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Farmington schools may take over student transportation

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Farmington schools will likely take over control of transporting students starting next fall.

At Monday's school board meeting, Board President Alex Slack announced that Illinois Central School Bus will discontinue services after this school year.

Illinois Central had asked in October to reopen its contract with Farmington to cut back 3 of

19 bus routes. The contract was scheduled to last through the 2023-24 school year and in fiscal year 2022 paid the company \$1,074,000. Illinois Central said it was losing drivers and needed to increase driver compensation.

"Yes, our drivers are regionally underpaid, but who is at fault for them being underpaid is our discussion with Illinois Central," Superintendent Zac Chatterton said.

Farmington owns its fleet of 23 buses and pays for insurance and

maintenance.

When Illinois Central sought a 15.25 percent increase, Farmington asked to "share the burden," according to Chatterton.

"But there was no sharing in the burden," he said.

As a result of Illinois Central's decision, the school board must determine whether it wants to seek another vendor or take on transportation duties and hire its own drivers.

"We could put it out for bid and have another vendor pick it up,

but I don't see the district going that route," said Chatterton, adding he expects a decision no later than March.

Farmington had considered taking over transportation in 2015 but was able to renegotiate a deal with Illinois Central.

"Our drivers have consistently known there has been an issue between the district and Illinois Central and they have been patiently waiting and making sure our kids got to and from the school safely while we sort this

out," Chatterton said. "The district is extremely appreciative of their professionalism and patience."

In other business, the board voted to approve the annual SEAPCO hiring survey, noting the district will seek an increase in speech pathology services.

Board members also recognized 12 Illinois State scholars (which is based on class rank and score on the ACT or SAT): Brianna Baird, Alex Barrett, Isabella

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FOOTBALL CHAMPION

Farmington grad enjoys national title

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

Fresh off playing for South Dakota State in the FCS national championship against arch-rival North Dakota State on Sunday, Farmington grad



Jarod DePriest had an analogy that should resonate here in central Illinois.

"That's our Farmington-Elmwood game," he said.

A standout in that prep rivalry years ago, DePriest now plays as a defensive tackle for South Dakota State (13-1), which won its first title and also beat rival NDSU in Frisco, Texas, 45-



Above, Farmington graduate Jarod DePriest sacks Missouri State quarterback Jason Shelley in a South Dakota State victory earlier this season. At left, DePriest hoists the FCS national championship trophy on Sunday. Photos courtesy of Jarod DePriest.

21. NDSU had won 9 of 11 FCS titles from 2011-21.

"At first to me it was like we just won another game. But then once everyone starts celebrating it kind of hits you – we just won the whole thing," DePriest said. "It's just surreal."

DePriest is part of a five-player rotation at defensive tackle and assisted on one tackle in the title game while playing about 50 percent of the snaps.

"We do three or four plays and then we'll rotate up the defensive front," DePriest said. "We stay pretty fresh."

SDSU's only loss of the year was a 7-3 setback at Iowa.

"They had two safeties and a field goal, so our offense gave up more points than our defensive side," DePriest said. "I think if we were to play (Iowa) right now we'd win."

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Princeville's new deputy on the beat

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – There's a new sheriff in town. Well, a new sheriff's deputy in town, to be precise.

Vince Cogdal took over last week as the Peoria County Sheriff's Office regular representative on Princeville byways. He succeeded Gabe Martinez, who moved to another assignment.



Cogdal

Cogdal introduced himself to the Princeville Village Board during its meeting Jan. 3. He'll be the usual officer on duty five days a week, under a renewed contract the board approved last month. That deal reduced regular coverage from seven days a week.

"He's just learning the village and said he's very community oriented, so he's wanting to get out and meet people," Village

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OFFICER: Princeville ‘a pro-police community’

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President Jeff Troutman said about Cogdal.

About himself, Cogdal said community policing is his forte. Before his move to Princeville, the 38-year-old spent two years as the sheriff’s dedicated officer in Bellevue. When Martinez’s spot in Princeville came open, Cogdal applied for it.

“I chose Princeville for a couple of reasons – the schedule and days off, but specifically for how welcoming and police-appreciative (the) community is,” Cogdal stated. “I have

never seen such a pro-police community in my life, and I appreciate that more than anyone.”

A Peoria native, Cogdal served in the U.S. Navy and graduated from Western Illinois University. He also worked for the Illinois and Missouri departments of corrections. He became a Peoria Park District police officer in 2016 and joined the sheriff’s office in July 2019.

Cogdal is married with two teenage children. He suggested his background might not reflect his current job.

“I had a very diverse childhood,” Cogdal stated. “For all intents and purposes, statistically I should have never become a police officer. ... I enjoy trying to connect with the kids. I believe that is from all of my run-ins with, and breaks given by, the police when I was a kid.”

Cogdal told the board he isn’t big on issuing citations but will do so for recidivists who receive a warning. He said he’ll try to educate first.

“I think Princeville will really enjoy him,” Sheriff Chris Watkins said.

Cogdal’s appearance might have been the highlight of the board meeting, which Troutman said lasted less than 20 minutes.

A joint meeting among

the boards of the village, the school district, the Lillie M. Evans Library District and the Princeville Civic Association has been rescheduled to Jan. 26 at the library, according to Troutman. It was to be held Jan. 19.

The twice-yearly meeting provides public updates on what each entity has been doing and what might be in store, among other things.

Correction

In regards to a Jan. 5 article, “Elmwood steps up for fire victims,” the Mumma family did accept help from the American Red Cross after their Elmwood home was damaged in a fire on Dec. 31.

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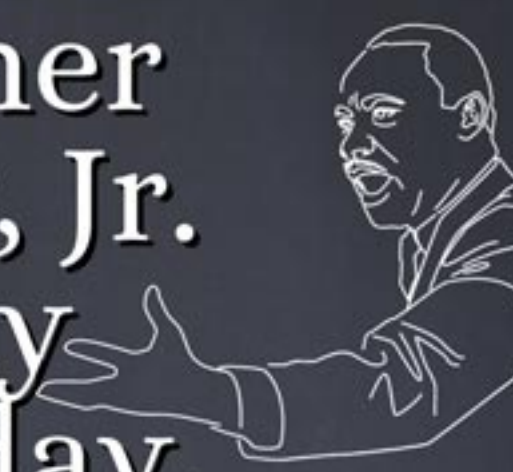

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- **Sew In** – Prairie Quilters of Central Illinois has a free “Sew In” Jan. 12-13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood. All skill levels welcome.
- **Interactive Movie** – Princeville’s Lillie M. Evans Library has Interactive Family Movie Night Friday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m. “Frozen” will be shown.

This Week's Events

- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, including today, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m.
- **Family Bingo** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library offers family bingo today, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m. Win prizes.
- **Toddler Gym** – Youngsters can play at Elmwood Community Center every Friday school is in session from 9-11 a.m. Cost \$1. Call Bonnie at (309) 742-8507.
- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays, 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4. Classes also on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville’s Lillie M. Evans Library.

Future Events

- **Manna Meal** – There will not be a Manna Meal in January at Elmwood United Methodist Church. Meals will resume in February.

• **Food Pantry** – Free food boxes given out the last Friday each month at Elmwood United Methodist Church. Visit www.elmwoodumc.com or (309) 742-7221. Free bread 10-11:30 a.m.

• **Chili Cook-Off** – The Whitney’s Walk for Life Chili Cook-Off returns Jan. 28 at Burnzees Bar & Grill in Brimfield.

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• **Pancake Breakfast** – United Methodist Church of Farmington has its 66th annual Pancake and Sausage Day on Saturday, Feb. 4, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donation only. For meat pre-orders call (309) 245-4310 or 647-8180 by noon on Jan. 27.

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

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- Joseph Barbera

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GUEST VOICES



Of comic partings, top names & gladiators

Rambling through central Illinois, gauging how much per hour it would take for me to drive a school bus.

The cartoon page will be changing again, and this time not by our choice. **Mike Marland**, the artist who draws R.F.D., will retire on Jan. 30. So his final cartoon should be in our Feb. 2 issue. Marland told The Daily Cartoonist website that, due to arthritis, he has been creating R.F.D. using Photoshop since August of 2020 and misses drawing the strips with pen and paper. Marland's strip has been syndicated by King Features Weekly Service since 1992. ... The Knox County Clerk's office compiled a list of the most popular baby names in 2022 out of 643 babies born in the county. Leader among girls was **Charlotte** with five babies, placing ahead of **Ivy** and **Olivia** (four apiece) and third-place choice **Ava, Chloe, Ella, Hannah, Hazel, Nora, Ophelia** and **Sophia** (three apiece). For boys, there was a tie at five babies each for **Kai** and **Theodore. Hudson** and **Michael** took second with four babies each while



Jeff LAMPE

third place (three babies) was shared by **Benjamin, Cole, David, Daxton, Declan, Henry, Jameson, Jazon, Oliver, Ryker, Samuel** and **Wyatt**. ... Still wish I had named one of my own kids **Moses**.

Much has been made about pro football players serving as our incarnation of Roman gladiators. There are certainly similarities. But there is a significant error in that logic that was graphically illustrated by the recent cardiac arrest of **Damar Hamlin** during a Monday Night Football game. This was a huge game with major ramifications for the NFL playoffs, for bettors and for millions of fantasy football players. Even pausing the game created all sorts of headaches. But pro football players are not gladiators, whose deaths in the arena were an accepted and even hoped-for result. Led by coaches in the game (and public sentiment), the NFL made the right call to cancel the game. The outpouring of support for Hamlin since has been amazing. Seeing a tragic story turn inspirational has been wonderful to witness. ... Will Hamlin's injury cause more parents to shy away from football? Probably. Worth considering, though, is that heart-related deaths are a sad reality in every sport. Ballroom dancing, soccer and even golf have stories

of professionals dying on the field, or dance floor. And research by the National Athletic Trainer's Association found that sudden cardiac death accounted for 76 percent of youth sports deaths in the U.S. from 2007-15. The largest proportion were in basketball (36 percent), followed by baseball (16 percent), football (16 percent) and soccer (13 percent). Yes, there are inherent dangers in sports - for that matter in doing anything. But the same is true for doing nothing.

A new section in this space is Stupid Politics. First entry is the U.S. Consumer Product Safety commission considering a ban on gas stoves. Next up is a 16 percent pay raise for Illinois lawmakers, approved by Illinois lawmakers. ... So much for Happy New Year. A New Year's Day trip to the farm turned into an emergency by merely opening a door. For five years, the storage container in which we keep our tractor and gear held mice at bay. No longer. When the door opened, mice emerged from all sides. Now the battle is on. Sticky traps. Poison. And soon a new rubber gasket for the door to replace the old, brittle one the mice chewed through. ... Parting shot: As a wise critter once said, "I hate meeces to pieces."

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Within about a half hour after Daniel T. Morgan, 32, posted bond on those charges, he was taken into police custody again – this time on an Iowa warrant for attempted murder.

The chase began about 1:15 a.m. Jan. 6 in Farmington. A Farmington officer spotted a 2021 gray Chevrolet Blazer with headlights off near Main Street and Barlow Road. When the officer flashed his vehicle's headlights at the Blazer, it took off at high speed, according to a police report.

Morgan and two male passengers were in the Blazer, which traversed Fort Street, Diamond Point Road and other rural Fulton County byways. The vehicle struck at least two ditches and Morgan disregarded at least three stop signs, the report stated. Morgan also drove through at least two fields.

Canton police joined the pursuit, which ended when the rented vehicle crashed into a ditch along Owens Road near Norris. Morgan and a 40-year-old passenger from Monmouth were transported to Graham Hospital in Canton. That passenger complained about back and neck pain.

The other passenger, a 27-year-old from Kissimmee, Fla., was transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown. So was Morgan, after he was treated at the hospital.

Morgan was cited for aggravated fleeing and eluding, aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, resisting arrest, speeding, improper lane use, operating a vehicle without insurance, disobeying stop signs and driving without headlights. The other men were released from custody.

Later Jan. 6, Morgan posted \$250 in bond and was released. Then came word from authorities in Bettendorf, Iowa, about the attempted-murder warrant, according to Chris Ford, a Fulton County Sheriff's lieutenant.

"They called right after he posted bond and walked out our back door," Ford said. "One of our deputies found him at Casey's (in Lewistown). It was good timing they got the warrant to notify us when they did. We had some good deputies who had their eyes peeled."

Morgan's extradition to Iowa was expected earlier this week, Ford said.

Police reports

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – A Peoria man was cited for driving as fast as 102 mph southwest of Williamsfield.

About 8 a.m. Jan. 5, Robert B. Woolsey III, 20, was piloting an eastbound 2016 Volvo XC90 in the 2000 block of East U.S. Route 150 when a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy recorded the vehicle's speed on radar.

The posted speed limit is 55 mph. Woolsey acknowledged he was driving at least 100 mph because he was late for work in Peoria, according to a sheriff's-office report. The pavement was slick from light snow that was falling at the time of the traffic stop. Woolsey received a notice to appear in court.

• **SPEER** – Authorities were searching for a suspect in a hit-and-run accident at an intersection southwest of Speer. About 4 p.m. Dec. 31, a Bradford man was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Equinox south on Holmes Road at County Line Road when a westbound pickup driver disregarded a stop sign, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The pickup truck struck the driver's side of the Equinox, which spun into a ditch southwest of the intersection. The gray-beige pickup truck continued at high speed. No injuries were reported. The Equinox driver was unable to see who was driving and unable to report a license-plate number.

Later, a Stark County Sheriff's Office deputy found a 2000 beige GMC Sierra pickup truck parked along Duncan Road, a few miles west and north of the accident site.

The pickup truck had front-end damage. A nearby resident spotted two males leave the vehicle on foot, but the deputy couldn't find them. The vehicle is registered to a Galva man with whom Stark County law-enforcement officials are familiar, according to the report.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A man was taken to a Peoria hospital after he was found with head injuries at a Princeville business. About noon Jan. 3, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched to Casey's, 105 E. Spring St., where the 25-year-old man was stumbling and falling, according to a report.

The man's name was redacted. Bystanders were attempting to help the man, but he was swinging at them, the report stated.

The man had swelling above his right eye and at the back of his head and was bleeding from his mouth. The deputy attempted to speak with him, but he was incoherent and smelled of alcohol, according to the report. An ambulance transported him to UnityPoint Health-Methodist for treatment.

• **DUNLAP** – A Princeville man lost consciousness after his vehicle struck a power pole west of Dunlap, according to authorities.

Gerald A. Dwyer was driving a

2015 Chevrolet Silverado about 7:15 p.m. Dec. 22 east on Legion Hall Road west of Feucht Road when he saw powerlines hanging in the roadway, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. In attempting to avoid the powerlines, Dwyer drove the vehicle off the road.

The Ameren-owned pole was on the south side of the pavement. Dwyer sustained head and facial injuries and was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. The Silverado sustained passenger-side bumper damage and was to be towed.

• **ALTONA** – A Williamsfield-area man avoided injury in a head-on collision east of Altona. The accident happened about 6:45 a.m. Dec. 14 in the 1700 block of Knox Highway 4. Bruce W. Bouchez Jr., 36, was driving a westbound 2001 Chevrolet Silverado that was parked on the eastbound side of the roadway. An eastbound 2023 Volkswagen Super Beetle driven by Defenbaugh J. Defenbaugh, 18, of Kirkwood struck the Silverado as it was parked.

A trailer was attached to the Silverado and Bouchez was retrieving garbage at the time of the accident, per a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. Defenbaugh was uninjured. Both vehicles were towed.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A two-vehicle accident in Princeville resulted in a Mapleton woman being transported to a Peoria hospital for observation.

The accident happened shortly before 10 a.m. Nov. 8 at Spring Street and Cottage Grove Avenue, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report filed recently. A 2013 Subaru wagon driven by Gina C. Edwards collided with a 2014 Freightliner truck driven by Jeffrey E. Bassham of Peoria.

Edwards was stopped on Cottage Grove Avenue and didn't realize there was no stop sign for traffic on Spring Street, the report stated. Her vehicle was missing its front bumper. An ambulance carried Edwards to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.

Bassham's truck sustained minor front-bumper damage and an anti-freeze leak. Bassham appeared uninjured. Both vehicles were towed.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Zachary D. Poole, 28, of Princeville was arrested at 9 p.m. Jan. 5 and accused of theft of less than \$500/prior conviction, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Justin J. Juarez, 32, of Princeville was arrested at 10:45 a.m. Jan. 4 and accused of violating an order of protection, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

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House, Senate agree on assault weapons ban

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois House gave final passage Tuesday to a bill banning the purchase, sale and manufacture of semi-automatic assault weapons, .50 caliber rifles and ammunition, and large-capacity magazines in the state while still allowing people who already own such weapons to keep them.

The House passed a similar bill Friday and sent it to the Senate, where it appeared over the weekend to run into roadblocks. But negotiations continued behind the scenes throughout the weekend and into Monday when a final deal came together just as Gov. JB Pritzker was being inaugurated into his second term.

As recently as Sunday, the House and Senate seemed to be far apart, both on the weapons ban and a bill expanding access to reproductive health services, two major items being considered in a lame-duck session that concluded Tuesday.

A sticking point concerned a requirement that people who own such weapons register them with the Illinois State Police. Those individuals would be required to disclose the make, model and serial number of the specified weapons to obtain a special endorsement on their Firearm Owners Identification.

The final version of the bill, contained in a package of amendments to House Bill 5471, includes the requirement but extends the deadline for compliance to Jan. 1, 2024, instead of 180 days after the bill is signed, as the House had proposed.

Other changes included a more up-to-date list of weapons that would fall within the banned category along with authority for the Illinois State Police to modify the list through administrative rules to capture new and copycat models.

The Senate bill also clarifies that any device that makes a semi-automatic weapon fire more rapidly – whether it converts the weapon into a fully automatic one or merely increases the rate of fire – will be illegal. And it defines large-capacity magazines as those capable of holding more than 10 rounds for a long gun or 15 rounds for a handgun.

The Senate version also does not change the age limit to obtain a FOID card, so people between age 18-21 can obtain one with consent of a parent or guardian. The House proposed eliminating that exception.

To ease concerns from hunters and sportsmen, the bill also authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to adopt administrative rules exempting weapons used only for hunting.

That was not enough to quell the

opposition of gun-rights advocates who argued that the weapons to be banned are “commonly used” weapons in American society and thus, under standards of recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings, will likely be deemed unconstitutional.

“I think folks at home need to know, and folks here in the chamber, that many of the commonly used semi-automatic shotguns will still have to be registered as assault weapons,” Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, said during debate on the floor. “So even though some may come off, we’re still going to have many commonly used shotguns that will be listed as assault weapons.”

Democrats pushed the bill through the Senate 34-20, sending it to the House, where it passed 68-41 on Tuesday with only one Republican vote: outgoing House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs. Aside from Durkin, however, GOP members echoed Bryant’s sentiments.

“I can tell you that we will not comply, and you’re not going to do a darn thing about it,” Rep. Blaine Wilhour, R-Beecher City, said during House floor debate. “Because the law, the constitution and the founding principals are on our side.”

The bill will next be sent to Pritzker’s office for his signature.

Williamsfield grant extended, others sought

WILLIAMSFIELD – During a short meeting Monday, the Williamsfield School Board heard that one grant has been extended and others are being sought.

Superintendent Tim Farquer said an early childhood grant has been extended through Fiscal Year 2025. Williamsfield previously only had two sections of half-day preschool, but thanks to the grant has 21 students in a full-day pre-school classroom and 15 in a half-day room.

Farquer said he is also working on two other grants. One is a smart-grid grant from the U.S. Department of

Energy with a maximum award of \$50 million. A total of 18 Illinois school districts are on the grant request and are working to replicate Williamsfield’s microgrid approach.

The other grant is a Department of Energy Renew America’s Schools program with a maximum award of \$15 million.

Williamsfield received a \$2.6 million award last year for electric school buses and hopes to have its first converted e-bus on the road before the February school board meeting. Farquer said the new Lion Electric buses are on pace to be de-

livered by Aug. 1.

In other business, the board accepted a letter of resignation from Nicole Foster and approved hiring Heather Shores as a full-time custodian and buildings and grounds worker.

The board also set high school graduation for May 21 at 2 p.m. and passed 2023-24 curricular offerings that mirror those of this year.

Finally, the board OK’d an annual diesel fuel pricing agreement and renewed seven annual memberships, intergovernmental agreements or resolutions.

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Cheri A. Grachek

BRIMFIELD – Cheri Ann Grachek, 44, of Brimfield, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, in Peoria. She was born on May 22, 1978, in Peoria, to Denise Oedewaldt and Robert Lacock.

Cheri is survived by her loving husband, Nicolas Grachek; daughter, Savannah Grachek; mother, Denise (Dean Rabe) Oedewaldt; father, Robert (Michelle) Lacock; mother-in-law, Genie (Lloyd) Hurn; father-in-law, Michael (Roe) Grachek; brother, Robert E. Lacock; sister, Candi (Aaron Cunningham); nephew, Noah Cunningham; and stepsister, Nicole Frank.



Grachek

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Robert and Musetta Lacock, Bruce and Virginia Oedewaldt and Geri Oedewaldt; and an infant sister, Ginny Maria Lacock.

Cheri was a gifted nail technician, and owner of Nails by Cheri. She enjoyed attending her daughter's volleyball matches, watching Lifetime movies and taking trips to Wisconsin. She loved laying around with her cat Dodge and a warm blanket. Cheri will be remembered for her heart of gold, bright smile and larger-than-life personality.

A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, at Davison-Fulton Woodland Chapel in Peoria with a memorial service to follow. Cremation will be accorded following the services. Memorials may be made to the family or to Savannah's education fund.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at Davison-Fulton.com.

Alan P. Hamburg

CHERRY VALLEY – Alan "Al" Paul Hamburg, 71, Cherry Valley, passed away Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, in his home.

He was born in Oceanside, Calif., on March 14, 1951, the son of Paul and Doris (Sahlen) Hamburg. He was a graduate of Winnebago High School Class of 1969. Al received his bachelor of arts degree in machine design technology in 1974, from Bradley University in Peoria.



Hamburg

He spent most of his career as senior test engineer for various aerospace programs at the Sundstrand Corporation's aviation division in Rockford, and later worked for Rolls Royce Gear Systems in Park City, Utah. Al then returned to Hamilton Sundstrand in 2000 and worked there until his retirement.

Al enjoyed his trips to out west, especially to Arco, Idaho, where he grew up and he still had friends there. He was a Star Trek buff and was an avid collector of motorcycles and old cars. He also was a model railroader with his huge Lionel train layout.

He is survived by his sister, Darla (Michael) Kovanda; his niece, Katherine (Ryan) Gallagher; and his nephew, Nicholas (Kelsey Litterer) Kovanda. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Debra Hamburg.

A memorial visitation was Dec. 28, 2022, at Fitzgerald Funeral Home and Crematory in Rockford. Memorials may be made to Rockford Rescue Mission, 715 W. State St. Rockford, IL 61102, or Rock River Valley Pantry, 421 S. Rockton Ave.,

Rockford, IL 61102. Share online condolences at www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

Kim E. Tanner

WEST PEORIA – Kim E. Tanner, 56, of West Peoria, passed away at 7:42 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born Oct. 9, 1966, in Canton, to George and Mable (Shives) Tanner. He married Kathy Hill on July 29, 2000, in Peoria. She survives.

He is also survived by his parents; two stepchildren, Brian (Sarah) Burnett of Peoria Heights, and Joshua (Blake) Burnett of Morton; two brothers, Keith (Deb) Butterfield and Kurt (Sue) Butterfield; three grandchildren, Caleb, Hannah and Jonathan; four nieces and nephews, Angie, Rebecca, Nick and Benjamin; 10 great-nieces and nephews; two dogs, Mojo and Max; and one kitten, Stewie.



Tanner

Kim graduated high school from Spoon River Valley in 1985. While in high school, he enjoyed playing basketball and singing in the choir. He later went to Carl Sandburg and then to Eastern Illinois University, where he graduated in 1990 with his bachelor's degree in philosophy.

He was also an avid fisherman. Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life with food and fellowship will be held at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, at the Yates City Community Center. Memorials may be made to Pets for Seniors.

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BOYS: 'The Alarm Clock' keeps energizing Farmington with dunks

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 than 10,700 views.
 "My coaches call him 'The Alarm Clock,'" Lozier said about Barnes.
 "The game is kind of dull, everybody's quiet, and then somebody will alley-ooop it to him. A lot of them have been coming off fast breaks, but when it happens, it's a roar."
 "His personality is as big as his dunks. He's just a special kid. And the team seems to enjoy it."
 Barnes – an all-tournament pick at Macomb – had 22 points against Havana. Gage Renken had 15.
 Farmington also beat Illinois Valley Central, 58-51, Jan. 7 at Chillicothe.
 Barnes and Logan Morse each had 17 points, and Kyle Litchfield scored 10.
ROWVA-Williamsfield
 Fourth-seeded ROWVA-

Williamsfield beat fifth-seed Brimfield 65-43 Monday at Peoria Christian in the opening round of the ICAC Tournament.
 Graham Wight had 28 points and Lewis Sams scored 21 for the winners as R-W (13-4) broke from an early tie. Sams scored 13 in the second quarter, including three 3-pointers.
 The victory sends the Cougars to a semifinal at 6 tonight (Jan. 12) against top-seed Illini Bluffs, which beat North Fulton 64-18 Monday. Third-place and title games are scheduled for 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, respectively.
 In non-tournament play, R-W improved to 5-1 in the ICAC by defeating Elmwood 58-46 in a comeback Jan. 6 at Billtown. The Cougars trailed 18-9 after eight minutes, but Wight

had eight points and Riley Danner hit two 3s to help stake a 29-23 halftime lead.
 Wight finished with 19 points, Danner with 14 and Sams with 13.
 Another big second quarter Jan. 3 at Oneida helped R-W beat Ridge-wood, 58-50. R-W broke from a two-point first-quarter advantage to lead 36-28 at intermission. Wight had 22 points and Sams scored 16 as R-W improved to 3-1 in the Lincoln Trail.
Brimfield
 Brimfield was in trouble almost from the start of its 65-43 loss Monday night to R-W in the first round of the ICAC tourney.
 Leading scorer Oliver Heinz was injured on the opening tipoff. According to Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson, Heinz was

knocked to the floor and limped until he fouled out in the fourth quarter. Brady Johnson had 10 points to lead the Indians, Connor Doe scored nine and Heinz scored eight.
 The loss sent Brimfield (8-11) to the consolation bracket, where it will face North Fulton at 6 p.m. Friday. Seventh- and fifth-place games are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, respectively.
 Brimfield began the new year by winning two straight – 64-56 on Jan. 7 against Orion and 46-21 on Jan. 6 at North Fulton.
 Against Orion, the Indians gained separation in the second half. Drew Kieser hit three 3-pointers in the third quarter for a 46-41 lead. Johnson scored seven in the fourth quarter. Kieser finished with 22

points to lead four Brimfield players in double figures. Heinz had 15 points, Johnson had 12 and Doe scored 10.
 Heinz scored 18 against North Fulton in a bizarre game. Brimfield led 28-15 before it held North Fulton scoreless in the third quarter, when Heinz had 10 points. Then Brimfield didn't score in the fourth.
Elmwood
 After Elmwood won 13 of its first 14 games, it lost twice in a row.
 Following a defeat against Midland in the title game of the Princeville Holiday Tournament, the Trojans lost an ICAC game Jan. 3 against ROWVA-Williamsfield, 58-46. Brendan Williams had 19 points for Elmwood, which trailed by 10 after three quarters. Zach Howerton scored 11.

Elmwood played Tuesday vs. Delavan in the opening round of the ICAC tourney. Depending on the result, the third-seeded Trojans play tonight or Friday, then again Saturday.
Princeville
 Princeville won its only game last week, 57-50 on Jan. 3 at Stark County.
 The Princes (9-6) trailed 28-21 at halftime, but Parker Melick had 10 points in a pivotal third quarter that ended with his team leading 40-38. Melick scored seven more in the fourth quarter to finish with a game-high 23 points. Jordan Johnson scored 11.
 Princeville kicks into high gear schedule-wise. The Princes were at Ridge-wood Tuesday and play twice this weekend, Friday at Knoxville and Saturday at Roanoke-Benson.

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Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which TV game show features a "Daily Double" to increase potential winnings?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of poisoned fruit does the fairy-tale character Snow White eat and fall into a deep sleep?
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- MONEY: What is the official currency of Nigeria?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs do shrimp have?
- HISTORY: How many states did Alabama Gov. George Wallace win as a third-party candidate in the 1968 presidential primary?
- MEDICAL: What is the common name for the human trachea?
- GAMES: How many suspects are in the board game "Clue"?

Answers

- "Jeopardy."
- Apple.
- Cap'n Crunch.
- Theodore Roosevelt.
- Chewbacca.
- The naira.
- Ten.
- Five.
- Windpipe.
- Six.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13)
- Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG)
- Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13)
- Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance with Somebody (PG-13)
- Babylon (R)
- Violent Night (R)
- The Whale (R)
- The Menu (R)
- The Fabelmans (PG-13)
- Strange World (PG)

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GIRLS: Brimfield on three-game win streak

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Lauren Rushing led Elmwood past Peoria Christian with 18 points on 9-of-11 shooting while Liv Meyers added 12 on 4-for-5 shooting, Melody Glenn scored 10 and Ainsley Faulkner had five assists.

Liv Meyers scored 21 vs. Ridge-wood on 10-for-15 shooting and grabbed 15 rebounds. Rushing scored nine, Glenn six and Faulkner again had five assists.

Liv Meyers scored 19 on 7-for-13 shooting vs. Farmington and she and Rushing combined for 22 rebounds as Elmwood dominated the boards. Andrea Glenn added seven points.

"I think she's found a little better rhythm with her shot," Coach Meyers said of his daughter.

Elmwood has still been spreading the shot attempts, though. Coach Meyers said Melody Glenn averages 12 shots per game while Liv Meyers was at 10 and Lauren Rushing has been attempting 9.

Elmwood was home vs. Illini Bluffs Wednesday and is off until a Jan. 18 trip to Chillicothe IVC.

Brimfield

The Lady Indians (13-5) won at home against Farmington on Monday, 50-31.

Ava Heinz led with 15 points and

Elly Doe added 11 as Brimfield won its third straight. Kierra Johnson also returned after missing two games with an ankle injury.

In the games she missed, Brimfield had two closer-than-expected road wins at ROWVA-Williamsfield on Jan. 5 (37-35) and at Stark County on Saturday (57-47). Coach Josh McKown was happier with the Stark County performance than that at R-W, where Brimfield shot 27 percent.

"We had not played in three days and it showed," he said.

After taking a 13-2 lead, Brimfield struggled to score and needed a big 3-pointer from Doe late to hold on for the win. Doe finished with 13 points and Heinz had 15.

Brimfield upped its shooting percentage closer to 40 percent against Stark County and had 13 assists.

"Our ball movement was the best it's been all year," McKown said.

Four Lady Indians were in double figures at Stark County: Heinz (15), Olivia Kappes (13), Doe (12) and C.J. Troxell 11.

Brimfield faces North Fulton today (Jan. 12) and then plays two games Saturday at Kewanee: vs. Mundelein at 11:30 a.m. and Kewanee at 2:30 p.m. Brimfield also plays Geneseo Monday at 11:30 at Kewanee.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

The Cougars (9-8) topped Stark County on Monday, 29-28, to stop a three-game losing streak in what Coach Michael Weitekamp called a "scrappy physical ballgame."

Carolyn German scored 11 points to lead R-W, which also got nine from Emma Seiboldt.

R-W lost 37-35 to Brimfield at home on Jan. 5 in a game Weitekamp called "an unbelievable bounce-back effort after our worst game of the year." That was a 60-21 loss to Weathersfield on Jan. 4. German scored 11 to lead six R-W players in scoring vs. Brimfield. Maggie Blust added 8 and Avery Rigg had 7.

R-W opens LTC play today (Jan. 12) at United vs. Ridgewood at 6 p.m.

Farmington

The Lady Farmers (3-16) have dropped three straight against tough competition in the past week, falling Monday at Brimfield (50-31) after losses to Tremont (70-42) on Jan. 7 and to Elmwood (51-23) on Jan. 4.

Emily Vallianatos and Kyleigh Miller led with seven points apiece against Brimfield. Anna Weibel scored 15 points against Elmwood.

Farmington is home against Bushnell-Prairie City today (Jan. 12).



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AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

LIVE & ONLINE - WARREN COUNTY, IL



LAND AUCTION

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023 - 10 A.M.

**AUCTION VENUE: Monmouth American Legion
1110 North 11th Street, Monmouth, IL 61462**

98.29 SURVEYED ACRES

The Lampert Trust farm is located 1 mile east of Little York, IL on 260th Ave. in the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Sumner Township (T.12N.-R.3W.), Warren County, IL. The real estate consists of 98.29 surveyed acres and will be sold in one tract that features 94 +/- tillable acres with a PI rating of 131.5.

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LAND AUCTION

Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 - 10 A.M.

**AUCTION VENUE: Abingdon American Legion,
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LAND AUCTION

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023 - 10 A.M.

**AUCTION VENUE: Yates City Community Center
102 West Main Street, Yates City, IL 61572**

162 ACRES (M/L) - 2 TRACTS

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NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; CITY OF PEORIA; Defendants, 22 FC 98

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Princeville rolls into LTC tour-

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

Princeville has won six straight and eight of its last nine games heading into the Lincoln Trail Conference Tournament.

The Lady Princes (13-8) beat West Central on Monday, 55-35, to improve to a perfect 6-0 in LTC play. Destinee Harwood led Princeville with 21 points while Brianna Brodie added 18 and Kinley McGinn chipped in 10.

Despite its hot streak, Princeville is the No. 2 seed behind Annawan in the conference tournament, which opened Wednesday and runs through Jan. 21 at Monmouth United.

Princeville won two games last week, downing Peoria Heights on Jan. 5 (58-42) and rallying to win at Galva (49-43) on Jan. 4.

Harwood had 25 points against Peoria Heights and Brodie had 21, with the pair combining for 27 in the fourth quarter. Harwood scored 22 at Galva, Brodie had 14 and McGinn tallied 7.

Princeville was to play Stark County Wednesday in the LTC tourney and faces Wethersfield Saturday



Anna Webel attempts a shot for Farmington vs. Tremont last Saturday. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

at 2:30 p.m. Games continue Jan. 16, 18, 19 and 21 based on pool play.

Elmwood

Can a team play its best game of the season and still lose? That was a question worth asking after Elmwood (17-4) had a chance to beat visiting Peoria Notre Dame on Monday before falling, 34-31.

Elmwood was down by one with 16 seconds left to the No. 3 team in Class 3A but turned it over on an in-bounds play after a timeout. Notre Dame (16-1) then scored and the Lady Trojans were unable to get off a 3-point attempt.

Going into the game Coach Gregg Meyers was intrigued to see how his team responded to aggressive man-to-man defense after seeing zone from eight straight foes. Obviously, the Trojans handled it well enough.

Liv Meyers continued a hot streak from the field to score 18 points on 7-for-13 shooting and grabbed 14 rebounds. Bre Turner had four assists.

Elmwood posted three lopsided victories last week, topping Peoria Christian on Saturday (54-22), Ridgewood on Jan. 5 (43-24) and Farmington on Jan. 4 (51-23).

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Farmers dunking off to Bloomington

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

Following a highlight-reel dunk and two victories, the Farmington boys basketball team is in store for a busy weekend.

The Farmers (12-4) travel to Bloomington over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday for three games in the Central Catholic Shootout. They are to play at 11 a.m. Saturday against the host team, which last week was on the cusp of joining the Class 2A top-10 rankings.

Another game Saturday, at 4 p.m., pits Farmington against Quincy Notre Dame, a perennial small-school power. Central Catholic and QND both lost competitive games last weekend in the Highland Shootout.

The final game for Farmington is 12:30 p.m. Monday, against Class 3A Champaign Central. Farmington Coach Marty Lozier said the tough MLK schedule is by design, an attempt

to prepare his team for Class 2A state-tournament play.

Farmington prepared for the weekend by playing Tuesday at Bushnell-Prairie City and by renewing its rivalry with Canton for the first time in about a decade, according to Lozier. The two played Wednesday in Canton.

Lozier said the Canton series is a two-year deal, with the Little Giants playing next season at Farmington.

A 57-48 home victory Jan. 3 over Havana might have provided one of the top moments of this Farmington season so far. Midway through the second quarter, 6-foot-6 junior Keauntrey Barnes leaped to one-hand a fast-break pass and dunked it in the same motion.

The crowd went wild. Video of the dunk went viral on Twitter. As of Monday, a tweet of the video had received more
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