busy with 77 assists. Harper Francis blocked four for the tourney.

PHS fell short to Illini Bluffs 25-18 and 25-22 at home Aug. 24 in nonconference action. Dwyer served four aces. Brodie had four kills and nine blocks. Dearing scored four kills. Kratzer continued to be the digs leader with 11.

The Lady Princes opened Aug. 22 with a tough loss at IVC, 25-18 and 25-22. Cox recorded four kills and two aces. Dearing got four kills. Dwyer collected nine assists and two aces.

Princeville next hosts Hartsburg-Emden today.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

R-W (2-1) dropped a 25-14, 25-22 Lincoln Trail Conference decision to Monmouth United on Aug. 24.

Tori Trotter had three kills and two blocks while Vivian Haynes recorded six digs and two blocks in the effort.

The Lady Cougars picked up a 25-16, 25-20 ICAC victory at North Fulton on Aug. 23.

R-W is next at home versus Delavan today in ICAC action.

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ALL-SPORTS ROUNDUP

Elmwood golfers medalists at Maple Lane match

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood golf team had boys and girls medalists Monday during a multi-team match at Maple Lane Country Club.

Senior Tanner Wake shot a 3-over-par 38 and eagled hole No. 5 after driving the green for the boys and Maddie Conklin shot a 51 to lead the girls.

Delavan won the boys competition with a combined score of 160,

while Elmwood was at 180. Other Elmwood scorers were Anthony Guppy (42), Kuper Bolton (43) and Quinton Johns (57).

Delavan narrowly beat the Elmwood girls, 232-234. Other scorers for the Lady Trojans were Addi Thrasher (55), Addi Powers (60) and Corinne Colgan (68).

The ROWVA-Williamsfield girls golf team combined for a score of

216 Monday in a three-team match at Oak Run Golf Course. Avery Rigg led with a round of 46 on the par-36 front nine. Other R-W scorers were Sidney Stiers (51), Ava Johnson (59) and Ava Landon (60).

Several golf matches were called off last week due to the heat.

• **Cross Country** – Several cross country meets were also called off last week due to the heat.

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Farmers efficient QB Wheelwright delivers 6 TDs

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

CARTHAGE – A new year brought a new look for the Farmington football team.

The fast-strike Farmers offense was replaced, at least early last Friday, by a methodical approach that resulted in a 22-play, 9-minute opening drive.

Quarterback Lane Wheelwright capped the drive with a rushing touchdown to help propel Farmington to a 39-12 victory over Illini West in a LincolnLand Conference large-division contest.

“We just kept calling the same play,” joked Farmington Coach Toby Vallas. “No, it was a good mix of passes and runs.”

Leading the way was junior Wheelwright, a first-year varsity starter at quarterback who ran for four scores and 102 yards and passed for two TDs and 242 yards. Ten of his

completions went to 6-foot-6 senior wideout Keauntrey Barnes, who had 14 catches all of last season. Barnes had 122 receiving yards.

“I thought we had a lot of young kids who were very nervous and they played very well Friday night,” Vallas said.



L. Wheelwright

Saturday was not as good, Vallas said. While Farmington grabbed a 26-0 halftime lead, lightning caused a delay in the game, which had been pushed back to an 8 p.m. start due to the heat. After much discussion, it was decided to resume play Saturday at 1 p.m.

Illini West was able to find officials thanks to a freshman football jamboree held Saturday morning, Vallas said.

“I thought we were rough Saturday. If they felt like I did, I understand,” Vallas said. “It’s very hard to get up the next day again, especially if the game is



Elmwood-Brimfield’s Bo Windish (7) runs for a two-point conversion under the watchful eyes of teammate Bailey Elwell (2). The score was the Trojans’ last in a 26-8 home loss Friday to Knoxville. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

kind of decided.”

The Farmers finished with 448 yards of total offense.

Next up for Farmington is a home game Friday against West Hancock, which opened with a 34-28 loss at Heyworth. West Hancock is led by new coach Coy Dorothy, who owns all the all-time passing records at MacMurray

R-W rallies to win with pair of late TDs

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

HAVANA – For the ROWVA-Williamsfield football team, the season-opening week wasn’t typical. Neither was the season-opening night.

In the end, the Cougars persevered. Particularly toward the very end. R-W scored twice in the final three minutes of the fourth quarter to complete a 29-20 LincolnLand Conference small-division comeback victory Aug. 25 at Havana.

Riley Danner’s 17-yard touchdown pass to Talan Hull, with an extra-point kick by Kole Miller, gave R-W a 21-20 lead. Devonte Noel’s ensuing interception set up the final points – a 35-yard TD run by Spencer Brown, followed by a Danner pass to Hull on the conversion.

“I just wanted to make it a two-possession game, and we had a play we were pretty comfortable with,” R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand said about the extra-point decision.

Noel then intercepted another pass. That secured victory for the Cougars, who trailed 14-0 early.

“He’s somebody who had a really good summer for us,” Gullstrand said of Noel, a senior. “We kind of figured he’d start at cornerback for us this year, but he took reps at receiver. That helped him kind of (know) what to expect.”

For R-W, the unexpected was last week’s theme.

Because of extreme heat, the R-W practice schedule was truncated. Heat also resulted in the game’s starting time being delayed to 8 p.m. Then as the teams were preparing to take the field, lightning struck nearby. That prompted another delay, this one until almost 9 p.m.

Not exactly an auspicious start following a 90-minute trip to face an unfamiliar opponent, a result of the football merger and restructuring of the Lincoln Trail and PrairieLand conferences.

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