

Fieldcrest Board Approves Balanced, Amended Budget

by MJ Langner

The Fieldcrest Board of Education met for their regular board meeting on May 27th, conducting regular business, wrapping up the school year and already looking forward to the next one.

The meeting kicked off with an amended budget hearing, with a presentation showing budgeted versus actual revenue and expenses. The district received additional revenue especially from the Federal government, with distributions helping to make a positive difference of just over \$270,000 in the district's favor over what was budgeted.

On the expenses end, the district did see their expenditures coming in above what was budgeted by just over \$215,000. Braden Skinner, the district's business manager, attributed this to such things as "overtime pay, substitute pay and grant program increased allocations."

Overall, the presentation showed that the proposed amended budget was a balanced one. The board would go on to approve the amended budget. The budget information and the presentation is available on the district's website.

In other business, the board approved several hires including Bruce Tjaden as high school night custodian and Jerry Lindgren and Andrew May as summer custodians.

Resignations were also accepted from Daniel Thomas as math interventionist at the high school, and Sydney Dennis, primary school teaching assistant. Shannon Doherty resigned as track coach at the middle school and Madison Mool resigned as the middle school assistant track coach. Kim Martin also resigned from her position as yearbook sponsor at the intermediate school.

The board would go on to approve fees for the upcoming school year and approve game worker payment rates. They also had a first reading of the student handbook for the upcoming school year, with plans to approve this in June.

It was also discussed that the board would move all meetings throughout the year to be held in Minonk at the high school where the district office is located. This means the meetings would no longer rotate from the different towns in an effort to avoid confusion and maintain consistency.

Pru Mangan And Lucas May Receive Rotary Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Toluca would like to extend congratulations to the 2026 scholarship winners, Pru Mangan and Lucas May. Each of them received \$1500 for demonstrating the values of "Service Above Self".

Prudence Mangan is the daughter of Candi and Thomas Mangan of Rutland. Pru will be attending Monmouth College in the fall and plans to major in Exercise Science. She will pursue an academic career in sports medicine and continue her athletic career in track and field. Pru plans to continue her education at the University of Evansville to earn a doctorate in Physical Therapy. She was a member of Fieldcrest Interact Club and has been involved with the school's blood drive, the Backpack Snack-Pack program, and various fundraisers for St. Jude. Pru hopes that in her future career as a physical therapist she will be able to help others recover from injuries and to feel their best.

Lucas May is the son of Joely May of Minonk. Lucas plans to attend Knox College and study Po-

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Prudence Mangan



Lucas May

Fieldcrest Intermediate Names Students & Staff Of The Month And Perfect Attendance



May Students of the Month: (5th), Ryleigh McDonough (4th), and Maddie Gomes-Bentz (3rd).



May Perfect Attendance: pictured left to right Thomas Holmes (5th), Rylan Montgomery (4th) and Jocilyn Oakley (3rd).



May Staff of the Month: pictured left to right Haley Hartzler, Phil Weese, Bri Schmitt

Seven Members Of Toluca High School Class Of 1958 Reunite On Friday, May 29th At Capponi's



Toluca High School Class of 1958 got together at Capponi's on Friday, May 29th. Seven classmates and guests enjoyed visiting, taking pictures and having good food!

Sitting left to right: Marlene Henn Simonton, Linda Carrithers Hattan, Kay Gerardo & Fran Nacchi. Standing left to right: Floyd Hattan, Bob Volpe & Gary McCall.

Lawmakers Fail To Pass Bears Bill Despite Goal Line Push

By Jim Talamonti | The Center Square Chicago Bears stadium legislation is stalled after questions arose about a potentially unpopular tax structure and financial risk for taxpayers.

Speaking at the Illinois Capitol on Monday, Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch explained why a bill providing for a publicly-owned, property tax-exempt stadium was not called for a vote before the legislature adjourned, ending its spring session.

"To pass a bill about the Bears, just being about the Bears, the votes weren't there," Welch said.

An amended version of House

Bill 958 passed the Senate earlier on Monday.

"We didn't have time to find out what other folks thought of the bill. I need to have some feedback from our members before asking them to vote for it on the floor," Welch said.

The bill called for a publicly-owned stadium that would pay no property taxes. It would establish a municipal stadium authority to own a facility the Bears could build in Chicago, Arlington Heights, Cicero, Evanston or Schaumburg.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker said he believes a business like the Bears should get incentives that are similar to those

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Marshall County Court News

DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Lindsay M. Bogner (d). Drew L. Bogner (P) 5/26/26 dissolution of marriage/union.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Tyler Michael Blunier and Rebekah Joyce Nabors. 5/22/26

FINES LEVIED

Clifford D. Branham 12/11/25 by County Crm & Juv. "burglary." "theft/unauthd Con/>10k <100K" 5/27/26 fine \$989, 6 years DOC, credit 66 days.

Tristan S. Wilfong 1/28/26 by County Crm & Juv "consumption of liquor/minor" 5/26/26 fine \$1,117, 12 months supervision. Nathan T. McKoy 2/17/26 by

County Crm & Juv "criminal trespass to land" 5/26/26 fine \$689, 6 months supervision.

Fidel Leon Perez 5/10/26 by State Conservation "fishing without license" 5/28/26 fine \$195.

Eric L. Olson 12/5/25 by County traffic "drvg under influ of alcohol" 5/27/26 fine \$2,660, 12 months supervision.

Maryann L. Sharp by County Traffic "driving on revoked license" 10/15/25 Outstd warrant >60 (Inactive) 5/26/26 Warrant quashed/Withdrawn/served. 5/26/26 Return to active, guilty, fine \$689.

Jason A. Denk 9/22/25 by County traffic "Operate uninsured mtr vehicle" and "regis expiration/1st & 2nd" 5/26/26 fine \$276.

John C. Soon 12/18/26 by County traffic "operate uninsured mtr vehicle" 5/26/26 fine \$375, 90 days supervision.

Jayden S. Hoskins 3/5/26 by State Police "driving 15-20 mph above limit" 5/26/26 fine \$375, 90 days supervision.

Elgen L. Moore 4/25/26 by County Traffic "driving 1-10 mph above limit" 5/28/26 fine \$165.

Vincent C. Martin 5/8/26 by County Traffic "driving 21-25 mph above limit" 5/22/26 fine \$164.

Darrell T. Lobb 5/16/26 by County traffic "driving 15-20 mph above limit" 5/26/26 fine \$164.

LAND TRANSFERS

Grantor: Billy J. Poignant Tr., (Continued On Page 5)