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By MOLLY RICHESON
For The Weekly Post

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Harvey became intrigued with lighting, starting in sales and growing his career into management. Eventually, Durotest wanted to

open a branch location in central Illinois so Harvey and his wife, Ruth, were sent to scout out the area.

They looked at Peoria and they looked at Bloomington. They were driving through Elmwood when

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Farmington hoping to collect on debts

Global database might benefit city

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Signing up for a global database may eventually help the City of Farmington collect from a decades-old list of deadbeats.

Earlier this year, the Farmington City Council approved a subscription to LexisNexis, a service whose databases are often consulted by government, law enforcement and risk-management agencies for a variety of uses.

The council heard at its Monday meeting that the database will assist in locating residents and former residents who have not paid various city-related bills.

By sending invoices to current addresses of non-payers and by providing a deadline for payment of Dec. 20, City Administrator Bettina Bohanan said the city can then enter any unpaid bills into the state's Local Debt Recovery Program. Under the program, administered by the Illinois Office of the Comptroller, Farmington can be compensated for unpaid bills by intercepting a portion of state income-tax returns due to late payers.

Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said the overdue bills date back more than a decade and the total owed is "north of

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17th District looms large in battle for House

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – With less than two weeks remaining before voting ends in the 2024 election, polls have been showing Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump running virtually neck-and-neck, especially in "battleground" states like Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, an equally close battle is being waged for control of the U.S. House, where Republicans currently

hold a slim seven-seat majority.

Like the presidential contest, the race for control of the House will likely be decided in a small handful of swing districts. That's because of the 435 seats in the House, the vast majority

are considered "safe" for one party or the other, either because there is no meaningful opposition in the race or because the district boundaries

are drawn in a way that strongly favors one party over the other.

Two of the leading political handicapping websites, the Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball, rate

366 House districts, or 84% of the total, as "safe" for either Republicans or Democrats and only 69 seats rated as "competitive," although their lists differ slightly.

In Illinois, only one of the 17 congressional districts falls into the "competitive" category – the 17th District, which covers most of Knox County, part of Henry County and stretches south from Elmwood into Fulton County. Cook Political Report rates the district as "likely Democrat" while Sabato's Crystal Ball scores it "leans Democrat."

The seat is currently held by first-term Democrat Eric Sorensen, of Mo-
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FARMINGTON: City eyes Wilson St. extension

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 \$100,000.”

Unpaid bills include sewer, water, garbage and ordinance violations.

“We think we could recoup at least 60%,” Bohanan said.

In other business, the council voted Monday to pay for Maurer Stutz, Inc., engineers to research a possible extension of

Wilson Street to Lightfoot Road on the east side of the city. Wilson Street currently terminates at Jacobs Park, but the city owns a 109-foot-wide strip of land that could be used for a road.

Stufflebeam said extending the road would create a second egress to and from Jacobs Park and could be beneficial for the

city. Among the benefits Stufflebeam mentioned were attracting large baseball and softball tournaments, possibly holding a fireworks show, a more centralized Italian Fest and a better entrance to the Farmington Area Public Library District’s 10-year old library.

Stufflebeam said a Maurer Stutz engineer previously offered a ballpark figure of \$250,000 for the road expansion.

“Maybe it will be cost-prohibitive when we look at it, but I think we should look at it,” Stufflebeam said. “If we could open that up, maybe that could lead to future development.”

Stufflebeam said engineering will include installing traffic-calming devices for the road extension so it does not become a “race track.”

The council also approved selling a lot at 99 E. Vernon St. to Todd Abraham, who submitted a bid of \$3,950 for the lot. That was the lone bid. After paying for the appraisal of the property, all proceeds will go toward the Farmington Community Center.

In TIF matters, the council approved a redevelopment grant of \$2,500 to

Meagan Schuyler. The council also voted to approve an ordinance for a \$19,812.94 payment to Spoon River Home Health Service, Inc., and Susan Platt for renovation of the company’s facility on 38 and 48 N. East St.

Bohanan reported that leaf-pickup dates will tentatively be held in the first two weeks of December, depending on weather. She also said that John Frank will retire from the public-works department on Nov. 1.

She said work is underway on a notification system that will allow the city to call, text and email residents with updates and information.

Bohanan said signups are being held through Nov. 1 for biddy basketball at the community center and added that work on a new concession stand is “coming long nicely.” Walking in the center will resume Nov. 1.

Herb Stufflebeam of the Oak Ridge Cemetery board of managers reported that a concrete approach to the mausoleum is being replaced and raised slightly. A tree is also being planted in memory of Bud Stobaugh behind his grave in Section 8.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week's Hot Picks

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- **Free Movie** – The Elmwood Kiwanis Club has a costume contest Saturday, Oct. 26, at 1 p.m. at The Palace Theatre in Elmwood and a free showing of the movie “Monster House” at 1:45. Free small popcorn or soda.

This Week's Events

- **Story Time** – “Pumpkin Parade” is the focus of story time today, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. at Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood. Youngsters can also do a craft, and the library will offer prizes for the most creatively decorated pumpkins.
- **Trunk or Treat** – Elmwood’s annual Trunk or Treat is Saturday, Oct. 26, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Central Park. Hot dogs, chips and hot cocoa served. Free entry. Prizes. Courtesy of Elmwood Ministerial of Pastors.
- **Yates City** has its Trunk or Treat Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. in the Bank of Yates City parking lot. Free hot dogs, hot cocoa and water served by community organizations.
- **Chili Supper** – Trivoli Volunteer Firemen’s 60th annual chili supper is Saturday, Oct. 26, 3-7 p.m., at the Trivoli Fire Station, 18911 W. Farmington Rd. Cash donations only.
- **Turkey Supper** – Williamsfield United Methodist Church has a drive-through turkey supper on Saturday, Oct. 26, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Cost \$15 per person.

- **Historical Society** – The Elmwood Historical Society has its monthly meeting on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at 105 S. Magnolia St. in Elmwood. Bill Seipel will speak on the history of Elmwood’s Palace Theatre.
- **Anniversary Dinner** – Farmington Women of the Moose anniversary dinner is Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. Reservations due by Oct. 28. Call (309) 245-2510.
- **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.
- **MANNA Meal** – The monthly MANNA meal at Elmwood United Methodist Church, 821 W. Main St., is Oct. 31 at noon. Fried chicken will be served.
- **Food Pantry** – Elmwood United Methodist Church has a food pantry the last Friday each month, 10-11 a.m.
- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo the second and fourth Thursday each month at 2 p.m.

Future Events

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SCATTERSHOTS

IF SHE CAN'T HANDLE THE SOFTEST OF SOFTBALL QUESTIONS FROM THE VIEW, WHAT CHANGE DOES SHE HAVE HANDLING THE REAL WORLD?



Of religion, politics, Mel Brooks & prairie seeds

Want a headache? Discuss politics with someone these days. Or religion.

Last week we printed a letter by **Arlene Heinz** of Elmwood that encompassed both topics. In it, she wrote about keeping the Ten Commandments. What Arlene wrote in her letter was "especially the Fifth, 'Thou shall not kill.'"

What we printed was "especially the Sixth, 'Thou shall not kill.'"

Arlene did not appreciate the change, saying the Sixth Commandment involves adultery. And she is correct. She is also incorrect.

Not being much of a Bible scholar, I double-checked the order of commandments online. We try to check as many facts as possible in letters, and some never see the light of day as a result. But I didn't spend enough time on my research and my change will no doubt earn me demerits from **Father Jim** and **Pastor Wilson** and earn me an "Opa" from **Father Vaggalis**.

It seems in ordering the commandments, there are no absolutes - which

are limited to the commands themselves. (While we're on this, I've long wondered how the directive against killing didn't rate No. 1.)

More to the point, I should have removed a number for the commandment entirely. Because depending on your religion, the edict to not kill is either No. 5 (Catholics, Lutherans and some others) or No. 6 (Eastern Orthodox Christians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Jews and some others).

Which proves once again the axiom that discussing religion or politics will only create problems.

Speaking of religion, we recently attended a Greek Orthodox funeral service in Decatur for a 46-year-old friend who died too young. The service was deeply depressing but also uplifting. Three young women chanted verses from Psalms 119 throughout the service in a wonderful, heartbreaking lament that somehow elicited tears while also providing hope. That is the power of religion that appeals to me. ... On the lighter side, who can forget **Mel Brooks** coming down from the mountain with three stone tablets inscribed with The 15 Commandments, only to drop one of the three tablets and then announce, "Oy. Ten. Ten Command-

ments for all to obey." That's a 27-second movie scene worth Googling. ... During our recent theological discussion at work, it was noted that there is no Bible in the office. Just icons. Big mistake, I guess. That got me to remembering a relative who once picked up a Bible in our house, opened it and said, not so sweetly, "The binding is a little stiff on this." ... That was not true of **Grandma Eick's** bible, which was worn and stuffed with obituaries and funeral cards. That tome was the original ancestry.com.

Parting shot: Seed-collecting season is still going strong, though the winds and birds have nearly stripped some prairie species. With that in mind, it's time to start promoting our second annual native seed event later this winter at the Salem Township Library in Yates City. Tentative date is Dec. 14, noon-2 p.m. The event was billed as a seed exchange last year, but that's not totally accurate. Just show up and take home some seeds, even if you don't have anything to swap. The goal is to get native plants back into the ground because of all the bugs and critters they support.

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GUEST VOICES

Big Mac bites Big Meat over beef prices

If you buy nearly two billion pounds of beef a year – an on-the-hoof equivalent of seven million cattle – you'd think you'd get the best deal ever from your suppliers. You are, after all, the world's largest red meat buyer.

Think again, says McDonald's.

On Oct. 4, it sued the big four meatpackers – JBS, Tyson Foods, Cargill and National Beef Packing – “for allegedly conspiring for years to limit beef supplies, boosting their profits while causing the fast food giant to pay artificially higher prices,” reported Reuters.

So Big Mac wants a bite out of Big Meat who, the suit claims, collectively reduced their output to drive up industry prices since 2015.

They were able to do so, the juicy, 100-page filing alleges, because the four packers “Collectively ... controlled approximately 81-85% of the domestic market-ready fed cattle processed (or slaughtered) during the conspiracy period. The next largest non-Defendant meatpacker had only a 2-3% market share.”

Welcome to the jungle, Ronald McDonald, where thousands of U.S. cattlemen, bold enough to risk their livelihoods, have been complaining about meatpacker market power for decades.

Their woes, however, have been on the cattle-selling side of the market. Dominant packers, the cowboys allege, have managed slaughter



Alan GUEBERT

numbers to move live cattle prices – often lower – more than market conditions justify. But proof remains elusive.

Still, in 2004, an Alabama jury awarded cattlemen \$1.28 billion in a class-action lawsuit (known as Pickett) brought against then-beef packer IBP for using its market clout to undermine live cattle prices.

The decision was thrown out after Tyson Foods, which bought IBP in 2001, asked the court for a “judgment as a matter of law” to challenge the jury’s implication that the meatpacker had acted illegally. The judge agreed with Tyson.

In the 20 years since, Tyson, like many of its competitors, has spent millions defending its business practices in civil court and in settlements of federal charges for alleged price fixing.

According to Accountable.US, a nonpartisan special-interest watchdog in Washington, D.C., two of the packer giants, Tyson and JBS, “were involved with at least \$384 million in fines and settlements over alleged price-fixing ... during the (COVID-19) pandemic.”

McDonald’s lawsuit builds on the same theme, alleging “that the world’s largest meat processors have been conspiring since at least 2015 to limit beef supplies,” reported The Washington Post, “leading to elevated prices for the meat they sold McDonalds and others.”

Specifically, the Post continued, McDonald’s alleged that beef prices “had stayed within \$20 to \$40 of the average price per hundred pound of wholesale beef.”

Then, around 2015, the correlation changed and by “2021, the difference had ballooned to \$156.50.” That cost Big Mac, and its customers, big bucks.

“The goal of their conspiracy,” McDonald’s alleged in its lawsuit, sounds eerily similar to what cattlemen have been saying for decades from the opposite side of the cattle market: “... to fix, raise, stabilize and/or maintain the price of beef sold to Plaintiff and others at supra-competitive levels – that is, prices artificially higher than beef prices would have been in the absence of their conspiracy.”

Congress, too, noted the change. In 2021, recalls the Post, nearly 30 of its members sent the Justice Department a letter pointing out the “price of live cattle in the U.S. market has plummeted while ... the major packing companies realized significant profits.”

After decades of complaining by cowboys, the courts and Congress, maybe a corporate mascot in oversized red shoes and a plastic grin can finally get justice in the costly clown show known as U.S. meatpacking.

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Letter left out several facts about Donald Trump

To the Editor:

Gene Vaughan asked for “just the facts” in his letter to the editor in the last edition of The Weekly Post. Vaughan missed several well-known facts about Donald Trump.

Trump has been found guilty of fraud with 34 felony convictions by a jury of his peers.

Trump has been convicted of sexual assault.

Two federal lawsuits and one New York state suit against Trump University and Trump were settled for \$25 million by Trump personally.

Trump had to pay \$2 million to charities as a fine for charitable-foundation abuse. Trump, along with three of his offspring, cannot run any charities due to their abuse.

Trump, as president, withdrew the U.S. from longstanding nuclear treaties with our allies and with Russia. (The 1987 Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.)

Trump has continuously claimed the 2020 election was rigged and has filed 62 lawsuits in various states contesting the election process, vote counting and certification. One suit was found in his favor but was overturned.

There are many more facts illuminating how unfit Trump is to occupy the highest office in our country.

Kamala Harris may not have been my first choice, but after watching



her at the debate and her interview on Fox News, I will vote for her. She doesn't hold boat parades displaying the American flag next to a swastika flag.

I will end with this question: Has anyone seen the check from Mexico to pay for the wall?

– Jerry Kijanowski, Elmwood

Harris' actions don't show love for American people

To The Editor:

Vice President Kamala Harris states that she loves the American people. She has also repeatedly told the American people that our border was secure. What Kamala knows is the truth and what she says seldom match.

Leaders who love the American people don't facilitate China's silent war against our people by opening our border to their deadly drugs directed at our vulnerable citizens.

Leaders who respect our people don't transfer funds from taxpayers to every creature illegally entering our country.

Leaders who love the American people don't transfer their wealth to Iran's Axis of Evil. Leaders who love the American people don't intentionally leave behind our weapons to fall into the hands of those who like to kill Americans.

Kamala had unlimited opportunity to change these destructive policies. Everyone knows Joe Biden can easily be persuaded to change directions simply by the lure of a cheap ice-cream cone.

In capitulation to their globalist puppeteers, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris put their stamp of approval on every policy that was designed to undermine America's standing.

The remaining question is, how many among us are willing to accept the total obliteration of America's sovereignty and the American people's safety by putting their stamp of approval on Kamala Harris?

– Robert Walter, Laura

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ESTATE AUCTION OF KEWANEE REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

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NOTE: Guns/car will sell around 1 p.m. See all of the details on property and the full personal property ad online at www.folgersauctionservice.com and **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.**

REAL ESTATE: This 48'x32' block building sits on a 150'x66' lot and includes the 150'x25' lot next door. The building is equipped with 3 overhead doors and a walk-in door. There are 2 natural gas hanging heaters, fluorescent lighting, good cement floors, a floor hoist, a heavy-duty upright air compressor and a bathroom. This has much potential for many business opportunities or personal options. Both lots will be sold as one unit. **TERMS:** A non-refundable 10% deposit will be required on auction day, with the balance to be pd. in full in approx. 30 days. This is an As-Is live auction.

GUNS/CAR/COINS: #1. Henry Repeating Arms 22 lever action barrel load—2. Fic double barrel 20 ga. Borto, Brazil—3. Hunter Arms Hunter Special 12 ga.—4. Mossberg 500A 12 ga. pump—#5. Crossman 766 pellet gun—3 12 ga. barrels—Winchester 12 ga. shells, 38 casings, Federal 33 Special shells, Winchester 357 bullets, Mag Tech 38 Special, Federal 20 ga., S & W 38 Special, boxes of 22s, Peter paper 12 ga. shells in box, Remington 410 shells, 30-06 Winchester and Springfield bullets, targets, head gear, cases, camo gear, new/old cleaning kits—**CAR:** 1988 Buick LaSabre w/77,800 miles, 2 door vinyl top, LE, good shape, needs fuel pump so not running. **COINS:** 1987-2008 US Mint proof sets—two 2003 U.S. Miint silver proof sets—1943 steel pennies—silver dimes—1902 and 06 Shield nickels—1868 \$2 piece—1995 American Eagle silver dollar—1940-69 Jefferson nickels—1929 red note \$20 bill—1953 and 1928 \$2 bills—1957 A silver cert. star note \$1 bill—2 1957B \$1 bills—1950's silver cert. \$1 bills—rare Dom. Of Canada .25 note—foreign coins—1837 1/2 penny bank token, Canada—1892 Centavo Mexico—other old Canadian coins—wheat pennies—15.00 Alexander Fleming and other coins.

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OUTDOOR AND TOOLS: Ariens GT20 60" lawn mower, has PTO, wts., chains—yard roller—4' snow plow for mower—mower wts.—6.5 Hp Troy Bilt Super Bronco rear tine tiller—Bass Pro smoker—coolant system pressure tester—Robinson AC compressor, service tools—many air and power tools, hand tools and hardware—elect. ignition analyzer—1650 PSI elect. pressure washer—HK140 parts washer—work benches, toolboxes, shelving—electric chain saw—Makita hammer drill, new 18v drill—set Snap-On wrenches—sm. accet. torch set on cart—2 cherry pickers—1635 McCullough chain saw—new oils, fluids—chains—air cond. tools and Freon—much fishing equipment of all types—Titleist, other balls—nice golf clubs and bags—Keller 24' alum. ladder—8 new 6' steel posts—new post driver—5.5 HP Ariens self-propelled push mower—new Fiskars trimmers—tarp straps—torch supplies—new Coleman lanterns—garage items too numerous to list all.

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DESCRIPTION: See details online. This 1608 sq. ft. split level home was built in 1970 and sits on .83 acres. There is a 2-stall attached garage with a back utility area, along with a nice lg. unattached garage and yard shed. An open concept kitchen/dining area and a lg. living room sit on the main level with the upper level containing 3 bedrooms and a full bath. The lower-level basement is partially finished with a separate outdoor entrance. If you are looking for a great property in the Farmington School District, this is your opportunity. **TERMS:** A non-refundable 10% deposit will be required on auction day with the balance to be pd. in full at closing in approx. 30 days. This is an As-Is auction.

TRUCK, TRACTOR, TRAILER, CYCLES, MOWERS, ETC. Nice 2022 Toyota Tundra SR5 4x4 truck w/30,350 miles, 4 door, auto steering, loaded cab, V-6 twin turbo engine, bed cover, full running boards, just detailed—Like new 2021 4x4 Bobcat CT1021 HD tractor, with FL6 quick attach loader, M60" mower deck, diesel 3 cycle engine, 2 PTOs, one middle one rear, 3 pt. arms, roll bar, lawn tires, 98 hrs.—very nice 1999 Kawasaki Vulcan 800 motorcycle, runs good, approx. 7800 miles, great body—2023 Kawasaki KX450 competition dirt bike, barely used—2021 Kawasaki KX450 competition dirt bike, 1.5 hrs. only—LIKE NEW 2022 Carry on trailer w/mesh fold down ramp—good JD GX255 20 HP hydrostat mower, rear wts. 48", 503 hrs.—like new 48" snow blade—nice Husqvarna YTH 2454 24 HP 54" hyd. mower—Toro 828 Power Shift snow blower w/cab, electric start, 28" 8 HP—good Yardman 18Hp 46" deck hydro. lawn mower.

JEWELRY AND COINS: Large collection of vintage gold, silver and costume jewelry, some highlights are 14K diamond wedding ring, 14k women's black onyx/other gold rings, 14K thick, other bracelets, earrings, 14K Herringbones, men's 14K bands, 14K W crown pin—10K diamond marquis, 10K opal rings/bracelet, 10K lg. men's Lions ring, much more gold—amazing lg. sterling/turquoise bracelet with multiple cut stones, numerous sterling/turquoise rings, coral, other rings and pieces—men's turquoise eagle bracelet/rings, 925 old NB owl square locket, much 925—sm. Bakelite Indian—vintage costume coil of marked, some old NB, earrings on cards, brooches, owls, lockets, pocket/wrist watches, vintage compacts, lipstick holders, gloves/hankies, pen/pencil sets, coin holders, Ronite, Trifari, Pearl Harbor leather pin—Clark Gable, James Garfield assassination, Hercules, local/old tokens—1880 silver dollar and other belt buckles—brass statues, 1951 chauffeur pin IL, Ford, other old lighters—misc. **COINS:** silver Washington quarters, Mercury and Roosevelt, Barber dimes, Buffalo, V and silver nickels, rolls of nickels, many Wheat pennies, steel pennies, 2 Indian Heads, 12 1922-24 Peace dollars, 3 1921 and 1 1896 Morgan dollars, Liberty halves, Ikes, Franklin halves, 106 clad Kennedys, 70's Kennedys, 1985 Kennedy double Eagle, 2 Barber and 2 Standing Liberty quarters, old Canadian pennies and foreign coins, 10 \$2 bills 1928-72, misc.

ADVERTISING, ANTIQUES, TOYS: Mr. Goodwrench metal sign—metal Farm Bureau sign—AC lamp display case—Valveline metal barrel—many Yates City adv. items (FFA 80's jacket, patches, Dunton 66 ashtray, Moore's knife, Colgan JD ledger, YC Lumber brochures, 60's and other phone books, Brother's of the Brush pin, 60's, 80's and other school programs, postcards, vintage shirts, very old photo, Banners, 1957 Bank Yates City Harvest Home program, clock bank, 3 thermometers, coin pendant, misc.)—Huffman's Buick Farmington 1962 calendar—Elmwood, IL bowling alley adv. trophy's, Elmwood 60's phone books, adv.—local adv. matches, full boxes—Teamsters #627 jackets—Kersh Standard, lions Club, Elba Center old fire shirts, adv. fans, pencils, pens, lg. Ideal therm., Leman's Snobil fuel can, Hiram Walker brochure, Peoria—sm. artifact—old adv. tins and cans—Sinclair gas bank—Alton Cider adv., Rashaw Motor Sales—Peoria plat books, 78 Chevy truck brochure, Canadian Mist bar mirror—Stafford Dairy Peoria milk bottles—vintage board games and toys including Hotwheels, Matchbox, Ford T Bird plastic car, Lionel train track, Silver Star train, cowboy outfit w/ guns, Tonka loader, lg. jeep, Mighty shovel, dump truck, pick up, Nylint Fire Dept. ladder trailer w/cab, IH hyd. combine w/bean head, Golden books, kid's books, vintage Barbies/clothes, yellow VW, Disneyland marble game, old FP, Ford 4000 tractor, Capt. Kirk jointed doll, generator bike set, bottle cutting kit, Wonder Horse spring horse, legos, Kenner Bridge set, lg. tin top, Marx Cat's Eye game, many 70's/80's games and toys, Jart's in box, Michigan Running game, Max Machine, Ty—very old postcards (Halloween, holiday, local), 2 albums—celluloid Santa w/ gr. sleigh—alum. 6' old x-mas tree w/box—old ornaments, blow molds, outdoor Christmas, much x-mas—70's Farrah poster, star items—old Paramount Pictures signed photo cards (Clark Gable, Donna Reed, etc.)—military hat, trench shovel and holsters—old cameras, movie camera—Global 6 string guitar—baseball pennants—Pyrex avocodo nest set—Pyrex, Melmac, Corningware, glassware, kerosene lamps/lanterns—Philco stereo in cabinet—old wooden bats—wooden fire bat—Victrola/records—old fans—Griswold Dutch oven/other cast iron—Western 4-gallon crock—CB supplies—50's Sports ILL.—vintage purses—60-85 lic. plates—treadle sewing machine—shells.

OUTDOOR, TOOLS, HOUSEHOLD: 1970's Huffy boy's bike, mono-shock, w/number, plate, manual—60's Murray Skybolt ladies bike w/basket—Scoracher Roadmaster 10 speed bike—Columbia Arlington 10 speed bike—tricycles—nice 10' wooden picnic table—porch swing on frame—Purlington bricks—windmill/yard ornaments—oars—fishing items, some older lures—exhaust pipe—reloader/supplies—2 pellet pistols—squirrel cage fan—copper—old Kai Tunemaster timing kit in metal case—Poulan, other weed eaters—carts—log chains—power/hand tools of all types—Keller 20' ext./other ladders—ramps—pole light—chipper—chopper—sm. and electric chain saws—2 piece Craftsman tool cabinet—Craftsman tools, mechanics tools—Delta band saw and disc sander—jacks—sump pump—B & D battery Sawzall, saw, drills—finishing nailer, cables, clamps, comalongs, blowers and trimmers, new 50' hose, heavy lawn roller, wheel barrow, heaters, yard spreader, 38" lawn sweeper, bench grinders, Hitachi adj. angle table saw, cords, wood, air tools, hammers, B & D 200 sander, air compressor, shelving, benches, 5 bags mortar, yard tools, feeders, mail boxes, homemade bow/arrows—**HOUSEHOLD/FURNITURE:** Nice GE gas stove—refrigerator—GE washer/gas dryer—octagon dining table w/4 whicker wood chairs—kitchen table/chairs—curio—corner glass front cabinet—couch, chairs, end tables, bedroom furniture sets, Samsung 36" flatscreen, TV stand, basic household décor/items, kitchen and appliances, roasters, Plano 4 shelf NB unit, holiday, linens, too much to list all.

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Shining light on an alley in Yates City

By MOLLY RICHESON
For The Weekly Post

YATES CITY—In Yates City, there is an alley with a power-line pole. On this power pole, there is a light. And with a claim of the alley being dangerous, an unnamed resident has requested that the light be turned on and that the city pay Ameren Illinois an estimated \$20-\$30 per month for service.

Ameren owns the post and a previous homeowner who lives adjacent to the post installed a light and paid for service. The most recent homeowner has not had the light on for five years and is also not the person requesting a light or the city's payment for its service.

Police Chief Randy Benson said the alley is not dangerous and having a light will not aid him in keeping the town safe.

The village has declined paying for the light. However, while attention was drawn to the alley in question, the village noted that there are several vehicles regularly parked in the village-owned alley that have still not been moved despite repeated warnings.

The board seemed to find this fact more interesting than the lamppost during its Oct. 16 meeting.

At that meeting, the board also approved pricing for a 2025 garbage service deal with GFL Environmental Inc. The current contract that runs through Dec. 31 charges \$12.10 per household. This will increase by 2.5% in 2025 to \$12.40 per household and will then increase by 2.5% every year for the duration of the five-year contract.

The board also approved a \$1,206,709 contract with Albrecht Well Drilling for a new well. The village recently signed a loan agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for this project.

The board approved hiring a police officer at a rate of \$24 per hour, though no candidate has been specified.

The village president and board of trustees were approved to operate snowplow equipment during the 2024-25 winter season.

Village employee Bruce Brinker typically maintains roads in winter and will still be called first. Board members will be called next, except for Ron Smith who will only snowplow as a last resort for minimum wage not to exceed \$2,000 in Fiscal Year 2025.

Brimfield students to visit Ecuador in 2026

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – How you gonna keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen a giant turtle?

For some Brimfield High School students, that question might be answered in about 20 months.

Brimfield Spanish teacher Madison Henson is to lead an 11-day field trip in June 2026 to Ecuador. The journey to the Spanish-speaking country is to include Quito, the Ecuadorian capital, with a side trip to the nearby Andean Cloud Forest.

The highlight, however, might be a flight to the Galapagos Islands, in the Pacific Ocean about 600 miles west of the South American mainland. The islands are famous for their large numbers of endemic species, including iguanas and tortoises, that inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.

Current freshmen, sophomores and juniors enrolled in Spanish classes are to be among those invited, Henson told the Brimfield School Board before it voted unanimously Oct. 16 to authorize the trip.

"I haven't really said a whole lot to the kids yet, but I've hinted at it here and there," Henson said. "They seemed pretty excited about it."

The trip, which is to be conducted through an educational-tour firm, is scheduled to depart from Chicago. The projected per-student cost is about \$5,300. Students and their families are responsible for payment.

"It's always been on my bucket list," Henson said regarding Ecuador. "I've always been a biology nerd."

Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones updated the board regarding various construction projects at the grade and high schools. New-window and door installation at the grade school is progressing, he said. Work began over the summer and probably will continue through the academic year.

Construction of a new, expanded parking lot at the athletic complex located just east of the high school appears to be on pace to be completed by Thanksgiving. The project includes eight light poles, which

Laser Electric Inc. of Peoria is to install. The board approved a \$90,000 contract with Laser.

"I know it's big numbers you're seeing with these quotes and these bids, but I do feel like we're moving in the right direction for a long-term future over there," Jones told board members. "Having it lit is really essential to what we need to be doing over there."

The board also authorized transferring \$2 million from the district's working-cash fund to its capital-projects fund to help pay for all the construction expenses. That total represents about half the working-cash bond issue the board authorized earlier this year.

Jones received board authority to apply for a \$50,000 state school-maintenance grant. The money would help rectify plumbing and lighting issues at the grade school, he said.

Also approved was a \$51,312.83 deal with Heart Technologies Inc. of East Peoria to provide and install eight security cameras at the high school and 12 at the grade school.

Regarding personnel, the

board OK'd hiring Jared Johnson as district band and choir teacher, Luke Groeper as a high school boys basketball assistant coach and four volunteer high school baseball coaches: Tucker Blum, Jaxson Lewis, Austin Neff and Derek Ratterman.

Johnson currently is a student teacher at Dunlap High School, according to Jones. Johnson is replacing Erich Weiger, who left in July for a non-academics position. His vacancy was a bit problematic because of the timing and the specialty nature of the job, Jones suggested earlier.

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Peak season: Watch for deer on roads

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Natural Resources are reminding the public to be alert for deer, which are entering their peak mating season, especially at dawn and dusk now through December.

"While your instinct is to veer when you hit a deer, don't do it because you might lose control and injure yourself or others. Try to glance your vehicle off the deer and avoid swerving into the opposite lanes of traffic or off the road," Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman said.

In 2023, there were 14,862 crashes involving deer in Illinois. Of those, 14,192 resulted in damage to property or vehicles while 663 caused injuries. Seven of the crashes resulted in fatalities.

Although a collision with a deer can happen any time, Illinois is approaching the peak of the season. Last year, 41% of crashes involving deer in Illinois occurred in October, November and December, with November being highest-risk month. Rural areas were the site of 69% of crashes involving deer, with 72% occurring at twilight or nighttime.

Driving tips for deer-mating season include:

- Be aware of your surroundings.

- Scan the sides of the road for eye shine – the reflection of headlights in their eyes.

- Slow down if you see a deer and anticipate that others could be following.

- Prepare for the unexpected. Deer may stop in the middle of the road.

- If a collision is inevitable, don't veer. Try to glance your vehicle off the deer and avoid swerving into the opposite lanes of traffic or off the road.

The top 10 Illinois counties for deer crashes in 2023 were Cook 598, Madison 396, Kane 384, Will 381, McHenry 344, Lake 341, LaSalle 340, Sangamon 338, Fulton 300 and Peoria 286.

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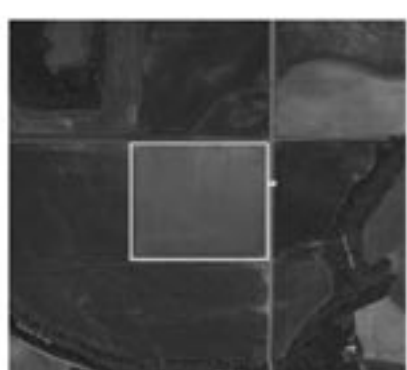
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Police reports

• **FARMINGTON** – A four-hour incident between law-enforcement representatives and a Farmington man ended with his arrest regarding an apparent domestic-violence case. Farmington police officers were summoned about 6:45 p.m. Oct. 11 to an apartment in the 600 block of E. Fort St. There they saw and heard Ryan L. Sweet, 35, argue with a 44-year-old Farmington woman and saw him throw a 12-pack of soda pop at her as she was leaving, according to a police report. The victim told officers Sweet squeezed her so hard she had trouble breathing. An ambulance transported her to Graham Hospital in Canton. Officers sought and received a warrant from Fulton County State's Attorney Justin Jochums for Sweet's arrest.

A special unit of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office reported to the scene after Farmington officers failed to get a response from Sweet. Special-unit officers entered the apartment about 10:45 p.m. and without incident took Sweet into custody.

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

• **ELMWOOD** – No injuries were reported in connection with a crash south of Elmwood that involved a local-police vehicle.

William L. Long of Canton was driving a 2011 Ford F-150 pickup truck about 1:15 Oct. 14 that was eastbound on Graham Chapel Road when it turned left at Wiley Road and struck an Elmwood Police Department 2021 Dodge Durango that was stationary at a stop sign, according to the Illinois State Police.

Elmwood Officer Michael J. Darrah was the other driver. Both vehicles sustained damage to their driver's-side doors and were towed. Long was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and for improper lane use.

• **DAHINDA** – A DeKalb man reported missing was found knocking on a door of a Dahinda-area residence.

A 31-year-old man who resides in the 1900 block of U.S. Route 150 notified the Knox County Sheriff's Office about 1 p.m. Sept. 30 regarding someone he spotted on his doorbell camera. The resident later saw the 58-year-old man walking nearby.

The sheriff's office determined the man parked at the Spoon River Rest Area on Interstate 74 and then walked into the adjacent woods, according to a report. His vehicle, a 2011 Nissan Rogue, was found in the rest-area lot. The engine was running, the doors were unlocked and the man's wallet was inside.

An ambulance transported the man to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg for treatment and obser-

vation. He was to be picked up there by his brother, an Oak Brook resident a deputy contacted.

• **YATES CITY** – A two-vehicle accident in Yates City resulted in no apparent injuries.

Shortly after 5:15 p.m. Sept. 30, Vonda Kay Brinker, 52, of Yates City was driving a 2019 Ford Edge south in the 100 block of N. Union St. when her vehicle struck a 2012 Ford Expedition XLT driven by 67-year-old Kenneth A. Nelson of Farmington, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

Nelson was backing his vehicle into the roadway at the time of the accident. Brinker's vehicle sustained moderate damage to its rear passenger-side door, and the Expedition sustained minor damage to its left-rear bumper. Both vehicles were drivable.

• **La FAYETTE** – An Oak Run man required a trip to the hospital following a single-vehicle accident west of La Fayette.

Isaiah H. Greenfield, 18, was driving a southbound 2016 BMW 320i about 1:30 a.m. Sept. 29 on Illinois Route 180 one-quarter mile north of Centerville Road when he fell asleep, a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle left the pavement, entered an east-side ditch and struck a tree.

Greenfield said he bumped his head, although there were no signs of apparent injury. An ambulance transported him to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg. The vehicle sustained more than \$1,500 in damage and was towed.

• **VICTORIA** – Sun in the eyes of a driver from Oak Run led to a two-vehicle crash west of Victoria, according to authorities.

At 11:45 a.m. Sept. 29, Jeffrey R. Rohman, 64, was driving a 2000 Ford F-250 pickup truck north on Knox Highway 12 when it collided at Illinois Route 167 with a westbound 2007 Chevrolet Impala. Russel G. Holman, 66, of Victoria was the other driver, per a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

Rohman said the sun prevented him from seeing Holman's vehicle and he drove through the intersection without stopping. An ambulance transported Holman to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg for unspecified treatment. Rohman and his passenger, a 60-year-old Oak Run woman, reported no injuries.

Both vehicles were drivable, although the Impala sustained more than \$1,500 in damage. Rohman was cited for failure to heed a traffic-control device.

• **RAPATEE** – A Hanna City man said a dog bit him as he was attempting to deliver a package at a Rapatee-area residence.

The incident happened about 4:30 p.m. Sept. 29 along Knox Road 1600 East near Knox Road 50 North. As the 24-year-old delivery driver handed the package to the 50-year-

old resident, a tan Rottweiler mix ran from a nearby horse pasture and bit the victim in the right forearm.

According to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report, the victim was to seek medical treatment. The dog owner said the animal had not bitten anybody previously. The dog received rabies shots in 2023 at a Farmington veterinary clinic. The sheriff's-office animal-control division was notified.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Mapleton woman whose vehicle rear-ended one that was parked in a Hanna City driveway reported no injuries.

The accident happened about 6:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at a residence in the 300 block of N. Lakeshore Drive, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Edie L. Barrick was pulling a 2019 Ford Fiesta into the driveway when her foot slipped off the brake pedal.

Although Barrick attempted to re-apply the brake, her vehicle rolled into the back of a parked 2023 GMC Terrain sport-utility vehicle, the report stated. The SUV sustained functional rear-bumper damage. Minor damage to the front license plate of the Fiesta was reported.

• **BELLEVUE** – A two-vehicle collision near Bellevue resulted in two people, including a Farmington girl, needing hospital attention.

Shortly before 9:45 p.m. Sept. 28, Jesse Ebert of Farmington was driving a 2013 Honda Accord on eastbound Interstate 474 near Exit 3A when the vehicle rear-ended a 2020 Chevrolet Traverse. Jazmin Divison of Peoria was the other driver, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Divison said she was experiencing vehicle trouble, activated its hazard lights and slowed to about 15 mph. Ebert said he was looking at clouds illuminated by lights from the nearby Peoria international airport. The impact turned the Traverse in the opposite direction, and the Accord came to rest in a ditch.

Ebert's juvenile passenger, whose age was not listed, sustained head and neck pain and was taken to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Divison sustained neck and back injuries and was transported to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria. Both vehicles received major damage and were towed.

• **EDWARDS** – Donald J. Wozniak, 36, of Edwards was arrested shortly before 11 a.m. Oct. 12 and accused of violating an order of protection, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Sept. 29-Oct. 5: animal in roadway, Galva; harassment, Dahinda; suspicious incident, Dahinda; burglar alarm, Dahinda; animal in roadway, Yates City; suspicious incident, Williamsfield; threats, Yates City; vehicle fire, Williamsfield.

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Princeville may issue bonds

By NICK VLAHOS

For the Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – If Princeville School Board members foresee some financial rainy days for the district, they appear ready to acquire an umbrella.

During its meeting Oct. 15, the board authorized the initial step regarding a potential bond issue of up to \$1.3 million. That doesn't mean bonds will be issued, according to Superintendent Tony Shinall. He said he doesn't believe the district will need to raise additional cash during the current academic year.

But once the bond-authorization process is completed, probably in December, the board will be able to act on it for the ensuing three years.

"At some point, I believe we'll use them," Shinall said regarding bonds. "I feel confident that we're OK without it (for now), but it's something that we definitely need to have, because the prices of everything are going up. You don't know when something is going to stop working and you've got a \$50,000 bill."

Last month, board members discussed bond-issuing authority as they approved a 2025 fiscal-year budget that had a shortfall of about \$550,000. A representative of Kings Financial Consulting Inc. of Monticello offered possible bond options.

"This is just a tool to have in case we need it. The board needed to do it this year or next year, so we just figured, 'Let's do it now and be ready,'" Shinall said about bond

authorization.

"There's nothing that obligates the board to do anything and nothing that obligates the board to do the full \$1.3 million."

A public hearing regarding a bond issue is probable next month. In December, the board is expected to consider a bond-sale resolution.

In other business, the board approved a \$47,738 proposal from H&H Industries, Inc., of Elmwood to provide and install new lighting in the high school gymnasium and in six

classrooms that surround the junior-high collaboration center.

The lights might be installed during Thanksgiving and winter breaks, according to Shinall.

Also approved was an FFA trip Nov. 21 to a leadership conference at Fair Oaks Farms near Rensselaer, Ind.

Following closed session, the board authorized hiring Brandon Baer as a bus driver and Aaron Clemons as high school boys basketball freshman coach.

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H&H: Three brothers run the family business

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they fell in love with the place. Not long after, they built a home there and developed a long-running and well-known family business.

H&H Industries, Inc., actually started in 1964 as a side gig selling non-conflicting non-Durotest products out of the Howerton garage. Harvey supplied products like air filters for school, ballasts for light fixtures and fuses to the salespeople he managed.

Then in 1976, he bought a little grocery store in Elmwood, where Casey's is now located, and moved his business there, also retiring from Durotest. His son Alan Howerton joined the family business on Jan. 1 of that same year and running H&H became their full-time jobs.

Alan was pretty much running the small family business at that point, but Harvey still came in to help with credit and managing the salesmen. Alan sold lights, delivered lights and hired salespeople while his wife, Susan, took care of billing at night. Alan and Susan have three sons – Rick, Jared and Chris – all of whom grew up working in the business. In grade school, the boys would come to work after school to help ship boxes or package or sweep the floors. In high school, all three participated in the school's co-op program and worked in the store.

Today the brothers are all business partners. Rick is president, Jared is chief financial officer and Chris is an executive vice president who handles all of the purchasing.

And while the business has evolved plenty since its founding, some things remain as true now as then.

"We try to provide solutions for our customers rather than just sell them a product," Rick says, adding that the people at H&H are the company's No. 1 asset. "We have built some very good products, but without the people we have, we wouldn't be here. We're family. Most of the people that are here have been here for a long time. A lot of the people, this has been their final career."

Speaking of products, you have probably seen more of H&H's goods around that you realize.

At night, it's common to see towers in the distance with red lights blinking atop them. Many come from H&H, supplied directly to the tower climbers who install them. In fact, those lights are a registered trademark of H&H, developed with a manufacturer in Mexico 24 years ago and still used today.



Rick Howerton (second from right) holds a plaque presented to H&H Industries, Inc., by the City of Elmwood to commemorate the local company's 60th anniversary. Present for the picture were several H&H employees, Elmwood city officials, Howerton family members and well-wishers. Seated to the left of President Rick Howerton are CEO Alan Howerton and his wife, Susie. Also pictured are CFO Jared Howerton (fourth from left) and Vice President Chris Howerton (third from left).



Adding lighting maintenance and installation crews has been a good business decision for H&H.

The lights on the Murray Baker Bridge in Peoria were also developed by H&H Engineer Mike Stenwall. H&H provided the beacon light that was placed atop Seattle's Space Needle. H&H even has a line of products called Movie Tone used for set lighting and sold to businesses like Paramount. And H&H isn't finishing innovating yet.

"We've got a number of things that we're working on. Some new developments on products. H&H has kind of been a specialty-type company, and we're hoping to be able to roll out some of those products in specialty markets in the next few years," Rick says.

The lighting industry changes every day, especially with LED efficiencies and costs coming down. As part of its adjustment to those changes, H&H added light installation and maintenance crews to its repertoire several years ago. That allows H&H to work directly with utility companies. Crews have already completed a few hundred relighting projects using utility programs to capture millions of dollars in rebates for customers. That's one reason H&H is regularly named an Ameren Illinois Top Ally.

Referrals from jobs like those and others are what keep the business going, Rick says.

"Without repeat business, we wouldn't still be here basically. Once you put an LED product in, the buying cycle is not there for the sales rep," Rick says.

Like other small businesses, H&H faces its share of challenges.

"The economy right now is tough. You've got rising fuel costs and insurance, everything has gone up," Rick explains, describing how inflation is driving costs up everywhere and how the company has to balance rising costs against what their customers can manage. "They have the same struggles we do."

Disruption of the supply chain during COVID was difficult for the business, but Rick says things have been gradually getting better, though sales have not yet rebounded to pre-COVID levels.

Rick does have one thing in the industry he would like to see.

"When I started in this business, most of our products were made in the United States. Unfortunately, every LED fixture and bulb that is made has Chinese components," he says. "There are U.S. manufacturers that can do some assembly, but the raw materials are built overseas. When you're talking about tariffs and things like that, it's a huge issue when you don't have a U.S. solution."

H&H has had several celebrations this year of reaching its 60th year in business. Asked for the secret to such longevity as a small business, Rick was forthcoming.

"You've got to be flexible. You've got to know when to make changes," he says. "Sometimes we've been ahead, and sometimes we've been behind on those changes. Stay up on your technology, learn everything you can about your industry. And treat your people well, make them feel like part of something other than just a job. I think that's a lot of it."

As for the future of the business, one thing is certain: Elmwood will remain home, Rick says.

"Our family has all been committed to Elmwood, so we've kept our home office here. We appreciate the support that Elmwood and our customers give H&H," he says. "They have been good to us, and we've tried to be good to them, too."

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Billtown FFA wins three state land-use titles

INA – Williamsfield FFA won its first team state title in competition on Oct. 16 and brought home numerous other honors from the FFA State Land-Use Contest held at Rend Lake College.

Overall, the varsity and junior-high Williamsfield FFA land-use teams won three state titles at the event: first place land-use team; Ella Rigg, first-place land-use individual; and Brynlee Gibbs, first-place junior-high land-use individual.

Other top finishers for Williamsfield were Kyla Doubet, high school second place; Owen Rigg, high school fourth place; and Cameron Yerkey, junior-high fourth place.

Student success in the land-use career development event is based on a significant amount of practice and understanding of soil textures, landforms and slope and land-use recommendations based off those findings.

Election commission warns of misinformation

PEORIA – The Peoria County Election Commission is warning voters regarding confusing text messages about the upcoming election being sent to some voters.

The commission received a notice on Oct. 17 from the Illinois State-wide Terrorism & Intelligence Center that voters in several jurisdictions had received confusing text messages.

A group identifying itself as All-



Members of Williamsfield FFA won three state titles at the FFA State Land-Use Contest held at Rend Lake College on Oct. 16. Pictured from left to right are: FFA Advisor Kent Rigg, Hannah Gehring, Ella Rigg, Owen Rigg, Kyla Doubet and Coach Brandon Hall.

Vote has been sending SMS messages that state, “A voter at ADDRESS REDACTED may not have voted. Vote Here: [link eliminated for press release]. AllVote Reply stop to end.” While neither the text message nor link have been reported to contain any cybersecurity threats, these types of communications can cause concern amongst voters.

For situational awareness, information about the group sending the text can be located at www.all-vote.us.

In September, the Illinois Office of the Attorney General shared the 2024 Voter Misinformation Guide. The document includes types of misinformation, the potential motivations of scammers and what you can do to protect yourself from falling victim to misinformation. The Peoria County Election Commission has made this shareable doc-

ument available on its website: peoriaelections.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1096/Illinois-Attorney-General-Voter-Misinformation-Guide-PDF.

Voters are encouraged to ensure the legitimacy of sources for election information. For Peoria County residents, questions can be called into the commission at (309) 324-2300 or by visiting their office at 4422 Brandywine Drive, Suite 1, in Peoria.

Et cetera

• SPRINGFIELD – More than 1,000 students from 278 Illinois school districts have signed up for plant-based lunches in school this year. An Illinois law that went into effect in August 2023, a nationwide first of its kind, requires schools that receive federal reimbursement for lunch meals to serve plant-based meals with prior request. Sign up at www.moreplantsonplatesil.com.

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To sign up, fill out a sponsor form, forms are found on the village's website, www.princeville.org or stop by Princeville Village Hall. Tree cost is \$50.00. Questions, contact Princeville Village Hall, 309-385-4765. Requests for trees will be taken until November 22 or the Village runs out of trees!

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Billtown School Board discusses finances

By **MOLLY RICHESON**

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – Dealing with finances and finding a permanent superintendent remain focal points for the Williamsfield School Board, which discussed both matters during its Oct. 15 meeting.

A first round of interviews with superintendent candidates will be Oct. 31, according to Board President Chad Goff.

The board heard from Interim Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen that the education fund is expected to run out of money in late March or early April, after which a working-cash bond will bridge the gap until June, when early property taxes are collected. Those taxes will go into the reserve, currently depleted, along with the rest of the taxes collected in July and September.

This will not only rebuild the district's reserve but will also avoid the cycle of relying on early taxes at

the end of every year, according to Sivertsen. He said it is essential to move into next year with a positive cash flow and cost reductions of \$350,000 to \$500,000.

Sivertsen said auditors have found \$535,000 in investments in the form of three CDs that they previously assumed were in the general fund.

Sivertsen stressed that "the district cannot afford to incur the losses that they did last year." He expects that after three years on the current fiscal plan, the district will recover.

"Your buildings are in good shape, you have an excellent staff, you have very little debt, everyone is working together. I've seen much worse," Sivertsen said.

He said the district is currently running 1% under budget.

Principal Zack Binder reported that the school is focused on using STAR reading and math data to identify skill deficits and to provide tailored support for students. He introduced

Jennifer Ericson, district speech-language pathologist, and Jessica Fogerty, school interventionist and multi-tiered system of supports coordinator, to explain how the STAR data analysis works.

The system has both an academic side (reading and math) and a social/emotional side. Elementary teachers hold student success meetings to discuss trends in data to see if students' needs are being met.

Binder also reported a number of highlights from the school year so far, including high school literature classes engaging in comparative analysis, a publishing party for grades 5-8, a puppet show developed by the students called "Max's Magical Musical Adventure" for elementary students, a new DARE program and field trips to the Jim Henson exhibition at the Peoria Riverfront Museum, RHEOP Engineering and PIP Printing.

Binder said Williamsfield pre-Kindergarten qualified for the Illinois Gold Circle of Quality

standard and, as a result, received a new smart-board.

He said teachers are working to address academic integrity, since the use of AI tools make plagiarism easier than ever.

Williamsfield senior Xavier Schaffer has been approved for early graduation and received a solid recommendation from Binder, with whom he's been working closely all year. Schaffer needs only three credits to meet all requirements for graduation, is currently working week-ends at Last Chance Bar & Grill and already has a job lined up after graduation.

Jennifer McKenna and Jaynee Bowker have been hired as middle school First LEGO League coaches and will split the stipend.

After much discussion and consideration, the board decided to increase the hours the school fitness center will be available to the public. The fitness center, funded by a grant stating that it would be available for public use, will now be open from 4-7 a.m. and 4-10 p.m. on school days and 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the weekends. Should the school or a coach require the fitness center during those hours for students, they will post that on the school's website and send out a live feed announcing any closures.

Answers on Page 14 — **Super Crossword** — **END-OF-OCTOBER OPTIONS**

ACROSS

- 1 Messiah of Christianity, in Italy
- 5 Broody music genre
- 8 Club welders' org.
- 11 Fire hydrant attachment
- 15 Beast of burden
- 18 Tolkien monsters
- 19 Flight routes
- 21 Pizzazz
- 22 Simian beast
- 23 Search for hidden objects
- 25 Owing no money
- 27 Old Greek region
- 28 In the past
- 29 Firearm safety feature
- 31 Sam Spade's cover-up
- 34 Spot in la mer
- 35 See 109-Down
- 36 Pottery oven
- 37 Some milk dispensers
- 40 Stork relative
- 43 Blue-eyed cat
- 47 Rolled the dice at a casino, say
- 50 Loafing sorts
- 51 Sean of films
- 52 Dressed in
- 53 Singer Lana Del —
- 54 French composer Edouard
- 55 Punview
- 57 1860s White House nickname
- 60 Oprah of TV
- 62 Statement that might follow "Come on in"
- 66 1920s White House nickname
- 67 Part of SST
- 68 Qatari capital
- 69 Qatari, e.g.
- 71 Spanish appetizers
- 75 Cpl., e.g.
- 77 2022 Tom Cruise sequel
- 80 Poseidon and Neptune
- 84 Stew sphere
- 85 Architect Saarinen
- 86 Italian money
- 87 Young lady
- 88 T. — Price
- 90 Young lady
- 92 Messes (up)
- 94 Procedure to evaluate heart health
- 98 Roughly shaped
- 99 K.P., veggie
- 100 La Forge of "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
- 101 Clock datum
- 102 Be rife (with)
- 105 Pro bono TV ad, for short
- 106 Nauseous from motion, to Brits
- 112 Look at yet again to make sure
- 116 Barley brew
- 117 Steve of country rock
- 118 "Clever plant!"
- 119 What is found divided at the starts and ends of nine answers in this puzzle
- 122 Former Fox competitor
- 123 Pop diva Celine
- 124 Copying a pig
- 125 Regarding
- 126 Lean — (crude sheds)
- 127 Part of SSE
- 128 String after Q
- 129 la. neighbor
- 130 Plug tightly

DOWN

- 1 "Oh, I see"
- 2 Boo-boo
- 3 Act division
- 4 Sprinter Bolt
- 5 Water, in Lille
- 6 Wordenwork
- 7 It's north of Nevada
- 8 Basketball player Gasol
- 9 "Peer —" (Ibsen play)
- 10 Situated on both sides of bushes
- 11 Borderline of
- 12 Couturier Cassini
- 13 Duel sword
- 14 Admission
- 15 Dueler with Alexander Hamilton
- 16 Project detail
- 17 Search out
- 20 "Easy there!"
- 24 One looting
- 26 Thrash about
- 30 Cole Porter's "Where Is the Life That Late —?"
- 32 Warm like a snake or cat
- 33 Go left, e.g.
- 38 Libyan cash
- 39 Sinking stuff
- 41 Frozen drink brand
- 42 Vodka brand
- 43 Sediments
- 44 It's north of Nevada
- 45 — wrench
- 46 Copying a cat
- 47 Small British cafe
- 48 Actor Close
- 49 Capitol body
- 51 Politico Ross
- 56 Scarlet, say
- 58 Lover boy
- 59 Heartfelt
- 61 Suddenly worsen
- 63 Harmonious union
- 64 Look awed
- 65 Makes docile
- 70 Drinking site
- 72 Second-century pope
- 73 Lot divisions
- 74 Teensy bit
- 76 Former Laker Lamar
- 78 Played Fortnite, e.g.
- 79 Loudness
- 80 Cpls.' bosses
- 81 Frontier sheriff Wyatt
- 82 Atli's islands
- 83 Big drink
- 89 Tusked beast
- 91 "That so?"
- 93 Brunch staple
- 95 Proficient
- 96 Fail to win
- 97 Farm vehicle
- 98 Easily deceived sort
- 101 "That's what I'm — about!"
- 103 Skip over, as a syllable
- 104 Newspapers, TV, etc.
- 107 Oven shelf
- 108 Indian wraps
- 109 With 35-Across, player of Granny on "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- 110 Actress Bow
- 111 — One (vodka brand)
- 112 Certain bolt holder
- 113 Many a seized auto
- 114 Co. honchos
- 115 Reality TV's Jenner
- 120 Acct. accrual
- 121 Abbr. of primary colors




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17th DISTRICT: Sorensen has edge in cash

Continued from Page 1
line, a former TV weatherman in Rockford and the Quad Cities. First elected in 2022, he serves on the House Agriculture Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee.

He faces Republican Joe McGraw of Rockford, a retired judge in the 17th Judicial Circuit. A graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the Northern Illinois University College of Law, he spent nearly 20 years as presiding judge in the criminal division of the circuit court.

Sorensen describes himself as the only meteorologist currently serving in Congress, something he says lends him credibility when talking about issues such as climate change.

Speaking to his fellow Illinois Democrats at a breakfast meeting during the party's national convention in Chicago in August, Sorensen also described himself as "the first out LGBTQ member of Congress in Illinois' history." He says he supports reproductive rights and codifying Roe v. Wade, the recently overturned 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion nationwide.

McGraw has campaigned on a law-and-order platform, touting his experience as a prosecutor, private attorney and judge. His campaign website states "soft-on-crime policies only create more victims and empower criminals."

In September, the National Republican Congressional Committee released a digital ad attacking Sorensen, alleging he supports "exposing minors to life-altering sex-changes" and that he "hosted drag events that exposed children to adult sexual content."

But speaking to reporters at a Tazewell County farm last week, where he accepted the endorsement of the Illinois Farm Bureau, Sorensen brushed aside such attacks.

"Those aren't the issues

that the people of the district are concerned about," he said.

John Jackson, a visiting professor at Southern Illinois University's Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, said in an interview the matchup has at least some of the characteristics typically found in a competitive race.

"There's a generalization in political science that is well researched, that if you're going to beat an incumbent, the times to do it are the sophomore run, the second run, or after redistricting, or rarely but occasionally after a big personal scandal," he said.

This election marks Sorensen's sophomore run. He was first elected in 2022 immediately following a redistricting process in which the Democratic-controlled General Assembly made significant changes to the district's boundaries.

During that process, Illinois lost one congressional district, dropping it to 17. The new map created three safe Republican districts, 13 safe Democratic districts, and one district – the 17th – that tilts less heavily in favor of Democrats.

In 2022, Sorensen won the 17th District with just under 52% of the vote over Republican Esther Joy King. But in statewide races, Democrats like Gov. JB Pritzker and U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth were closer to 55% of the vote.

Republicans, however, believe the district is winnable. They note it is made up of large swaths of rural areas, farmland and industries like John Deere and Caterpillar that employ the kind of blue collar, non-college educated union workers who were once considered reliable Democratic voters but who have been trending more toward Republicans.

Sorensen's predecessor in the seat, Democrat Cheri Bustos, held the seat for 10 years before stepping down in 2022. Speaking at a panel discussion during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August, she conceded that

Democrats have not done well in rural districts in recent election cycles.

"Democrats will not win rural America," she said, referring to the presidential race. "But if we can just not totally and completely bomb and get 15% like we did in the previous election – we have counties where Biden got 15% and Trump got 85%. We've got to increase those numbers."

Speaking at the same event, former U.S. Rep. Ray LaHood, of Peoria, who served 14 years in Congress representing a district that included part of what is now the 17th District, said the Republican Party now vying for votes in Illinois is not the same one he remembers.

"I remember Ronald Rea-

gan," he said. "I was at the convention in Dallas when Reagan was nominated. I was at the convention in Houston when George Herbert Walker Bush was nominated. I was at the convention as a delegate, when George W. Bush was nominated. And that Republican Party is gone. It's been taken over by Trump."

According to campaign finance reports filed with the Federal Election Commission, Sorensen enjoys a large fundraising edge, with more than \$4.5 million in total contributions compared to just under \$1.3 million for McGraw.

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Harriet B. Clauson-Balagna

TRIVOLI – Harriet B. Clauson-Balagna, 87, of Trivoli, passed away Monday, Oct. 14, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

She was born in Peoria, on March 21, 1937, to Harry and Laurine Keye Wilkinson. They preceded her in death as did her two brothers, William Wilkinson and Rolland Coughlin.

Harriett married Don Clauson on Aug. 20, 1960. He preceded her in death in 1996. She later married Fred Balagna on Feb. 13, 2001. He also preceded her in death in 2020.

She is survived by her two cats, Kitty and Miss Kitty.

Harriet is a member of Calvary Temple in Bellevue. She first lived in Peoria on Griswold Street and later moved to the Trivoli area in fifth grade. She graduated as valedictorian from Glasford High School and later graduated from Bradley University.

She taught PE and business skills at Manual High School for 45 years.

Harriet enjoyed taking care of her flowers, feeding the birds and spending time with her cats. She also enjoyed playing piano.

A funeral service was held on Oct. 21, 2024, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Canton. Burial was in Penn Ridge Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Manual High School boys basketball or, next time out at a restaurant generously overtip, just as she always did.

To leave online condolences or to view Harriet's video tribute visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.



Clauson-Balagna

Donna M. Carlson

DUNLAP – Donna Marie Carlson, 77, of Dunlap, passed away at 5:59 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024, at home, surrounded by her loving family. Born on Nov. 14, 1946, in Peoria, she was the daughter of the late John H. and Lucille R. (McLaughlin) Swanson. On Aug. 3, 1963, she married Stanley K. Carlson in Dunlap. He preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 2016.

Survivors include two children, Eric (Bayaraa) Carlson of Chillicothe and Marnie (Larry) Youngblood of Peoria; two grandchildren, Bubka and Christina Carlson; and a brother, William Swanson of Campbell River, British Columbia.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Jack, Donald and Alan Swanson; and two sisters, Geraldine Pahel and Lucille DeMarce.

Donna was a homemaker who enjoyed baking, making stained glass, painting, gardening and spending time with her family, friends and her dogs, Big Guy and Sparky. She was an active member at Prospect United Methodist Church.

A funeral service will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, at Prospect United Methodist Church – Dunlap, at 11 a.m. Visitation will take place at the church one hour prior, from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prospect United Methodist Church, OSF Hospice or the



Carlson

Dunlap Fire Protection District. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

To leave condolences for Donna's family, please visit www.haskellfuneral.com.

Diane L. Smith

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – Diane L. Smith, 59, of Scottsdale, Ariz., passed away surrounded by her loving family at her residence on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024. She's going home after fighting breast cancer. Our Human Rolodex, one who has never forgotten a name, birthday, appointment, or event, she was always on top of everything.

Diane was born to her parents, William "Bill" Wagner and Karla "Kay" Wagner (Windish), in Peoria, Ill., on Dec. 29, 1964.

She was a born fighter with an uphill battle, but God also forgot to add the quit no matter what the obstacle or setback. Diane stubbornly persisted.

She leaves us as our smiling beacon of hope and strength. She was a loving wife to her husband of 30 years, Joel, and a courageous and kind mother to her two sons, Luke and Logan.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill, and is survived by her mother, Kay; sister, Krista; brother, David; husband, Joel; and sons, Luke and Logan.

Diane attended Elmwood High School where she earned her diploma, and later attended Rochester Institute of Technology. After re-



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With four perfectionists in the band, we have a hard time reaching perfection.
— Adam Jones

Super Crossword

Answers

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turning from RIT, she started her career in underwriting at Country Companies (later Country Financial) and moved to Bloomington.

She soon met her neighbor, Joel Smith, and they married May 21, 1994, in Brimfield, Ill.

Diane and her family lived in Normal, Ill., until 2023, when Diane and Joel relocated to Arizona to be closer to Luke and Logan while they both underwent cancer treatment at Mayo Clinic in Phoenix.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Burial will immediately follow the service in Elmwood Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the American Cancer Society, Easter Seals-Central Illinois or St Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To leave online condolences or to view Diane's video tribute, visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

Josephine A. Hohenbery

WYOMING – Josephine A. "JoJo" Hohenbery, 86, of Maquon, formerly

of Wyoming, passed away Oct. 19, 2024, at Knox County Nursing Home in Knoxville.

JoJo was born on Jan. 2, 1938, in Wyoming, to P. Lyle and Hilda (Waltsmith) Fulton. She married Harold L. "Hack" Hohenbery on Jan. 12, 1957, in Wyoming. He preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 2018.

Surviving are two sons, Patrick (Toni) Hohenbery and Paul Hohenbery, both of Maquon; two daughters, Diane (Mike) McDaniel of Maquon and Ann (Ron) Robinson of Canton; daughter-in-law Sheri Hohenbery of London Mills; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; beloved son, Michael Hohenbery; and siblings Thomas, MaryAnn and Joseph Fulton.

JoJo worked as a beautician for many years in salons in Princeville and Elmwood.

Her funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming. Visitation will be one hour prior to the mass at church.

George E. Kenney

CANTON – George E. Kenney, 64, of Canton, passed away on Oct. 12, 2024, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

He was born on March 13, 1960, in Canton to George H. and Kay (Pimble) Kenney. George married Marce-

line "Marcie" Shields on July 21, 1995, in Canton. She survives along with his parents.

Also surviving are their children, Tyler Kenney of Dallas City, Justine Richardson of Liverpool, Ryan Kenny of Canton, Rebbecca Myers of Springfield, Jake Butler of Springfield, Grant Butler of Springfield, Billy (Zack) LaLa of Champaign, Joey Smith of Canton, Jennie Hendrick of Cuba and Kyle Richardson of Elmwood; two brothers, Everette (Renea) Kenney of Canton and John (Chris) Johnson of Cuba; sister Tina (Ben) Hebert of Springfield; and 16 grandchildren.

George worked as a self-employed floor installer.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Ricky A. Shelton

TRIVOLI – Ricky A. "Rick" Shelton, 71, of Bloomington, formerly of Trivoli, passed away on Oct. 17, 2024, at Carle BroMenn Medical Center in Normal. Rick was born July 30, 1953, in Peoria to Richard and Betty (Breaden) Shelton.

Rick is survived by his father and one brother, Dennis Shelton.

A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 7, 2024, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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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 Deogratias Mpewo
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. (starting Sept. 1)

Saint Paul Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
Rev. Michael Wagnitz, Pastor
204 W. Clay St. Brimfield, IL
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Sunday
9:30 a.m. Divine Service
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Brimfield E-Free Church
Pastor Donald Blasing
11724 Maher Road
Brimfield IL 61517
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brimfieldefree.org
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 p.m. ages 3-12

Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ
Pastor Stephen Barch
105 W. Clay Street Brimfield
(309) 446-3811
brimfieldunionchurch.org
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of 2 Timothy (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 6, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do to those who cursed them? Smile, Walk away from, Laugh, Bless them
3. What instrument did David play for Saul that caused the evil spirit to depart? Drum, Harp, Tambourine, Flute
4. From John 3, who lifted up the serpent in the wilderness? Paul, Peter, John the Baptist, Moses

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 Church: (309) 639-2768
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com

DOUGLAS
Douglas United Methodist Church
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

5. What horrible things did Ezekiel see filling a valley? Serpents, Locusts, Dry bones, Demons

6. Who was the father of James and John? Zebedee, Nahum, Haggai, Hizkiah
ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Bless them, 3) Harp, 4) Moses, 5) Dry bones, 6) Zebedee
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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
stmaryskickapoo.org
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.
Sun. Masses: 7 & 11:00 a.m.
Daily Masses (Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri.): 8 a.m.

ELMWOOD
Crossroads Assembly of God
Pastor Don Nuttall
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood
(309) 742-6409
crossroadselmwood.org
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Elmwood Baptist Church
Pastor Bill Cole
701 W. Dearborn St. Elmwood
(309) 742-7631 642-3278

Sun Worship: 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.

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

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

United Methodist Church of Elmwood
Pastor James Pernel Sr.
821 W. Main St. Elmwood
(309) 742-7221
elmwoodumc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Youth Sunday School: 10 a.m.

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

Farmington Methodist Church
Pastor Rick Atchley
187 W. Fulton St.
Farmington
(309) 245-4310
farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
Pastor Cindy Bean
83 N. Cone Street Farmington
(309) 245-2914
firstpresfarmington.com
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Live on Facebook also
Fellowship: 11:30 a.m.

New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God
Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
Farmington
(309) 231-8076
Sun. Worship: 10 a.m.
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.

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

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
Father Corey 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.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
(309) 403-4626

Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)
18015 W. Smithville Rd., Trivoli
Pastor Mark Schoenhals
Pastor Jay Johnson
(309) 696-1300
zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com
Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of month Worship: 8 a.m. with communion

WILLIAMSFIELD
St. James Catholic Church
Father Deogratias Mpewo
Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N
Williamsfield
(309) 446-3275
stjameswilliamsfield.org
Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 a.m.
Sun. Mass: 8:30 a.m., Still Open!

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
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Over-watered plants can die of thirst

By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

You would think that after 35 years in the greenhouse business, I would know how to water a plant.

My wife considered watering to be the most important job in the greenhouse because the quality of the plants, their very lives actually, depended on it. Most days she would do it all herself rather than delegate it to other employees, myself included.

Often I would wake up at 4 a.m. and see the lights on in the green-

houses. She was already out there making sure everything was properly watered and groomed before the business opened at 9.

She and I knew that folks purchase garden annuals and perennials the same way they buy fresh fruits and vegetables at the supermarket. Just as they reject any produce item showing the least little blemish or dark spot, they will refuse any plant showing a single dried-up leaf.

Experience taught us that one shriveled plant in a flat of 48 made

the whole flat look bad, a lesson the big-box stores have yet to learn.

Usually she could tell by looking at the soil surface of the pots and flats whether they needed water. But as she watered, she would often lift a pot or flat to feel its weight to determine if the soil was wet or dry. She was very careful not to over-water. Water-logged soil can cause plants to die of thirst, believe it or not.

You see, when you over-water a plant, the soil stays saturated, depriving it of oxygen. *Continued on Page 17*

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CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re **ESTATE OF NORMA L. HANLEY, Deceased.** CC 2024-PR-0000270

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **NORMA L. HANLEY**, on September 6, 2024. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **MICHAEL L. HANLEY**, of 13801 West Schlink Road, Brimfield, Illinois 61517, and **PATRICK E. HANLEY**, of 10626 North Princeville Jubilee Road, Brimfield, Illinois 61517, as Executors, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representatives or both on or before the **25th day of April, 2025** or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice.

Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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DATED this 9th day of October, 2024.

MICHAEL L. HANLEY and PATRICK E. HANLEY, Executors of the Estate of NORMA L. HANLEY, Deceased.

ASHLEE E. STABLER, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executors 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 ashlee@whitneyandpotts.com Published 10/17, 10/24, 10/31/24

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

In Re **ESTATE OF VALENTINA SPIES Deceased.** CC 2024-PR-0000254

CLAIM NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **VALENTINA SPIES** on October 26, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on September 24, 2024, by the above entitled Court to **JOSEPH SPIES, JR., of 700 Whistler Drive, Arlington, Texas 76006, as Independent Administrator**, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., of 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the Administrator or both on or before the **18th day of April, 2025** or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the Administrator is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the administrator and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a copy of a form of petition to terminate independent administration to the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

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DATED this 24th day of September, 2024.

JOSEPH SPIES, JR., Independent Administrator of the Estate of VALENTINA SPIES, Deceased.

Robert L. Potts, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for the Independent Administrator 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, Illinois 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 becky@whitneyandpotts.com Published 10/10, 10/17, 10/24/24

JUBILEE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

I, Stephen C. Garnett, Supervisor of Jubilee Township, Peoria County, Illinois, say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2024. Sworn the 17th day of October, 2024.

| General Town Fund | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE | \$79,887 |
| Property Tax Revenue | \$54,147 |
| Replacement Tax Revenue | \$5,192 |
| Interest Revenue | \$2,414 |
| Insurance Rebates | \$384 |
| Transfer withholding from Rd&Br | \$890 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$62,138 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$58,350 |
| ENDING BALANCE | \$83,494 |

Vendors Paid Over \$2,500: Internal Revenue Service \$8,938; TOIRMA \$2,712; Employees: Anthony Blodgett \$264; Everett Brandt \$528; Jeff Carter \$484; Karla Smith \$484; Matt Gillespie \$88; Rhonda Rutledge \$4,160; Robin Forney \$3,744; Stephen Garnett \$5,325; Tom Heinz \$2,380

| General Assistance Fund | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE | \$69,898 |
| Interest Revenue | \$1,171 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$1,171 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$0 |
| ENDING BALANCE | \$71,069 |

| General Road Fund | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE | \$452,249 |
| Property Tax Revenue | \$181,117 |
| Replacement Tax Revenue | \$4,450 |
| Interest Revenue | \$12,808 |
| TOIRMA Rebates | \$509 |
| Ag Land FS Dividend | \$26 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$179,895 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$116,898 |
| ENDING BALANCE | \$312,254 |

Vendors Paid Over \$2,500: German Bliss \$6,105; Koenig Body & Equipment \$517,597; TOIRMA \$3,457; Truck Centers \$93,548 Employees: Chuck Bottenberg \$3,365; Greg Gudat \$150; Jacob Heinz \$1,665; John Gilles \$8,730; Trevor Bottenberg \$1,790

| Permanent Road Fund | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE | \$230,240 |
| Property Tax Revenue | \$100,799 |
| Interest Revenue | \$8,020 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$202,366 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$148,994 |
| ENDING BALANCE | \$283,479 |

Vendors Paid Over \$2,500: Ag Land FS \$2973; Midstate Asphalt \$11,143; RA Cullinan & Son \$3,355 **Construction or Repair of Bridges at Joint Expense of County Fund** BEGINNING BALANCE \$181,501 Property Tax Revenue \$30,016 Interest Revenue \$5,840 TOTAL REVENUES \$35,856 TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$7,393 ENDING BALANCE \$209,964 Vendors Paid Over \$2,500: Contech Engineering Solutions \$7,394

| Equipment and Building Fund | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE | \$37,874 |
| Property Tax Revenue | \$17,950 |
| Interest Revenue | \$567 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$18,518 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$18,751 |
| ENDING BALANCE | \$37,641 |

Vendors Paid Over \$2,500: Koenig Body & Equipment \$18,751 Published 10/24/24

MINUTE. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Robert M. Spears Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Room G-22 Peoria, IL 61602 on or before November 25, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-24-03713 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. 13254167 Published 10/3, 10/10, 10/17/24

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

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Plaintiff vs. Christy M. Schell; Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants Defendant 24 FC 45 CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on November 20, 2024, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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Commonly known as 112 West Main Street, Glasford, IL 61533. The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group LLC, 33 West Monroe Street, Suite 1540, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455.

W24-0019 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13253551 Published 10/17, 10/24, 10/31/24

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

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2020-R1 PLAINTIFF

Vs. Joyce V. Spinks; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS No. 2024-FC-0000169

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Joyce V. Spinks Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 909 S Warren St Peoria, IL 61605 and which said Mortgage was made by: Joyce V. Spinks

the Mortgage(s), to Citifinancial Services, Inc, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 07-38505; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME. DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT.

By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on 12/6/24 at 9:30 AM at the Peoria County Courthouse located at 324 Main Street, Room 204, Peoria, IL 61602.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person meetings within the courthouse are being limited. Therefore, you are being asked to meet with our mediation coordinator via ZOOM telephone or video conference. To participate by phone, call (312) 626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID 593-480-2333. To participate by video, go to www.zoom.us, select "Join a Meeting" and use the Meeting ID 593-480-2333. The password is "Courthouse". If you have any problems joining the Zoom meeting, please contact Court Administration at (309) 672-6036.

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PLANTS: Check soil moisture before watering

Continued from Page 16
ing the root system of oxygen. The roots begin to die and can no longer supply the plant with water and nutrients. The leaves begin to wither and turn yellow for lack of water and food.

I must admit that I interpreted the yellowing leaves to mean the plant was thirsty, not waterlogged. That's a big mistake but a common one that most gardeners will encounter at one time or another.

And that's how I personally murdered a lovely white-flowered dipladenia. Without checking the soil, I regularly gave it a good shot of water every time I watered the other pots around this place. But apparently the pot of this poor dipladenia didn't have adequate drainage and it simply drowned.

So when it comes to watering your container gardens, more is not always better. Take that index finger of yours and check the soil moisture before watering. Whether you're a neophyte or an old hand at gardening, sooner or later you'll find yourself inadvertently over-watering. Just take heed of the symptoms and you will minimize the damage.

When you see yellowing leaves, first suspect over-watering to be the culprit. Feel the soil to see if it's saturated. Check the drainage holes for obstructions.

And it might sound crazy but another sign of over-watering is wilting. If a plant is drooping and the soil is wet, it's a no-brainer.

While we kept the containers watered, Mother Nature herself did a rather respectable job of watering the gardens from spring up until the end of August. We didn't need to water any of our gardens all spring and summer. Even the pulmonarias in the sunnier parts of the gardens looked great all season, never wilting as they're prone to do on hot sunny days.

But now she's dropped the ball and we're in a drought, though we did get much-needed rain in parts of central Illinois on Tuesday. Not enough, but better than more days of dry weather.

According to the National Weather Service, our current soil conditions are "abnormally dry." That's an understatement. Since the end of August (prior to Tuesday), our rain gauge had collected less than an inch.

To compensate for Mother Nature's

lack of competence, I've been watering those plants crying for a drink such as red and yellow twig dogwoods, various hydrangeas, pulmonarias, astilbes, Canadian ginger and the tri-colored beech I planted a couple years ago.

All in all I'd say we've had one of the best garden seasons we've had in a long time. And from what I've been hearing, even our fellow large-scale gardeners, aka corn and soybean farmers, are admitting the yields are pretty good, thanks to the excellent growing season.

In early September, the USDA projected net farm income for 2024 to be the eighth-best year of the last 50, in spite of the current low commodity prices. Pretty good indeed.

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Trivia test by Pili Rodriguez

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1. Wyoming.
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 3. Thomas Jefferson said it was a "jewel" among states because of its strategic location.
 4. "Through the Looking-Glass."
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 7. The calorie.
 8. A raft or a paddling.
 9. The Brothers Gibb.
 10. Fear of balloons.
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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Terrifier 3 (NR)
 2. The Wild Robot (PG)
 3. Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13)
 4. Joker: Folie à Deux (R)
 5. Piece by Piece (PG)
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 8. My Hero Academia: You're Next (PG-13)
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Elmwood raises \$4,101 at Volley for the Cure; postseason ahead

By PHIL JOHNSON

For The Weekly Post

Elmwood's Volley for the Cure game last Thursday was a major fundraising success, as the volleyball team raised \$4,101.22 for Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

"We are thankful for all of the donations from this community," Elmwood Coach Chelsea Brown said.

The Lady Trojans (7-24) played well against a tough Macomb team that night before falling 25-14, 25-15 at home. Cheyenne Burge knocked down eight kills. Payge Ryan served one ace.

"Macomb is tough and much older than us. I felt we played well and there were times we were leading and had them on their toes," Brown said. "We made them earn their points."

On Monday, Elmwood (7-24) got off to a fast start at Midwest Central with a 25-20 first-set win but couldn't keep it going,

dropping the last two games 16-25, 18-25.

Burge was the kills leader with 10. Ryan recorded three ace serves.

EHS fell to Peoria Christian 25-10, 25-23 last Tuesday at home. Burge had eight kills. Gianna Ramirez added five kills. Ryan recorded 13 assists.

The Lady Trojans open Class 1A regional play Monday at 6 p.m. vs. Lewistown at Illini Bluffs.

• **Brimfield** – The Lady Indians (23-4-1) traveled to beat North Fulton on Monday, 27-2, 25-22.

Chloe Fabry had 13 kills and 10 digs, Kylie Frail added 10 assists and Ava Heinz collected two blocks and four kills.

Brimfield got the best of two close sets, 25-22, 25-23, over ICAC foe Delavan at home last Thursday.

Fabry scored well, with 11 kills and four aces. Anja Nelson recorded 11 digs. Heinz blocked one. Frail assisted on nine scores.

"It made over 500 career assists for Kylie Frail in

this win," Brimfield Coach McKenna Weaver said.

BHS lost at Peoria Notre Dame 25-23, 25-19 on Oct. 16. Fabry scored nine kills and dug nine. Heinz had three blocks. Frail collected nine assists. Jovi Chastain served three aces in the effort.

Up next for top-seed Brimfield is a 6 p.m. Class 1A regional semifinal Wednesday at Abingdon against the winner between West Central and West Prairie.

• **Farmington** – The Lady Farmers (15-11) traveled to Prairieland rival Havana and picked up a 25-13, 25-22 win last Thursday.

Alayna Keefer led on offense with nine kills, three aces and 11 assists. Meaghan Carpenter defended at the net with six blocks. Claire Hanlin volleyed with 13 digs.

The Lady Farmers lost 25-20, 25-13 to Chillicothe IVC in a nonconference contest at home on Oct. 16.

Bella Archdale recorded three kills and assisted on

six scores. Kayleigh Toombs scored three kills. Keefer had three kills and three blocks. Carpenter added three blocks. Hanlin served two aces and picked up 11 digs.

FHS won at Princeville 25-17, 25-19 on Oct. 15. Keefer tallied 10 kills, two aces, 10 assists and 12 digs. Izzy Lynn added seven kills. Ava Essex served two aces. Toombs blocked four. Carpenter had three blocks. Hanlin picked up 11 digs.

Farmington's next matchup is at home on Monday at 7 p.m. in Class 2A regional action vs. Peoria Manual.

• **Princeville** – Princeville (10-19) had its work cut out versus Lincoln Trail rival Stark County on Monday at home. The visitors took the first set 25-23, followed by the hosts winning the second by the same score, but the Lady Princes coasted in the third for the win at 25-13.

Harper Francis tallied eight kills, two ace serves

and six blocks. Mazie Streitmatter aided the offense with 17 assists and two aces. Claire Sutherland added two aces.

PHS picked up a Lincoln Trail 25-21, 25-22 win at ROWVA-Williamsfield on Oct. 16.

Jameson McGinn scored nine kills. Mazie Streitmatter had 11 assists. Sutherland defended with three blocks. Francis picked up two ace serves.

The Lady Princes came up short 25-17, 25-19 at home against Farmington on Oct. 15. Francis blocked five and scored four kills. McGinn had four kills. Mazie Streitmatter set for 12 assists.

Princeville ends the regular season at Delavan today and then travels to Kewanee Wethersfield for a Class 1A regional match Monday at 6 p.m. vs. Cambridge.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – The Lady Cougars (20-13) topped LTC foe Ridge-wood 23-25, 25-17, 25-21 on the road on Monday.

Sawyer Secrist scored 14 kills, blocked five and dug six. Erin Welch added five digs. Addysen Link also tallied five digs.

R-W won four out of five at the Bushnell-Prairie City Invite on Saturday. The Lady Cougars swept West Central, Bushnell-Prairie City and West Hancock. It took three sets for the Lady Cougars to stop Abingdon-Avon. The only loss was vs. North Fulton.

Secrist was very active in the tourney with 45 kills, 11 blocks, five aces and 18 digs. Ella Rigg totaled 33 digs. Tori Trotter, returning from an injury, tallied 63 assists.

R-W lost at home to Princeville 25-21, 25-22 on Oct. 16. Secrist collected six kills and four blocks. Hannah Gehring tallied nine digs and nine assists for the game.

The Lady Cougars host Peoria Manual today and then open Class 1A regional play on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Abingdon vs. the hosts.

XC: E-B runners perfect in JV race at Detweiller

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(4th, 17:21) and freshman Oliver Funk (5th, 17:27).

"It would be great if someday that was the varsity race," E-B Coach Gregg Meyers said. "It just goes to show the depth we have with our guys. It's because we have guys who worked hard this summer and put in the miles during the season."

Meyers said fifth-ranked E-B will have another runoff after the regional to set the sectional squad. He said eighth-ranked Peoria Notre Dame is favored in the loaded regional, which also includes No. 1 Eureka, No. 14 El Paso-Gridley and No. 16 Illini Bluffs.

The Elmwood girls team finished 11th at the Patriot Invite with 275 points. Williamsville won with 100 points.

Freshman Bristol Schmidgall (25th, 19:20) led E-B and other

scoring runners were freshman Mya Hill (43rd, 19:56), freshman Riley Kelly (85th, 21:24), senior Olivia Stage (90th, 21:32) and sophomore Callie Wight (91st, 21:35).

The No. 17-ranked Princeville boys placed sixth out of 34 teams at the Patriot Invite. Scoring runners were senior Tucker Sennett (26th, 16:27), junior Taylor Hess (31st, 16:34), sophomore Jacob Bosch (57th, 17:02), freshman Hunter Keyster (62nd, 17:08) and sophomore Collin Bowers (106th, 17:53).

Hess, Bosch, Keyster and Bowers all posted personal records.

"Bosch and Keyster, once again, did a nice job of working together and pushing each other, at times almost playing 'follow the leader' as they moved around their competitors and improved their place," Princes Coach Jeremy Melick said. "Hess was very aggressive early on

in the race. Eventually, Sennett was able to catch up to him and pass him, but having Sennett within reach during the second half of the race helped Hess continue to push himself, I believe."

In the girls race, Bethany Sennett placed 14th out of 260 girls and posted a personal record (and school record) of 18:45.

Princeville will run Saturday in the Class 1A sectional at the Seneca Ag Farm. Girls run at 9 a.m. and boys are scheduled to start at 10.

Farmington competed at the Patriot Invite and saw junior Dax Ulm (41st, 16:46) and freshman Camryn Emmons (87th, 21:27) lead the way.

Sophomore Jonas Carlson (70th, 17:12) led the ROWVA-Williamsfield boys while junior Emily Hilman (89th, 21:30) was top girls runner.

IESA: Princeville, Elmwood runners earn all-state

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80 points.

Brimfield was the only public school among the top seven finishers in the girls race, and the boys were the only public school among the top 13.

Princeville sixth grader Emily Sen-

nett (12th, 12:28) also earned all-state honors in the Class 1A girls race, while Elmwood eighth grader Madalyn Ori (20th, 12:37) earned a medal in the Class 2A girls race.

Elmwood's girls team was sixth overall in 2A and other scoring runners were sixth grader Sydney

Schmieg (51st, 13:08), eighth grader Charlotte Walker (65th, 13:16), seventh grader Sophie Hulslander (92nd, 13:40) and eighth grader Juliette Coulter (102nd, 13:43).

Elmwood eighth grader Colton Turner (20th, 11:24) was all-state in the 2A boys race.

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Playoff planning

Farmington, E-B prepare for playoffs

By JEFF LAMPE
 For The Weekly Post

No coach will admit to looking ahead with one week left in the football regular season. But at this point, how do you not?

Both the Farmington and Elmwood-Brimfield football teams are playoff teams expecting first-round home games. Both won last Friday and both are heavy favorites coming into this Friday, which brings winless LVC to E-B and sends unbeaten Farmington to Knoxville.

So with no offense to LVC or Knoxville, the real intrigue is where the Farmers and Trojans wind up in the playoff picture. Both have clinched berths and both look certain to compete in Class 2A.

Farmington was ranked second in Class 2A and on

Sunday was second in the IHSA playoff outlook rankings behind top-ranked Maroa-Forsyth (7-1), which lost last week to 3A foe Williamsville (7-1), 28-21.

Will Farmington overtake the top spot in Class 2A? Most likely. Are the polls deeply flawed? Yes.

But the Farmers have a solid resume of wins, have clinched the LincolnLand large division title and are fielding a team that some in Farmington consider "the team" to finally challenge for a trophy.

The quartersfinals have been Farmington's stumbling block, with losses to Monticello in 2016 (48-17 in Class 3A) and to Downs Tri-Valley in 2020 (34-12 in Class 2A) under Coach Toby Vallas.

The Farmers also reached



The health of quarterback Lane Wheelwright is a hot topic in Farmington. Wheelwright's status for Friday's game vs. Knoxville is uncertain. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

the quarters in 2013 under Casey Martin, losing to Mercer County 41-0, and in 1987 under Dan Dillard.

Farmington (enrollment 351) is a solid 2A entry this fall, what with the current enrollment range from

304.5 students to 415.5.

The defense is a strength and the offense can be potent. But quarterback Lane Wheelwright is still limping some and may not play Friday at Knoxville. And

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Trojans boys XC rounding into form

By JEFF LAMPE
 For The Weekly Post

PEORIA – Leaves fall. Temperatures get colder. And in another rite of fall, the Elmwood-Brimfield boys cross country team starts rounding into top form just as the postseason nears.

Running on the Detweiller Park course they hope to traverse again on Nov. 9 for the state meet in Peoria, the Trojans won both the varsity and junior varsity boys races at last Saturday's Patriot Invite.

Elmwood's 82 points put the team well ahead of Georgetown Notre Dame de LaSalette (103 points), St. Joseph-Ogden (145) and Illini Bluffs (181).

Junior Aiden Faulkner led E-B by placing sixth in 15:38 to lead three sub-16

Trojan runners. Senior Reed Florey was 10th in 15:46 and junior Darwin Herman was 12th in 15:46.

E-B ran just two other runners in the varsity race: senior Mika Nelson (17th, 16:04) and freshman Kai Nelson (49th, 16:55).

The rest of the team competed in the JV race as a runoff to determine the final two starters for Saturday's Class 1A regional race at Donovan Park in Peoria. Girls run at 10 a.m., boys at 11.

Elmwood posted a perfect score of 15 in the JV race, sweeping the top five spots (and six of the top seven) behind freshman Danny Sharp (1st, 17:01), junior Kam Stevenson (2nd, 17:08), sophomore Silas Schmieg (3rd, 17:10), junior Garrett Webster

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Brimfield girls, boys XC take 3rd

By The Weekly Post

NORMAL – Everything came up threes for the Brimfield cross country program last Saturday at Maxwell Park.

In addition to the boys and girls team both placing third in Class 1A IESA action, Brimfield had three runners head home with all-state medals.

Eighth grader Cole Cahill was eighth for the boys team in 11:15 to make all-state while girls

medalists were seventh grader Berlyn Schmidgall (22nd, 12:39) and sixth grader Jersey Hoerr (25th, 12:42).

Other scoring runners for the Brimfield girls team, which finished with 149 points, were sixth grader Hattie Butterfield (26th, 12:43), fifth grader Remi Cahill (62nd, 13:33) and seventh grader Lexi Meinders (68th, 13:40).

Arlington Heights St. James won with 90

points, ending the Lady Indians' hopes for a fourth straight state title.

Other scoring runners for the boys team were eighth grader Danny Ellen (27th, 11:30), seventh grader Jensen Blundy (47th, 11:49), seventh grader Brady Zinser (74th, 12:03) and eighth grader Geoffrey Schachtrup (77th, 12:04).

The boys put up 142 points. Mount Prospect St. Raymond won with

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Members of Brimfield's boys cross country team are: Front row (left to right): Danny Ellen and Cole Cahill; Second row (l to r): Dakoda Wolcott (not visible), Zach Bertsch, Lucas Birkel and Cael Nelson; Back row: (l to r): Brady Zinser, Eli Petrany, Jensen Blundy and Geoffrey Schachtrup.



Members of Brimfield's third-place girls cross country team are: Front row (left to right): Lexi Meinders, Remi Cahill, Jersey Hoerr, Berlyn Schmidgall, Hattie Butterfield and Maud Nelson; Back row (l to r): Mia Zeman, Kenna Zeman, Kendall Johnston and Mia Putnam.

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