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Supreme Court stays cash bail provisions statewide

By **JERRY NOWICKI**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A Kankakee County judge ruled Wednesday, Dec. 28, that lawmakers overreached their constitutional authority in passing a measure to abolish cash bail in Illinois, while other provisions in the wide-ranging SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform were not affected by the ruling.

The ruling by Judge Thomas W. Cunnington initially left the impending cash bail reform in

limbo in at least 64 of Illinois' 102 counties that had joined the consolidated lawsuit ahead of the reform's scheduled Jan. 1 implementation.

A Dec. 31 order from the Illinois Supreme Court, however, stayed the cash bail provisions' implementation for all 102 counties until the court could rule on an appeal to the case on an expedited but indefinite timeline. The ruling prevented an uneven application of pretrial practices, as many counties had

planned to forge ahead with cash bail changes until the order was issued.

Local counties involved with the lawsuit include Knox and Fulton. Peoria and Marshall counties had also indicated they would implement the new bail reform measures.

"(On Dec. 28) the Pretrial Fairness Act was declared unconstitutional. Although Peoria County did not participate in this ruling, we are required to follow it," Peoria County State's Attorney

Jodi Hoos said in a press release. "When a statute is unconstitutional, the statute becomes invalid and has no force or effect on anyone. As a result, and until the Illinois Supreme Court provides further clarification, we will abide by this ruling and not implement the new bail reform."

Neither Cunnington's ruling nor the Supreme Court order invalidated other provisions of the SAFE-T Act that had already taken effect, such as reforms to police officer training and certi-

fication standards and police body camera requirements.

Cunnington wrote in a 36-page decision that the cash bail provisions effectively and improperly amended a section of the state's constitution that states "all persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties," except in a few specific circumstances.

He also wrote that ending cash bail is an improper overreach by lawmakers, who have no constitutional authority to govern the

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COMMUNITY SUPPORTS FAMILY

Elmwood steps up for fire victims

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – New Year's Eve celebrations quickly turned to anguish for John Mumma and his family last weekend. While ringing in the New Year with family in West Peoria, Mumma got a call that his house in Elmwood was on fire.

But while the fire has displaced the family of five from their residence at 307 N. Lilac St., Mumma said community response to their plight has been "amazing."

"The people that have come out of the woodwork is unreal," Mumma said. "They've offered everything from toothbrushes to furniture and appliances and games for the kids."

The outpouring of support continued Monday when the Mummas reopened



A fire at 307 N. Lilac St. in Elmwood on New Year's Eve was started by a faulty commercial wood-burner in the back of the house. Photo courtesy of John Mumma.

their Elmwood eatery, Toot's Treats.

"I have never seen that place so packed in my life," Mumma said. "They literally ran us out of everything. They completely emptied us. We sold more (Monday) than we usually do in two weeks."

Community response has helped ease what has been a very difficult few days for the Mummas.

The Elmwood Fire Department was called to the Mumma residence at about 7:04 p.m. on Dec. 31 because of an out-of-control commercial wood burner used to heat a house. Duct work from the burner carried fire and smoke into the house, according to Elmwood Fire Department Chief Bob Tannock.

Mumma said a blower motor on the

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Interest rates not hurting land prices

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

As the cold, post-holiday reality of winter arrives, land auction season is ready to get hot. And while interest rates doubled in 2022, land prices have still increased.

In fact, on Dec. 20, Murray Wise Associates auctioned a farm that is believed to have generated the highest sales price ever in Henry County. A 38-acre parcel of high-quality soils located just southwest of Kewanee sold for \$21,100 per acre and a 9-acre tract sold for \$18,100 per acre.

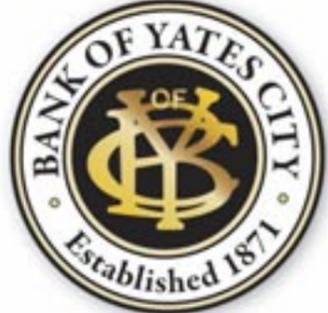
While that pales in comparison to the \$30,000-per-acre price tag from a Nov. 11 auction in Iowa for 73.19 acres, it does underline a market trend that has seen land prices increase by an estimated 42 percent since 2020. During the first half of 2022, farmland prices rose by 18 percent across Illinois and many expected that to stagnate. If the Henry County sale is any indication, that does not appear to be happening.

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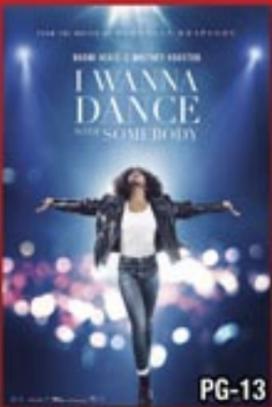
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LAND: Outside investors attracted to Illinois

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“We had a good mix of farmers and investors. Farmers were a major factor in this auction because it makes sense to purchase this and integrate it into their existing operations,” said Liz Strom, a Toulon native who is a vice president at Murray Wise.

On the same day it conducted the \$21,100 sale, Murray Wise auctioned a 78-acre Grundy County farm for \$16,200 per acre. That land had average soils for the area, but also had an existing lease for a wind turbine.

“That we were able to have two sales of such success in different locations and dissimilar farms just goes to show how strong the market is holding up in the face of higher interest rates,” said Eric Sarff, President of Murray Wise. “We had 25 and 32 bidders registered for each auction respectively and of those

we had 12 bidders place bids during the auctions with farmers and investors alike participating.”

Van Adkisson of Roseville has also seen prices remain strong at the auctions he has conducted, including a \$20,200 price tag for a 47-acre tract sold Nov. 18 in Warren County, northwest of Roseville.

“I don’t think we’ve seen the interest rates impact the Class A land, but I think it has started to affect the lower-class lands,” said Adkisson, who classifies Class A land as having a productivity index over 138.

Adkisson said commodity prices have remained high enough to stabilize land values and to attract investors from other parts of the country.

Adkisson, who has been selling farms for 49 years, said his best recent sale was \$20,750 per acre for a 77.9-acre parcel located between Galesburg and Monmouth that sold

on Sept. 2. The ground had a PI of 146.3.

“That got the attention of some outside investors and we sold it to a guy with farming interests in California, Arkansas and Illinois,” Adkisson said. “We’re seeing the strongest per-acre prices we’ve ever seen and we’re seeing more outside interest. I think that’s due a lot to the technology we use to market these properties online and that sort of thing.”

Adkisson said the interest being shown by outside investors could help minimize any expected price correction for Class A farmland.

“The commodity prices are a big part of it and there is not a lot of money being borrowed,” Adkisson said. “I think if we do have a correction, we’re not going to see a real radical one.”

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- **Bingo Night** – St. Mary's of Kickapoo has Bingo Night Saturday, Jan. 7. Doors open 6 p.m., games 7-10. \$10 per card. Music played will be from the 1970s to the 1990s. Ages 21 and over only.
- **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.
- **Sew In** – Prairie Quilters of Central Illinois has a free "Sew In" Jan. 11-13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood. All skill levels welcome.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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

- **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.
- **Food Pantry** – Christ Alive Church in Kickapoo will open its food pantry the first and third Monday each month from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Toddler Time** – Morrison and Mary Wiley Library toddler time is Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m.
- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays, 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4. Classes also on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville's Lillie M. Evans Library.

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- **Interactive Movie** – Princeville's Lillie M. Evans Library has Interactive Family Movie Night Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. "Frozen" will be shown.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Manna Meal** – The monthly Manna Meal is the last Thursday of each month at Elmwood United Methodist Church at noon. Bring table service. Meals \$6.
- **Library Outreach** – Farmington Area Public Library outreach to Hanna City on the last Monday of each month, 10-11 a.m. at Hanna City Community Center.

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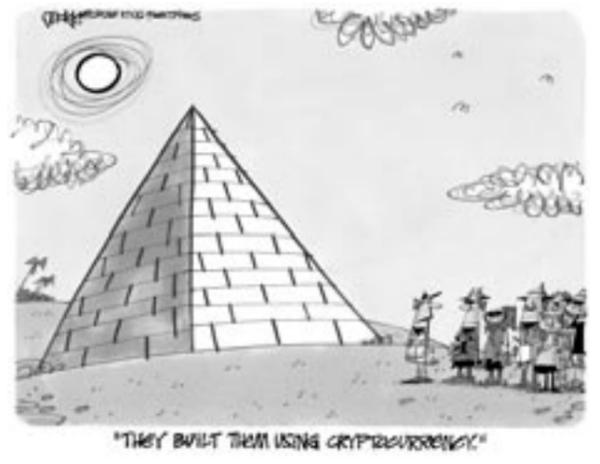
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NON CONSIDERED A "THREAT TO DEMOCRACY"



It's never too late to show some kindness

The future is easily predictable, especially if you have access to a photocopier and a fax machine.

At least that was the successful business plan of a central Illinois neighbor who, for decades, maintained she had received the "gift" of clairvoyance after surviving a lightning strike. Once word of her talent spread, our one-stoplight, no-railroad town became a hub for people "who needed to know."

Two consequences of this human tide quickly became apparent. First, there was no end to it; wave after wave of answer-seekers came day after day and year after year until the neighbor died. Second, people often mistook our house for hers — identical house numbers, one street apart — and, for years, pushed our doorbell 24/7 instead of hers.

The crush was, in fact, so large — and here's where the photocopier and fax come in — that clients who called for appointments were instructed to photocopy their palms and fax them to her office. Later, she telephoned the senders to "read" these prints for, reportedly, \$20, cash or credit.

Were her predictions accurate? My guess is that accuracy wasn't why people consulted her. Most, I came to surmise as I watched the parade of clients come and go, just wanted answers — any answer really — to their problems and, for \$20, cash or credit, she gave 'em one.

I know what you're thinking: Scam, right?

I thought the same for years, especially after answering another 2 a.m. doorbell ring. But I was wrong. What the neighbor actually sold to all those people over all those years was comfort. She wasn't a trained counselor or licensed social worker, but she understood what people were really seeking in seeking her out.

The key to that comfort-giving was something that cost nothing: kindness. Either in person or by telephone, my neighborhood clairvoyant listened to peoples' woes and worries before kindly offering her views and, I guess, visions. Moreover, I never heard any complaints about her abilities, advice, or fees.

In fact, another neighbor, the town's longtime police chief, believed "there's something to her" after she correctly advised him on a missing-persons case he had not asked her about.

"Hey," he told me in a solemn tone, "I don't understand it but I do understand why people go to her." In all our years as neighbors, however, I only had two, very brief dealings with her. Once, when raking leaves near the street we shared, her long, blue Cadillac DeVille glided to a stop and the front passenger window (she never drove) lowered in a steady electric whir. "This house speaks to me," she announced and, after barely pausing, the window whirred to a close and off she was driven.

I would like to have known what my house had to say but, alas, she either didn't have time or I hadn't

forked over a Jackson quickly enough so off she glided.

The second time — and while I didn't know it, perhaps she did — the last time we spoke, I was again raking leaves when I looked up to see her walking toward me. In the nearly 20 years we had been neighbors, I had never seen her walk, so I was momentarily struck silent.

Even more odd was that her trademark, beehived hair was wrapped in what appeared to be an acre of gauze. Everything about her said "swami."

"I wanted to thank your lovely wife for the jam she dropped by," said the swami in a steady voice. "It was absolutely delicious."

I'll tell her, I stammered while staring at the gauze. Are you well? I asked.

"Oh," she said, "no worries. I had a bit of brain surgery this week."

She then pivoted and slowly returned the way she had come.

Did she say brain surgery? Later, when I tracked down my lovely spouse to report the rare, strange conversation, Catherine's only response was "That's odd, I took her the jelly last Christmas," 10 months earlier.

The tardiness of the "thank you" is odd?

But, in fact, it's never too late for kindness — even at this very late date.

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Uncertain energy market lingers for 2023

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

Nationwide, diesel and gasoline prices have dropped from November into December, offering consumers some relief. But prices are still up \$1.29 per gallon for diesel and 5 cents for gasoline compared to the first week of December compared to last year. So what can consumers expect through the month and into next year?

"We expect the combination of a slight contraction in the U.S. economy and refinery maximization of distillate fuel production will reduce distillate prices," EIA noted in a short-term energy outlook. "However, the EU's ban on seaborne imports of petroleum products from Russia creates supply and price uncertainty to distillate markets in early 2023."

The markets also must contend with a decision by OPEC to maintain crude-oil output cuts of 2 million barrels per day, or about 2 percent of world demand.

The purpose of the move is to boost the global price of oil, which has fallen recently on fears of demand weakness, particularly in China, according to AAA—the Auto Club Group.

"Gas prices are dropping sharply and are only a nickel more per gallon than a year ago," said Molly Hart, AAA spokesperson.

"But, with oil being the main ingredient of gasoline, OPEC's move could slow this decline. However, the gas price will likely soon be lower than it was a year ago."

EIA projects global oil inventories could decline by 200,000 barrels per day the first half of 2023 before rising nearly 700,000 barrels per day the second half of the year. That would leave global oil inventories higher at the end of 2023 than previously projected.

Winter expenses rise

The projection of higher winter heating demand mixed with tight supplies of some fuels could boost the cost for U.S. citizens to heat their homes and businesses this winter, along with other electrical needs.

"Winter energy expenditures for most households likely will be higher than last winter. Expenditures could be much higher if the weather is very cold," EIA noted in its winter fuels outlook.

EIA estimates winter expenditures could rise by an average of 28 percent for natural gas, 27 percent for heating oil, 10 percent for electricity and 5 percent for propane this season compared to last year. Total winter expenditures account for all costs, not just home heating, from October through March.

"We expect natural gas prices to increase from November levels as a result of both higher winter natural gas demand and rising exports," EIA reported in its short-term outlook. "We expect natural gas prices will begin declining after January as U.S. storage

levels move closer to the previous five-year average."

The highest projected electricity prices for this winter are in New England, because of capacity constraints on pipelines delivering natural gas into that region.

Nationwide, almost 90 percent of homes are primarily heated with natural gas. The use of heating oil and propane is regionally concentrated.

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Minor chlorine leak at Princeville water plant

• **PRINCEVILLE** – The Princeville village water-treatment plant was the site of a minor chlorine-gas leak last week, according to authorities.

The leak was reported shortly before 11:30 a.m. Dec. 29 in a structure between the main plant and the Village Hall, according to Jeff Troutman, first assistant chief of the Akron-Princeville Fire Protection District. Troutman also is the Princeville village president.

An employee at the water-treatment plant walked past the structure and heard hissing, Troutman said. The noise was from a leaking chlorine-gas cylinder. The employee was unable to stop the leak. The Peoria Fire Department hazardous-materials team was summoned to cap it.

Local firefighters closed a nearby intersection and set up an emergency decontamination area in case it was needed, according to Troutman. He estimated the capacity of the cylinder at less than 40 gallons.

“A lot more time went into getting ready to go in and shut it off than the actual shutoff,” Troutman said. “If it would have ruptured and released the entire contents, by the time we got up there it all would have been over with. It wasn’t a 500-gallon tank sitting there.

“If you were standing within 50 yards of it, you never would have known it was leaking.”

The village employee who discovered the leak inhaled some of the gas, according to Troutman. The employee was treated at a hospital and released. Troutman attributed the leak to a malfunctioning heater that caused washers around the tank fitting to melt.

Police reports

• **KICKAPOO** – A traffic stop near Kickapoo resulted in the arrest of a Wyoming, Ill., man accused of multiple illicit-drugs offenses.

Carl P. Porter, 45, was transported to the Peoria County Jail following the stop, which took place about 1:30 a.m. Dec. 22 in the 7000 block of N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd.

According to the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office, Porter did not use a turn signal when the 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix he was driving left the Freedom Oil station at Interstate 74 and Kickapoo-Edwards Road. A license-plate light also was not functioning.

Inside the vehicle, deputies found two bags of methamphetamine, two suspected ecstasy pills, two glass smoking pipes, two scales and a packet of cannabis, the report stated.

Porter was charged with meth possession, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a malfunctioning registration light. He also was wanted in Fulton, Logan and Tazewell counties.

Of three passengers in the vehicle, two were questioned and released. Charges against the third passenger, a 26-year-old woman, were pending based on Illinois State Police testing of the suspected ecstasy pills.

• **FARMINGTON** – A rural-Farmington residence sustained about \$5,000 in damage after a Lacon man drove into it, according to authorities.

The incident happened about 2:45 a.m. Dec. 22 in the 22200 block of W. Smithville Rd. According to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report, the driver, 20-year-old Peyton G. Cordes, was found walking in the 400 block of S. Cramer Rd., almost 3 miles north of the accident site.

Cordes said he had been to a Peoria bar, then drove to a friend’s house

and was driving home when the accident happened. Cordes called his mother, then his cellphone died and he began to walk because he was scared, the report stated.

The vehicle, a 2013 Chevrolet Impala, traveled through the intersection at Cramer and Smithville roads, through a yard, broke a plastic snow fence and struck the northwest exterior wall of a house. The house was unoccupied. The vehicle sustained damage to its hood, grille and front bumper.

Cordes was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, leaving the scene of an accident and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• **CHILLICOTHE** – An Edelstein woman was uninjured following a single-vehicle accident southwest of Chillicothe.

Kelsey A. Wakeland was driving a 2015 Mitsubishi Outlander around 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 26 in the 15100 block of N. Old Galena Rd. when the northbound vehicle hit black ice and went off the roadway, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

The vehicle struck a mailbox and continued into a ditch about 50 feet north. The driver’s-side front bumper was damaged and undercarriage pieces were broken.

• **EDWARDS** – A Peoria female was transported to a hospital following a single-vehicle accident east of Edwards.

About 6 p.m. Dec. 25, Savannah E. Bushman was driving a 2002 Honda CRV west in the 10900 block of Illinois Route 8 when the vehicle hit black ice, fishtailed, struck a power pole, rolled multiple times and came to rest on its side about 50 yards off the pavement, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

Bushman was taken to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, where she was treated for minor injuries. The vehicle was towed.

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• **OAK HILL** – A single-vehicle accident east of Oak Hill resulted in no reported injuries but more than \$1,500 in damage.

Shortly after 1 p.m. Dec. 24, Christopher W. Moushon of East Peoria was driving a 2019 Ford Transit van in the 6200 block of N. Eden Rd. when the northbound vehicle traveled around a corner into an area covered with snow and slush.

Moushon lost control of the vehicle, which slid into a ditch and rolled onto its right side, per a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Moushon declined medical treatment, but his vehicle was towed.

• **KICKAPOO** – A two-vehicle accident east of Kickapoo resulted in a minor injury to one of the drivers.

About 12:30 p.m. Dec. 17, Michael L. Stegmaier of Brimfield was driving a 2011 Lincoln Continental MKZ east on U.S. Route 150 at Ford Road when the vehicle rear-ended a 2020 Jeep Gladiator driven by Russell A. Clark of Elmwood, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Stegmaier said he was distracted by thinking about family issues and failed to notice Clark's vehicle had slowed to turn. Stegmaier sustained a bloody nose and was transported to UnityPoint Health-Proctor in Peoria. His vehicle was towed.

• **BARTONVILLE** – A Trivoli man was cited in a two-vehicle accident in Limestone Township.

About 8:30 p.m. Dec. 7, Joel A. Cooper, 37, was driving a 2004 Toyota Prius south on Cameron Lane near Johnson Farm Road when it rear-ended a 2005 Buick sedan driven by Laura S. McCabe, 41, of

Peoria. Her vehicle rolled about 75 feet into a ditch, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

McCabe said she stopped to turn east into a driveway and Cooper said he was distracted by changing the radio station in his vehicle, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Both drivers refused medical treatment. Both vehicles were towed.

Cooper received a citation for failure to reduce speed. McCabe received citations for driving on a revoked license and for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A traffic stop in October in Princeville resulted in the arrest of a woman wanted for methamphetamine possession.

Deanna L. Fauser, 60, of Princeville was pulled over about 11 a.m. Oct. 12 for not using a turn signal, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report filed recently. A deputy discovered Fauser was wanted in Tazewell County.

Fauser also was cited for failure to signal, driving with a revoked license and operating a vehicle that had a suspended registration. According to Peoria County records, the revoked-license charge was reduced to time already served. The other two charges were dismissed.

In Tazewell County, Fauser was sentenced to 180 days in jail. She was released Dec. 3, according to the Tazewell County Circuit Clerk's Office.

• **KICKAPOO** – At 4 p.m. Dec. 12, Carolyn M. Sobieski, 32, of Brimfield was driving a 2015 Toyota RV4 west on Interstate 74 near Kickapoo-Edwards Road when the ve-

hicle struck a deer. Sobieski reported no injuries but the deer was killed, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle sustained front-end damage.

• **VICTORIA** – About 6:45 a.m. Dec. 11, Samuel R. Cain, 57, of Dahinda was driving a 2022 GMC Terrain south in the 2100 block of Knox Highway 15 near Victoria when the sport-utility vehicle struck a deer. Cain was uninjured, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The SUV sustained more than \$1,500 in damage and was towed.

• **DAHINDA** – Shortly after 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5, James W. Segersten, 61, of Dahinda was driving a 2016 Toyota Highlander west in the 1800 block of U.S. Route 150 when the sport-utility vehicle struck a deer. The SUV's passenger-side front bumper was damaged, a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated. No injuries were reported.

• **EDWARDS** – Eric C. Cuevas, 49, of Edwards was arrested about 10 a.m. Dec. 27 and accused of driving under the influence of alcohol, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **TRIVOLI** – Erick C. Luncsford, 32, of Trivoli was arrested about 11:45 p.m. Dec. 21 and was held on a Fulton County warrant for failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Justin J. Juarez, 32, of Princeville was arrested about 11:30 a.m. Dec. 21 and accused of unlawful use of a credit or debit card and disorderly conduct, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.






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BAIL: State will appeal to Supreme Court

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The constitution also specifically mentions bail in a section on victims’ rights, when it states victims have a right “to have the safety of the victim and the victim’s family considered in denying or fixing the amount of bail.” Cunnington found that eliminating bail prevents courts from “effectuating the constitutionally mandated safety of the victims and their families.”

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said in a news release the state will appeal the decision directly to

the state Supreme Court. That appeal was filed Dec. 30.

“Most of the SAFE-T Act’s provisions have been in effect for more than a year, and regardless of today’s circuit court decision, all parts of the SAFE-T Act, including the pretrial release portions addressed in the court’s decision, will go into effect Jan 1,” Raoul said. “For instance, the right of individuals awaiting criminal trials – people who have not been convicted of a crime and are presumed innocent – to seek release from jail without having to pay cash bail will go into effect in a few short days, despite the court’s ruling against those provisions.”

Cunnington rejected other arguments by the dozens of state’s attor-

neys that centered on the legislative process, namely that the bill was not given a proper hearing and violated the “single subject” rule. Court precedent holds that as long as the House speaker and Senate president certify that a bill is properly passed, courts have no standing to intervene, he wrote.

The Supreme Court’s Dec. 31 order also noted the clerk of the Supreme Court is “directed to contact the parties and coordinate an expedited process for this appeal.”

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FIRE: Firefighters rescued two dogs from home

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Matt Goedecke assumed command at the scene and instructed crews to put out the wood burner, located at the back of the house, where thick smoke and fire were first spotted.

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and Brimfield fire protection districts then arrived and assisted Elmwood in making forceable entry into the home, according to Tannock. Crews also rescued the Mummas’ two dogs, Gunner and Bullet.

“We got a phone call asking if there was anybody or any pets in the house,” Mumma said. “I said the dogs were in there and then I heard a big bang and they kicked the front door in and they had the dogs out before they started on the fire.”

The fire appeared limited to the basement, but floor-

to-ceiling smoke elsewhere was heavy. Smoke damage was significant but structural damage was minimal, according to Tannock. Mumma said the fire “took all the plumbing and wiring.”

Initial damage estimates were placed at \$20,000 to \$30,000 according to authorities.

Firefighters were at the scene for about two hours. The Mummas declined American Red Cross assistance.

“The firefighters and EMTs do not get enough credit for what they do,” Mumma said.

Mumma, his wife, Kindra, and their three children have been staying with a family member since the fire but have also been offered use of a neighbor’s apartment.

“People have just stepped up and the community is so loving,” Mumma said.

A friend, Carly Turner, has also established a GoFundMe page that through Tuesday had generated 43 donations worth \$3,865.

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The Illinois National Guard will celebrate its 300th year by commemorating significant dates in its history with communities across the state.

“We are uniquely tied to the Land of Lincoln,” said Maj. Gen. Rich Neely, the adjutant general of Illinois and commander of the Illinois National Guard.

Even before Illinois became a state, these communities gathered for the common defense forming what would become today’s Illinois National Guard.

“Abraham Lincoln himself served in our ranks during the Black Hawk War years before he would serve as our commander in chief during the Civil War,” Neely said.

According to Lincoln, being elected captain in the Illinois Militia was “a success which gave me more pleasure than any I have had since.”

“We are still developing leaders among the sons and daughters of Illinois. Our soldiers and airmen learn to be part of something larger than themselves. They learn to be part of a team. They learn about selfless service, commitment, discipline, and integrity,” Neely said.

In Illinois, Governor JB Pritzker is the commander in chief of the Illinois National Guard, but when placed on federal orders, President Joe Biden becomes the commander in chief as he is for the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Space Force.

No matter who is the commander in chief, the history of the Illinois National Guard is part of the histories of the cities, towns and villages of Illinois.

For example, the history of the south side of Chicago is intertwined with the history of the “Fighting” 8th Infantry Regiment, which fought overseas in three wars. The small central Illinois town of Cerro Gordo got its name from Illinois National Guard Soldiers returning from the battle of Cerro Gordo in the Mexican-American War.

Lt. Marcellus Jones from the St. Charles-based 8th Cavalry Regiment fired the first shot at Gettysburg in the Civil War. The 106th Cavalry, based in Kewanee, rescued King Leopold of Belgium and his family in World War II. Units from across Illinois responded to communities all along the Mississippi during the Great Flood of 1993. Those are some of many examples of service by the National Guard.

“The motto of the National Guard is ‘Always Ready, Always There,’ but to remain always ready as we have for the last 300 years, we need to interest people in National Guard service,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Dena Ballowe. “Of course, there is the 100 percent tuition waiver at any state college or university. This is a benefit that is unique to Illinois – one that many other states do not offer.”



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Music is your own experience, your own thoughts, your wisdom. If you don't live it, it won't come out of your horn.
— Charlie Parker

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OBITUARIES

Robert L. Cox
PRINCEVILLE – Robert Lee Cox, 82, of Princeville passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born on June 23, 1940, in Arenzville, Ill., to Robert and Catherine (Clasing) Cox. He married Dolores Jennie (Mangold) Cox on Nov. 19, 1966, in Peoria. She preceded him in death on Sept. 30, 2022. He was also preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Gracie (Cox) Freeman.



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Surviving are three children, Gregory Allen Cox, Bradley Allen Cox and Theresa Lynn (Cox) Holshouser; his grandchildren, Kaitlynn (Holshouser) Geiger, Anthony Holshouser, Brittany Holshouser, Brody Cox, Logan Cox, Jacob Cox and Braden Cox; two great-grandchildren, Tyler Geiger and Travis Geiger; and two sisters, Karen (Cox) Ruse of Edelstein and Janice (Cox) Kendall of Dunlap.

Robert graduated from Dunlap High School and worked at the Rock Island Railroad and retired from Alcoa.

He dearly loved his wife of almost 56 years, his family, and anything to do with the family farm, with a passion for gardening.

A visitation was Jan. 3, 2023, at Davison-Fulton Woolsey-Wilton Funeral Home in Peoria. A graveside service was to be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, at Prospect Cemetery in Dunlap. The Rev Jack Thompson was to officiate.

Memorials may be made to Dunlap Gives Back c/o Dunlap School District, 400 S. Fourth St., Dunlap, IL 61525. Words of comfort can be shared with the family at www.woolsey-wilton.com.

Jackie E. Craig

ELMWOOD – Jackie “Jack” E. Craig, 87, of Elmwood, passed away at 5:36 a.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born Sept. 19, 1935, in Galesburg, Ill., to Charles “Lester” and Matilda (Windish) Craig. He married Jean Yarde on Aug. 19, 1961, in Nauvoo, Ill. She survives.

He is also survived by one son, Drew (Donna) Craig of Dunlap; three grandchildren, Brendon (Danielle) Craig, Alex Wilson and Made-

line Craig; two great-grandchildren, Charlie and Livia Craig; and nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Charles “Walter” Craig and Donald Craig. Jack was a veteran of the United States Army.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to BYE Ambulance.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

Michelle A. Dickerson

PRINCEVILLE – Michelle Ann “Shelly” Dickerson, 50, of Peoria, formerly of Princeville, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022. Michelle was born on April 30, 1972, in Peoria, the daughter of Dianna Presseller and Walter Dickerson.

Michelle is survived by her mother, Dianna Presseller of Chillicothe; father, Walter (Carol) Dickerson of Princeville; grandmother, Theila Begner of Princeville; grandmother, Jean Dickerson of



Dickerson

Kentucky; three children, Dustin (Maddisyn) Frisby of Princeville, Nicholas (Jaclyn) Connolly of Princeville, Amber (Matthew) Longcor of Princeville; five grandchildren, Karson, Tinsley and Blake Connolly, and Wyatt and Everleigh Longcor; nine siblings, Jonathan (Tricia) Presseller of Milford, Mich., Daniel Sobota of Deland, Fla., Stacy Mueller of Princeville, Candice Moore of Toulon, Levi Dickerson of Decatur, Ala., Farrah Garretts of Laura, Fawna Gilam of Morton, Carrie Bennett of Peoria and Crystal Oliver of North Carolina; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Michelle was preceded in death by her stepfather, Paul Presseller; uncle, Pete Begner; and grandfather, Walt Dickerson.

Michelle was known for her fun and loving personality, as well as her big heart. Michelle loved to interact and take care of children of all ages. Michelle, in her free time, loved to make jewelry, as well as visit family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on her birthday, Sunday, April 30,

2023. Details of the celebration will be shared at a later time. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Whitney's Walk for Life. Condolences may be left for Michelle's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Marvin C. Eberle

CHILLICOTHE – Marvin Carl Eberle, 76, of Chillicothe, formerly of Wyoming, Ill., passed away peacefully at 12:38 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria with his wife, Sharon, and their children by his side. Marvin was born on Feb. 6, 1946, in Princeville to William R. and Marie (Eggl) Eberle. He married Sharon DeWolfe on March 2, 1968, in Peoria; she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lisa (Aaron) Robbins of Chillicothe and Jill (Kyle) Eisenbarth of Chillicothe; one son, Scott (Jennifer) Eberle of Edelstein; five grandchildren, Collin and Jay Eisenbarth, Nathan Robbins, Chase



Eberle

and Macy Eberle; two brothers, Ronnie Eberle of Sparland and Larry (Marge) Eberle of Henry; one sister, Carol (John) Ganey of Luverne, Ala.; and sister-in-law, Betty DeWolfe of Wyoming. He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Orville Eberle; sister-in-law, Sue Eberle; and brother-in-law, John DeWolfe.

Marv was quick to share his fun and generous nature, which led to many friendships. He cherished his Apostolic Christian Church family, his Fort Sam Army buddies, his Fort Myers Beach friends, and countless others. He was a lifelong farmer and taught his kids and grandkids the value of hard work. He graduated from Wyoming High School Class of 1964.

Marv was a United States Army veteran. He was drafted into the Army and served as a medic in the 46th Surgical Hospital in Germany during the Vietnam era from 1965-67. He served on the Valley Grade School Board of Education.

As a four-time cancer survivor he took part in cutting-edge research studies for malignant melanoma.

Marv loved being a dad and

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OBITUARIES

Diane L. Endress

PRINCEVILLE – Diane L. Endress, 67, of Princeville, passed away at 10:34 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2022, at her residence. Diane was born on Aug. 24, 1955, in Peoria, the daughter Earl and Eileen (Thirsten) Brandenburg.

Surviving is one daughter, Britany Endress of Kewanee; one son, Brandon (Amber) Troxell of Kewanee; six grandchildren, Tristan, Alexis, Keenan, Logan, Cole and Brenton; one sister, Cindy (Gary) Byrne of Inverness; one brother, Denny (Donna) Brandenburg of Princeville; and former spouse, Keith Endress of Galva. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Diane had one of the biggest hearts. She enjoyed helping others who were in need or unable to care for themselves. She worked as a home health care aid for many years. When she was younger, she loved cooking and gardening, and always had a well-kept home.

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Condolences for Diane's family may be left at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Mark A. Hamburg

CHERRY VALLEY – Mark 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.

He spent most of his career as senior test engineer for various aerospace programs at Sundstrand Corporation, 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.



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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 Av., Rockford, IL 61102.

Share online condolences at www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

Coleen M. Nieders

ELMWOOD – Coleen M. Nieders, 62, of Elmwood, passed away at 10:16 a.m., on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, at St. Mary's Hospital in Galesburg, Ill.

She was born Jan. 24, 1960, in Peoria, to Donald and June (Sollenberger) Ekena. She married Dennis Nieders on Aug. 26, 1989, in Elmwood at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He survives.

She is also survived by two children, Jared (Molly) Nieders of Fairview and Taylor (Jake Warner) Garrett of Pekin; one brother, Scott (Jessica) Ekena; and two grandchildren, Bennett and Monroe Nieders.

She is preceded in death by her father; and one brother, Greg Ekena.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held from 3-7 p.m., on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, at the Banquet Hall in Elmwood.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Joan E. Schmitt

EDWARDS – Joan E. Schmitt, 89, of Edwards, passed away on Dec. 19, 2022, at her residence. Joan was born on Dec. 11, 1933, in Princeville to Michael and Zelma (Bouton) Noonon. She married Richard "Dick" Schmitt on Aug. 11, 1956, in Peoria; he survives.

Also surviving is one son, John Schmitt of Edwards; three daughters, Nancy (Bill) Foreman of Edwards, Barb Kelch of Edwards and Jane (Greg) Gudat of Brimfield; seven grandchildren, Melissa (Monte) Kenney, Josh Foreman, Katie (Tom) Schnake, Doug (Ashley Strauch) Kelch, Kayla (Steffen) Casey, Nicki (Kyle) Peckmann and Tyler Gudat; six great-grandchildren, Ethan, Ty, Brody, Eli, Nate and Molly; and one sister, Marilyn Dell of Peoria.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, who passed at birth; two sons, Rick Schmitt Jr. and Al Schmitt; a son-in-law, Kenny Kelch; three sisters, Dorie Cramer, Nancy Schaub and Carol Hanley; and two brothers, Sonny Noonon and Bill Noonon.

Joan worked in the accounts-payable department at Caterpillar for 40 years, until she retired in 1996. She enjoyed raising her



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Schmitt

family, gambling at the riverboat and solving crossword puzzles. Joan also liked bowling and golfing, in which she was a member of many different leagues. She loved traveling, especially to Minnesota for fishing trips for over 50 years.

Her funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kickapoo. Father James Pankiewicz will preside. Visitation will be one hour prior to the mass, also at the church. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Kickapoo.

Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services, Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or Brimfield Fire Department.

To leave online condolences on Joan's tribute wall visit www.haskellfuneral.com.

Elaine Siebenthal

EDWARDS – Elaine Siebenthal, 95, of Edwards, passed away at 9:51 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022, at her daughter's home in Brimfield.

Elaine was born on Nov. 13, 1927, in Muskogee, Okla., to parents Donald and Blanche (Beadles) McCumber. She married Benjamin "Ben" L. Siebenthal on June 30, 1945, in Peoria. He preceded her in death on Nov. 13, 2022. They were married 77½ years.

Surviving are one daughter, Nancy (Jerry) Weaver of Brimfield; four grandchildren, Shelley Cagwin of Brimfield, Jenny (Jared) Schlipf of Brimfield, Matt Weaver of Peoria and Jeff (Tara) Weaver of Brimfield; 11 great-grandchildren, Kylie and Ella Cagwin, Kenzie (Austin) Sims, Kaden, Caleb and Colton Schlipf, Tyler and Brynna Weaver, and Corbin, Cane and Cray Weaver; one great-great grandson, Baylor Sims; one brother, Joe (Ann) McCumber of Peoria; and many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Ron Siebenthal; one sister, Elizabeth Hummel; and four brothers, John, Jim, Jack and Billy McCumber.

She was a member of the University United Methodist Church. Elaine was active in the Corner Closet consignment shop at her church. Elaine enjoyed being involved in her grandchildren's lives and all their many activities.

The family would like to thank UnityPoint Hospice for their excellent care. The family would also like to give a special thanks for their caregivers JoElle Knobloch, Chloe Lane, Kylie Cagwin and many other caring staff.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Easter Seals at 507

E. Armstrong Ave., Peoria, IL 61603.

Condolences may be left for Elaine's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Travis M. Staker

YATES CITY – Travis M. Staker, 38, of Yates City, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022 at his home.

Cremation will be accorded and a celebration of his life was Dec. 31 at the Williamsfield American Legion. Memorials may be directed to his family. Rux Funeral Home in Williamsfield is in charge of arrangements.

He was born May 30, 1984, in Peoria, the son of Candy Staker. He married Sarah A. Wagher in November of 2021. Survivors include his wife; his parents, Scott (Candy) Werneburg; two children, Ethan and Ella; his grandparents; Richard (Cathy) Carrasca Staker and Tim (Karen) Gill and Delores White; his sister, Ashley (Ben) Stivers and their daughter Lucy; two stepbrothers, Tony (April) and Nick Werneburg; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Ted White, Lorayne Larsen and Florence Carrasca.

Travis attended Williamsfield High School and later attended Princeville High School, where he graduated in 2002. Travis worked as a diesel mechanic for Caterpillar since May and previously worked for Digital Copy Systems in Peoria for many years.

There was nothing Travis could not do; he recently completely renovated the home in which his family resides. He enjoyed paint and auto body work, tractor restoration and projects around the house. He had many projects he was currently working on, but the most important one was restoring a car for his son's upcoming 16th birthday.

Travis was a family man who would do anything for anybody. He especially loved his wife and children and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with them.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.

Gary Perkins

TRIVOLI – Gary Perkins, 73, of Trivoli, died Dec. 25, 2022, at his residence. He was born in Peoria, Ill., a son of Howard Bud and Frances Elizabeth (Bartlow) Perkins.

He married Mary Kay Craley on June 22, 1968, in Peoria. She survives. Also surviving Gary are his children, Wendy Perkins and Lance (Rachel) Perkins, both of Trivoli; his grandchildren, Wyatt and Garrett; and his half-sister, Sally.

Preceding him in death are both of his parents; and his brother Larry.

Condolences can be left at

sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

Arthur H. Riekema

HANNA CITY – Arthur Harm Riekema, 86, of Hanna City, died Dec. 23, 2022, at Graham Hospital in Canton. He was born in Peoria County on June 28, 1936, a son of Harm and Elsie (Hammerich) Riekema.

Art graduated from Farmington High School in 1954.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at St. Peter Lutheran Church Cemetery in Glasford.

Sally S. Schierer

YATES CITY – Sally Sue Schierer, 79, of Yates City died Dec. 27, 2022, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was born Dec. 26, 1943, in Peoria to John and Virgie Holford Wieda. She had two older brothers, Tony and Jim.

Sally is survived by three children, Tammy (David) Neys of Edwards, Todd (Lisa) Rahn of Princeville and Tracey (Joe) Giovanni of Peoria; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Tony (MaryLu) Wieda, and infant grandson Robert Neys.

A celebration of life will be Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Post 1078 in Dunlap. Memorials can be made to BYE Ambulance Services or Pets for Seniors.

Condolences can be left at masonfuneralhomes.com.

Billie J. Snider

CANTON – Billie J. Snider, 86, formerly of Oak Hill and Toulon, went home to be with our Lord Jesus at 3:29 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, at Red Oak Estates in Canton.

She was born on Jan. 26, 1936, in Johnston City, Ill., to William and Dimple Naomi (Smith) Book. She married Ray Snider on Dec. 19, 1954, in Sardis, Miss. He preceded her in death on Aug. 31, 2016.

She is survived by her children, Cherie (Rick Perry) Leezer of Toulon, Sandi (Larry) Jackson of Auburndale, Fla., Becky (Joe) Beck of Wyoming, Debra (the late Tim) Miller of Toulon, Lori (Brian) Porter of Brimfield; 1 sister, Pamela Riggs; 16 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Jeanie Day; two sisters, Kendra Snider and Beverly O'Connell; two grandchildren, Michael Leezer and Melissa Hackwith; and two great-grandchildren, Rayvn Snider and Sophia Hasselbacher.

A funeral service was Dec. 30, 2022, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. Burial was at the Oak Hill Cemetery.

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

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Interest Income \$4,024
Property Tax \$344,492
Replacement Taxes \$725
Total Revenues: \$597,600

Compensation Summary:
Melvin Rash \$1,000; James Frakes \$52,654;
Dan Dunn \$3,000; David Groeber \$2,250;
James Carter \$14,860; Gerald Lichter
\$3,000. Total Compensation: \$78,137

Expenditure Summary:
Corn Belt Energy \$17,932; Blake Law Office
\$7,660; Blucker, Kneer & Assoc. Ltd.
\$25,745; Internal Revenue Service \$5,977;
Bruner Cooper & Zuck \$23,186; Roto-Rooter
\$11,105; IL EPA \$127,073; Mitch Daly Exca-
vating \$10,599; Mid-Century Telephone
\$1,969; Aqua Illinois Water Co. \$1,771; Grant
Bullis Insurance \$8,836; Cincinnati Ins. Co.
\$3,491; Flow Systems Inc. \$8,839; Hoerr
Construction \$492,788; CW Septic Services
\$2,470; Water Treatment Tech \$4,343;
Swanson Electric \$1,157; Essence Chemical
Co. \$1,381. All others under \$1,000 -
\$19,164. Total Vendors: \$775,486

Summary Statement of Condition
General
Beginning Fund Balance \$4,947,537
Revenue \$597,600
Expenditures (245,682)
Depreciation (146,108)
Ending Fund Balance \$5,153,347

Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of
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/s/ Gerald Lichter,
President
I, Dan Dunn, clerk of the Spoon Valley Lake
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/s/ Dan Dunn, Clerk
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**Farmington Central CUSD #265
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resident students whose parents are full-
time employees of the district to attend
school free of tuition.
Alex Slack, President
Board of Education
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LOAN
ASSET BACKED NOTES, 2004-S;
Plaintiff,
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DENNIS L. BROWN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
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**CITY OF FARMINGTON, ILLINOIS – PUBLICATION REPORT 2022
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds – April 30, 2022**

	General Fund	Garbage Fund	Oak Ridge Cemetery Fund	Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	Debt Service Fund	Playground and Recreation Fund	Emergency Services and Disaster Operations Fund	Motor Fuel Tax Fund	Cemetery Road Fund	Tax Increment Financing Fund
ASSETS										
CURRENT ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 721,464	\$ 23,811	\$ 97,783	\$ 94,697	\$ 18,885	\$ 142,399	\$ 9,468	\$ 132,523	\$ 59,970	\$ 409,439
Restricted cash	130,755	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	252,637	-	182,764	-	-	1,888	-	-	47,990	-
Receivables:										
Property taxes	220,460	-	6,000	87,300	53,704	19,190	600	-	-	691,218
Other taxes	165,896	-	3,261	-	-	7,953	-	8,215	-	-
Accounts, consumers	-	7,273	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid insurance and other expenses	23,254	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	85,227	35,000	64,065	-	-	111,906	-	1,357	-	16,681
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,599,693	\$ 66,084	\$ 353,873	\$ 181,997	\$ 72,589	\$ 283,336	\$ 10,068	\$ 142,095	\$ 107,960	\$ 1,117,338
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES										
LIABILITIES										
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 60,201	\$ 16,222	\$ 435	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 252	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,675
Due to other funds	58,596	12,690	20,000	250,008	-	-	-	11,982	-	-
Total Liabilities	118,797	28,912	20,435	250,008	-	252	-	11,982	-	6,675
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES										
Subsequent year's property taxes	220,460	-	6,000	87,300	53,704	19,190	600	-	-	691,218
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)										
Nonspendable	23,254	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	130,755	-	-	-	-	-	9,468	130,113	107,960	419,445
Assigned	-	-	-	-	18,885	263,894	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	1,106,427	37,172	327,438	(155,311)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fund Balances (Deficit)	1,260,436	37,172	327,438	(155,311)	18,885	263,894	9,468	130,113	107,960	419,445
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,599,693	\$ 66,084	\$ 353,873	\$ 181,997	\$ 72,589	\$ 283,336	\$ 10,068	\$ 142,095	\$ 107,960	\$ 1,117,338

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – April 30, 2022

	General Fund	Garbage Fund	Oak Ridge Cemetery Fund	Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	Debt Service Fund	Playground and Recreation Fund	Services and Disaster Operations Fund	Motor Fuel Tax Fund	Cemetery Road Fund	Tax Increment Financing Fund
REVENUES										
Property taxes	\$ 242,680	\$ -	\$ 5,661	\$ 91,160	\$ 55,357	\$ 20,039	\$ 634	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 575,612
Fees and fines	753	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses and permits	33,840	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	928,239	-	29,909	-	-	24,930	-	70,701	-	-
Charges for services	43,313	201,548	20,005	-	-	13,000	-	-	4,150	-
Fines and forfeitures	39,636	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment earnings	5,802	-	97	-	31	3	-	119	253	2,640
Donations	902	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	154,419	-	1,180	-	-	-	-	53,778	-	-
Other	13,988	-	1	-	-	2,699	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	1,463,572	201,548	56,853	91,160	55,388	60,671	634	124,598	4,403	578,252
EXPENDITURES										
General government	489,928	-	-	72,907	-	-	-	-	-	309,660
Public safety	449,990	192,988	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highways and streets	261,202	-	-	-	-	-	-	990	-	-
Cemetery maintenance	-	-	35,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	24,538	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	17,151	-	-	-	-	-	-	251,862	-	238,804
Debt service, principal	-	-	-	-	40,000	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service, interest	-	-	-	-	14,156	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,218,271	192,988	35,200	72,907	54,156	24,538	-	252,852	-	548,464
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	245,301	8,560	21,653	18,253	1,232	36,133	634	(128,254)	4,403	29,788
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Transfers in	113,752	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,554	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(15,554)
Total Other Financing Sources & (Uses)	113,752	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,554	-	(15,554)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	359,053	8,560	21,653	18,253	1,232	36,133	634	(112,700)	4,403	14,234
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING										
	901,383	28,612	305,785	(173,564)	17,653	227,761	8,834	242,813	103,557	405,211
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - ENDING										
	\$ 1,260,436	\$ 37,172	\$ 327,438	\$ (155,311)	\$ 18,885	\$ 263,894	\$ 9,468	\$ 130,113	\$ 107,960	\$ 419,445

**Statement of Net Position
Enterprise Fund – April 30, 2022**

	Sewer Fund
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,945,911
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	33,340
Receivables:	
Accounts, consumers, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$42,500	69,339
Estimated unbilled usage	18,719
Due from other funds	39,040
Total Current Assets	2,106,349
NONCURRENT ASSETS	
Capital assets:	
Vehicles and equipment	105,341
Water distribution system	5,519,850
Less accumulated depreciation	(3,853,059)
Total Noncurrent Assets	1,772,132
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,878,481
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 66,364
Customer deposits	33,465
Total Current Liabilities	99,829
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	1,772,132
Unrestricted	2,006,520
Total Net Position	3,778,652
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$ 3,878,481

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Enterprise Fund – April 30, 2022

	Sewer Fund
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for services, metered sales	\$ 639,685
Miscellaneous	12,026
Total Operating Revenues	651,711
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Personal services	147,026
Utilities	3,260
Professional fees and services	221,347
Repairs and maintenance:	
System	56,795
Depreciation	179,862
Miscellaneous	21,372
Total Operating Expenses	629,662
Operating Income	22,049
NONOPERATING REVENUE & EXPENSES	
Interest income	2,196
Total Nonoperating Revenue	2,196
Income Before Transfers	24,245
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Transfers in	-
Transfers out	(113,752)
Total Other Financing Sources	(113,752)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(89,507)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING	3,868,159
NET POSITION - ENDING	\$ 3,778,652

Farmington falls to eventual champ Eureka at Macomb tourney

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

The Farmington boys basketball team finished 2-2 and in sixth place at the Macomb-Western Holiday Tournament.

No. 1 seed Rockridge defeated Farmington 47-37 in the fifth-place game Dec. 30 at Western Hall, on the Western Illinois University campus.

The teams were tied at 18 at intermission. Farmington scored the first eight of the second half, but top-seeded Rockridge recovered and took a lasting lead on Kameron Bohnsack's 3-pointer with 6 seconds left in the third quarter.

Keauntrey Barnes had 21 points to lead Farmington (10-4), which was outrebounded 29-16.

Earlier that day, Farmington defeated Macomb 51-41 behind 20 points from Logan Morse.

In the tournament quarterfinals Dec. 28, Farmington lost 57-44 to eventual champion Eureka. Morse had 22 points and Barnes scored 13.

Eureka shot 80 percent from the field in the first quarter and led 15-3 at one point. A 3-pointer from Morse in the final minute of the third quarter cut the Farmers' deficit to 39-35, but they came no closer.

"Give them credit - they hit the shots when they needed them," Farmington Coach Marty Lozier stated about Eureka.

On Dec. 27, Farmington won its tourney opener, 53-37 over Brown County. Farmington out-

ICAC Conference Boys Tournament - at Peoria Christian



scored Brown County 11-1 to take a 21-11 second-quarter lead. Barnes and Morse finished with 17 points each. Morse was selected to the all-tournament team.

Eureka defeated Illini Bluffs 48-44 in the championship game. It was the second consecutive Macomb-Western title for Eureka, which was seeded third. For the second year in a row, Eureka forward Tyler Heffren was selected tournament MVP.

The Farmers were host Tuesday night to Havana and are to travel Saturday to Chillicothe to play Illinois Valley Central.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

Graham Wight and Lewis Sams each had 15 points Dec. 21 as R-W (10-4) withstood a fourth-quarter surge from host Princeville to win 51-48. The game was moved from Dec. 22 because of bad weather.



ROWVA-Williamsfield senior Graham Wight topped 1,000 points for his career on Dec. 20. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

Wight exceeded 1,000 points for his career in the Cougars' 72-41 victory Dec. 20 over North Fulton. The senior scored 11 to bring his overall total to 1,008. Riley Danner had 14

points to lead R-W, Adam Kohl scored 13 and Sams 10.

Following a game Tuesday night at Oneida against Ridge-wood, R-W is to play Friday night at Williamsfield against Elmwood.

The Cougars face Brimfield in an Inter-County Conference Tournament opener at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at Peoria Christian. Semi-finals are Jan. 12. Consolation, third-place and title games are Jan. 14. The top four seeds in order are Illini Bluffs, Peoria Christian, Elmwood and R-W.

Brimfield

Brimfield's finish at the Heyworth Holiday Tournament is to be determined. Or maybe it's already been determined.

The final day of that event, Dec. 23, was postponed because of bad weather. Brimfield was to play for fifth place against Moweaqua Central A&M. That game is to be rescheduled and played at Central A&M, but Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson doubted that will happen.

Brimfield still needs to eliminate one game from its schedule to comply with Illinois High School Association limitations, according to Carlson. The Indians' last-minute addition to the Princeville Holiday Tournament required them to drop three games.

In pool play Dec. 21 at Heyworth, Brimfield lost 61-52 to Peoria Quest. The game was delayed 25 minutes because Quest was late, according to Carlson. Heinz had 24 points for Brimfield, which trailed 29-25 at in-

termission.

Brimfield lost its tourney opener Dec. 20 to Heyworth, 57-47 in what Carlson said was a physical game. Blodgett (nine points) and Heinz (seven) fouled out.

The Indians are to play Friday night at North Fulton and Saturday at home against Orion.

They're seeded fifth in the ICAC Tournament and play No. 4 ROWVA-Williamsfield at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Peoria Christian in the opening round.

Elmwood

Elmwood broke away in the second quarter Dec. 20 to beat Stark County, 43-31. Bo Windish had a game-high 18 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. Brayden Lehman scored 12 overall.

The Trojans are to play Friday night against ROWVA-Williamsfield at Billtown, then against sixth-seeded Delavan at 7:30 p.m. Jan 10 at Peoria Christian in an ICAC Tournament opener. Elmwood is seeded third.

Princeville

In a 51-48 home loss Dec. 21 to ROWVA-Williamsfield, Jordan Johnson scored 11 to lead Princeville. The game was rescheduled from Dec. 22 because of bad weather. The Princes played Tuesday night at Stark County and aren't scheduled again until Jan. 10 at Ridgewood.

Amber Waves



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY: What is the name of the ancient trade route that connected the East and West?
- LITERATURE: What was playwright Anton Chekhov's other profession?
- TELEVISION: Who are the next-door neighbors in TV's sitcom "Laverne & Shirley"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which continent has the most countries?
- MUSIC: What does the shortened term K-pop stand for?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is another name for a kiwi?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: From which Roman god did the month of January get its name?
- MEDICAL TERMS: If you suffer from medial tibial stress syndrome, what is the condition commonly called?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is represented in the condition called ablutophobia?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby turkey called?

Answers

- The Silk Road.
- Physician.
- Lenny and Squiggy.
- Africa.
- Korean popular music.
- Chinese gooseberry.
- Janus, the god of beginnings and endings.
- Shin splints.
- Fear of bathing.
- A poult.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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CNA RND'P JHEM HP, HP BND'P
UNLM NAP NQ CNAG YNGD.
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TOP 10 MOVIES

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

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GIRLS: Brimfield finishes 2-2 at State Farm Classic tournament

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after getting 24 points from Destinee Harwood and 18 from Brianna Brodie. Princeville grabbed a 27-17 halftime lead and held on thereafter.

In the Westerman tournament, Princeville's lone blemish on a 4-1 record was vs. Elmwood.

"We're starting to shoot better as a team," Princeville Coach John Gross said. "I wasn't real happy with how we played against Elmwood. I've got a couple kids that don't like teams that get in your face on defense, and that's what Elmwood does. But we're still improving, so that's a good thing."

Princeville opened tournament play on Dec. 26 with a 53-42 win over a tough Tremont team. After trailing 14-13 following the first quarter, the Lady Princes held Tremont to 12 points in the middle two quarters to gain control. Princeville had balanced scoring in the win, as Brodie led with 16 points, Harwood added 15 and Paisley Schock tallied 14.

In a 50-23 win over Midland on Dec. 26, Harwood was hot in



Liv Meyers (right) battles for a rebound with Tremont's Whitney Rumbold. Meyers shot 71 percent from the field in Elmwood's last four games at the Princeville Holiday Tournament. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

the first half, scoring 19 of her game-high 24 points and five of her six treys as Princeville jumped to a 28-4 halftime lead. In the second half, Brodie stepped up with 11 of her 18 points.

Scoring was tougher on Dec. 27 in the 45-24 loss to Elmwood, as Harwood had 12, Brodie scored 7 and Kinley McGinn tallied 5.

Princeville bounced back on Dec. 27 with a 46-37 victory over Galva. Harwood led with 15 points, Schock added 10, Brodie had 8 and Leah Wieland added 6.

Princeville closed with a 53-14 defeat of Bushnell-Prairie City on Dec. 28. Harwood had 19, Brodie 17 and Schock 8.

Junior post player Tessa Gazza has her foot in a boot and is expected to be out another two to three weeks, Gross said.

Princeville was at Galva Wednesday and is home against Peoria Heights today.

Brimfield

Brimfield (10-5) got back into action at the State Farm Classic in Bloomington-Normal, going 2-2 in the small-school bracket.

The Lady Indians beat El Paso-Gridley on Dec. 27 (36-19), topped Rock Falls in double overtime on Dec. 28 (45-43) and then lost to eventual tourney champ Camp Point Central-Southeastern on Dec. 29 (34-20) and lost on Dec. 30 to Sherrard (51-44) in the third-place game.

"We've had eight games vs. 1A schools and seven games vs. 2A

and 3A (schools) so hopefully the experience helps us the last two months," Brimfield Coach Josh McKown said.

In the third-place game, Ava Heinz led Brimfield with 12 points, Olivia Kappes scored 10, Elly Doe had 9 and Kylee Vaughn put up 8.

Heinz also led with 8 against Camp Point and had three of five Brimfield field goals in the loss.

Points came easier in the first two tournament games. Doe had 13 against Rock Falls, Vaughn had 12 and Heinz added 11. Scoring was balanced vs. EPG, as five players had five or more points led by Kappes (9) and Kierra Johnson (6).

Brimfield is at ROWVA-Williamsfield today (Jan. 5) and then visits Stark County on Saturday.

Farmington

The Lady Farmers (3-13) took the holidays off after topping Abingdon-Avon on Dec. 20, 58-56. That made Farmington 3-3 in its last six games after a slow start to the season.

Against A-Town, Kyleigh Miller scored 24, Emily Valliana-

tos tallied 13 and Anna Weibel added 12.

"We're definitely figuring things out and playing much better," Coach Brad Whitcomb said.

The schedule doesn't do Farmington any favors in its next three games, though. Farmington was at Elmwood on Wednesday, plays Tremont at home Saturday and then travels to Brimfield on Monday, Jan. 9.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

The Lady Cougars (8-6) lost to Annawan on Monday, 58-40, after being off since Dec. 17 because of two game cancellations.

"The final score was not indicative of the effort," Coach Michael Weitekamp said. "We were tied at halftime and down 40-35 after the third, just ran out of gas the last four minutes."

Carolyn German led R-W with 10 points and Ava Landon and Emma Seiboldt had eight apiece.

R-W was at Kewanee Wethersfield on Wednesday, is home against Brimfield tonight (Jan. 5) and then is home against Stark County on Jan. 9.

BOYS: Brimfield struggles to close out 3rd-place game at Princeville

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of a deficit, and the kids were playing their third game in a row."

Zach Howerton finished with a team-high nine points for Elmwood. Brendan Williams had seven and Windish scored six.

Fugitt said Midland probably was the best team Elmwood had played since a season-opening loss to Putnam County. More teams of similar caliber – including Farmington, Illini Bluffs and Peoria Christian – are on the January schedule.

"All of the mistakes they make or anything they don't understand right now, that's my job over the next month and a half (to fix)," Fugitt said.

Third place

Immediately before the Princeville championship game, Brimfield lost 47-44 to Peoria Heights for third place. Brimfield (6-10) led 23-17 at halftime and 31-29 after three quarters, but Heights (4-10) went 10-for-14 on fourth-quarter free throws.

"Heights is better than



Zach Howerton led Elmwood with nine points in the Princeville Holiday Tournament title game. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

their record," Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson stated. "So far, we're not good at closing out games. We continue to be so close, but ..."

Oliver Heinz had 21 points to lead Brimfield. Drew Kieser had 13 and Brady Johnson scored 10.

Semifinals

According to Fugitt, a 47-42 victory on Dec. 27 over Brimfield was befitting of this rivalry.

Elmwood led by 18 points in the first quarter, then Brimfield led by seven midway through the

fourth. Brimfield held Elmwood to one made field goal over the middle 16 minutes. Kieser made three 3-pointers and scored 16 in that span.

"It was quiet and tight, and you could see the lack of confidence when we were shooting the ball in the second and third quarter," Fugitt said.

But at long last, a made field goal helped Elmwood get back in a groove. Howerton had all 11 of his points in the fourth period. He was 6-for-6 on free throws as Elmwood was 8-for-8 overall. Layne Durst also made a key 3-pointer.

"As soon as we hit our first shot, our bench really got into it and brought some energy," Fugitt said.

Windish had a team-high 16 points. Kieser led Brimfield with 19.

The win enabled Elmwood to meet Midland, which beat Peoria Heights 58-41 in the other semi.

Consolation games

Princeville won the consolation title Dec. 28 as it beat Ridgewood, 55-36. The Princes (8-6) led 17-5

after one period and 37-19 at intermission. Tucker Sennett had 18 first-half points on his way to a game-high 20.

The previous day in the consolation semifinals, Princeville separated itself from Galva after the first quarter on the way to a 71-39 victory. A total of nine Princeville players scored, led by Logan Olshawsky (14 points), Sennett (11)

and Josh Hunt (10).

After losing 61-60 to Ridgewood in the consolation semis Dec. 27, Henry beat Galva 68-46 for consolation third place.

First-round games

In Elmwood's 54-33 victory Dec. 26 over Ridgewood, Jackson Magee had a game-high 17 points, including three treys in the first half. Howerton had 13 points. ... Brimfield over-

came an early deficit to beat Henry 58-46 behind 22 points from Heinz, who scored eight in a decisive second quarter. Kieser scored 17 overall. ...

Princeville lost 46-43 to Peoria Heights despite 15 points from Sennett. Heights broke from a 24-24 halftime tie to lead by four to begin the fourth quarter. ... Midland beat Galva 65-34.



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Elmwood girls first at Princeville

By JEFF LAMPE
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PRINCEVILLE – Defense can win you basketball games. But it sure helps to combine stinginess at one end of the court with scoring on the other end. That was the recipe for success last week in Elmwood's second straight championship at the Lee Westerman Tournament.

The trophy-clinching victory on Dec. 28 was a good example. Trailing 7-2 late in the first quarter against Tremont, Elmwood (14-3) got a 3-point shot from Melody Glenn to close within 7-5. From there, the Lady Trojans outscored Tremont 17-8 in the second quarter to take control in a convincing 53-28 victory.

"After that shot, we seemed to get into a good rhythm offensively and kind of took over from there," Elmwood Coach Gregg Meyers said. "Overall it was a good tournament for us. We did a very good job with ball movement and finding the open person."

Liv Meyers led against Tremont with 19 points on 6-for-10 shooting, Ainsley Faulkner tallied 10 to go with 5 assists and 3 steals, Lauren



Elmwood's girls basketball team is all smiles after winning the Lee Westerman Tournament. Pictured are – Front row (left to right): Addi Thrasher, Katie May, Ainsley Faulkner, Bre Turner, Melody Glenn, Kaitlyn Noll and Natalie Babcock. Back row (l to r): Andrea Glenn, Kady Head, Chloe Howerton, Raelynn McClain, Kourtney Head, Liv Meyers, Lauren Rushing, Mae Herman and Ruby Ekena. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

Rushing had 8 and the Glenn sisters (Melody and Andrea) put up 6 apiece. And Elmwood made 13 of 14 free throws.

But defense against Tremont and Princeville was still most impressive according to Coach Meyers, who said "I think our defense was the best part of the tournament."

Elmwood held Princeville to five points in the first quarter of a 45-24 decision on Dec. 27. Liv Meyers had 13 on 5-for-7 shooting, Melody Glenn scored 12 and had 6 assists and Lauren Rushing added 10 on 4-for-6 shooting.

En route to the championship, Elmwood also beat Galva (53-33) as Melody Glenn scored 14 and was 4-

for-6 on treys and Liv Meyers tallied 14 to go with 6 rebounds. The Lady Trojans also doubled up Midland (46-21) as Liv Meyers went for 23 on 11-for-14 shooting and Melody Glenn added 10.

Elmwood was home Wednesday vs. Farmington, travels to face Ridgewood today (Jan. 5) and has Peoria Christian at home on Friday.

Princeville

After placing second at the Lee Westerman tournament, the Lady Princes (10-8) turned their focus to Lincoln Trail Conference play on Monday with a 54-46 home win over Knoxville.

Princeville is now 4-0 in the LTC

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Too many treys for Trojans in title loss

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post
PRINCEVILLE – The good part about this year's Princeville Holiday Tournament? For Elmwood Boys Basketball Coach Josh Fugitt, it was seeing the bleachers full again after COVID-related emptiness.

The bad part? Too many shot attempts from too far away.

According to Fugitt, an overreliance on 3-point shooting was among the reasons second-seeded Elmwood lost in the championship game Dec. 28 to top-seeded Midland, 39-29.

Midland's halfcourt defense and Elmwood's lack of proficiency from beyond the arc combined to help give the Trojans only their second loss in 15 games this season.

Elmwood was 3-for-22 on 3s in the Princeville final, according to Fugitt. That came a few nights after Elmwood took 27 from long distance in a 54-

33 first-round victory over Ridgewood.

"Too many outside shots compared to some of the easier looks we've been able to get in our victories," Fugitt said. "Probably not good enough balance. Not that they were all bad shots, but certainly a few that got blocked or contested enough."

"We have not shot the ball well at times this season. Back to the summer and some of our early games, we seem to be streaky at times, especially from the 3-point line."

That said, Elmwood trailed only 30-27 midway through the fourth quarter. The Trojans rebounded from a 10-point deficit earlier in the period. Pressure defense sparked the rally, including the ball-stealing efforts of sophomore Bo Windish.

"That's been the unbelievable thing about our team this year – our resiliency and our lack of quit," Fugitt said. "It was too big

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