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NEW BOOKS

Local authors write on death, tractor pulls

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

Two local authors have recently self-published books on two very different topics.

For Nicole Reed of Wyoming, professional experiences as a funeral director at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services led her to write a book entitled "In the Event of My Death."

For Brimfield high school graduate Curt Mottaz, a trip to a tractor pull with his grandson, Benji, inspired him to write "Benji n' Dapa's Big Tractor Pull Adventure."

In both cases, the readily accessible world of self-publishing allowed the authors to pass on information they think is important.

Mottaz was inspired to write after



Brimfield High School graduate Curt Mottaz recently self-published a book about traveling to a tractor pull with his grandson entitled "Benji n' Dapa's Big Tractor Pull Adventure."

taking his kindergarten-aged grandson to a tractor pull in Louisville, Ky.

"The little experiences we both went through on the trip and all the events kind of stuck out to me," Mottaz said.

"I don't claim to be a writer, but I told myself, 'This could be a story.' And it just worked out that way. It all came together relatively quickly."

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Williamsfield board OKs new deal for Farquer

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – After nearly six hours of deliberation in executive session, the Williamsfield School Board approved a contract extension for Superintendent Tim Farquer early Tuesday morning.

A meeting that started at 7 p.m. on Monday ended at 1:48 a.m. Tuesday with a 4-3 vote in favor of an extension through June 30, 2027.

Farquer's contract was not due to expire until June 30 of 2024, but he sought to renegotiate and made five requests as part of the extension. The board approved four of the five requests and met Farquer halfway on a fifth.

Voting in favor of the extension were Lisa Hanson, President Teresa Stewart, Gina Strom and Jolene Tucker. Casting no votes



Farquer

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Brimfield starts search for superintendent

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

What Tony Shinall said about the Princeville School District was glowing. What he didn't say about the Brimfield School District might have been telling, particularly regarding its current and future board.

It also might explain part of why Shinall is leaving Brimfield after three years as its school superintendent. As of July 1, he's to be superintendent at Princeville.

During its meeting last week, the Princeville school board voted 7-0 to hire away Shinall from one of its

Candidate Forum

The Brimfield Educational Association will hold a forum for school board candidates on Monday, Feb. 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the high school gym. The public is invited. Format is a meet-and-greet followed by questions and answers with candidates. Seven of 10 candidates for the board are scheduled to attend.

neighboring districts. He is to replace Shannon Duling, who in June is to leave after 12 years to become super-

intendent at Petersburg PORTA. Shinall's last day at Brimfield is to be June 30.

"I think Tony will be a good fit," Duling said. "He's very familiar with the area districts and some of the associations we're part of. He'll come in a lot more prepared than probably a lot of folks would."

The Brimfield board has begun the same superintendent-hiring process the Princeville board undertook late last year. The search was expected to be a prime topic of discussion Wednesday night during the Brimfield

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BILLS SIGNED



Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Friday signed 15 bills into law, tackling policy areas from tourism to prison reform and making it easier for people previously convicted of felonies to legally change their name. Capitol News photo by Jerry Nowicki.

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AUTHORS: Family questions inspired book

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A key for Mottaz was connecting with artist Tim Read of Ames, Iowa. Read, who began his career drawing cartoons for his town newspaper, has been writing, illustrating and publishing children's books since 2012. His skill and knowledge helped bring Mottaz's story to life. "(Read) was familiar with the Amazon program and how to set up the Kindle program. For him to be able to put it out there like that was how it got kick-started," Mottaz said. Mottaz, who now works on a farm near Marietta, said he has sold 500 copies of the book online and has talked with folks in the farm industry about getting the book into their stores.

March 4-5 in Macomb, where he will be selling autographed books for \$12. His book is also available on Amazon for \$11.99 and Mottaz said he will also ship books if people are interested. Reach him at (309) 231-7951. Mottaz said he has enjoyed the process so much he is considering a second book with his grandson. Reed's 68-page book stems from her work as a licensed funeral director since 2018 and from numerous questions posed by family and friends about funeral service.

Reed's 68-page book stems from her work as a licensed funeral director since 2018 and from numerous questions posed by family and friends about funeral service. "I kind of joked that I needed to make a guide for my family," Reed said. "I realized how much it could help other people to have a guide and answer a lot of questions and concerns people have about funerals."

In the mean time, Mottaz plans to attend the Western Illinois Ag Mech Club's Farm Expo at Western Hall

Reed started with a series of fill-in-the-blank questions to help prepare for the funeral process and then added a section of frequently asked questions on funerals, cremation and other death-related matters. Illustrations in the book were done by her brother, Alexander Evans of Wyoming. "It takes about 1-2 hours to get through this and then you never have to worry about it again," Reed said.

"This takes the grief off your loved ones when it's the last thing they want to think about." Reed said she has sold about 130 copies so far, "more than I ever anticipated I would sell." "In the Event of My Death" is available on Amazon for \$14.99. The Kindle version costs \$9.99. Copies can also be purchased at the Haskell funeral home offices in Princeville and Wyoming.



Funeral Director Nicole Reed of Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services recently published "In the Event of My Death," a detailed funeral pre-planning and information guide.

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- **Classic Film** – Brimfield Public Library has a free showing of the 1989 drama “Dead Poets Society” Friday, Feb. 17, at 1 p.m. Ages 18+ welcome. Free popcorn. No registration required.
- **Tackle Swap** – The Lake Camelot Sportsman’s Club has a tackle swap Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lake Camelot clubhouse. (309) 697-5339.

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.
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- **Solar Seminar** – Peoria County Farm Bureau has a free solar/wind seminar on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. at the farm bureau’s Peoria office at 1716 N. University St. Free lunch included. Call (309) 686-7070 to register.
- **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** – The monthly Manna Meal is Thursday, Feb. 23, upstairs at the Uptown Cafe at noon. Soup bar featuring broccoli soup, stuffed pepper soup, pork and noodles, breadsticks and salad. Sit-down meal \$8. Call (309) 742-3303.
- **Fish Fries** – The Kickapoo Sportsman’s Club has fish fries starting Friday, Feb. 24, from 4:30-7 p.m. Other dates are March 10, March 24 and April 7. Adult dinners \$16, kids 12 and under fish dinner \$5, kids hot dog meals \$4. Carryouts available.
- **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.
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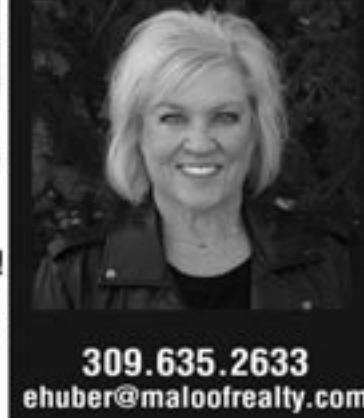
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GUEST VOICES



Of false innocence, skunks, mayors & Claude

Rambling through central Illinois, hoping various methods of deterrence have kept the "innocent" mice away from my tractor.

February and March can be long, depressing months. So it helps to step outside and be serenaded by a few thousand snow geese. Understand, this is not a spectacle people all over Illinois witness. For the time being, we live along a flight path for snow geese who spend a good part of the winter at the Emiquon Preserve. We are also along the path for many more snow geese as they head to their breeding grounds in a few weeks. It's always worth a moment to watch, listen and marvel at the flocks. ... Among the mixed blessing of this job is reading obituaries. I wish there were fewer of them. But I admire the skill that goes into creating some of them. Then too, there are some lines you never thought you'd read, like this from another town last week:



Jeff LAMPE

"Anyone that knew Kyle also knew he had a passion for marijuana." Oh how times have changed. ... Valentine's Day brownies and cupcakes arrived at 9:47 Tuesday morning. **The Mayor of Hill** arrived at 9:48. Coincidence? Who cares. It was good to hear pearls of wisdom from **The Mayor**, who said **Joe Biden** has obviously stolen his favorite line, "Why tell the truth when a lie will do?"

It was also good to see rain last Thursday, because it was another reminder of **Claude Keefer's** impact. For years, Claude spoke passionately about how best to replace the roof over St. Patrick church in Elmwood. As was often the case, Claude was correct. Over the past decade, the Claude-planned roof has saved St. Patrick's a fair chunk on heating bills and kept the rain out last week for his funeral. Not far away, while we paid tribute to Claude's life, an "emergency" boiler was keeping staff and students warm in the Elmwood schools after two boilers failed prematurely. Yes, school board member Claude - who loved the word redundancy - pushed hard for that boiler. Those are small samples of the impact of a man whose larger legacy will soon be displayed on a new industrial arts building at Elmwood (donations are still being collected, incidentally). Rare is the person you can call for help who will not only answer, but also know what to do. Claude was among the few.

The first Coons for Charity contest in Elmwood over the weekend attracted 28 teams of 96 hunters who helped raise \$5,196 for various local charities, according to organizer **Andrew Huber**. The winning team, with 60 raccoons, was **Jordan Wagner, Daniel Perardi, Jake Suydam and Tad Chatten**. ... Heard from a few people about raccoons in the past week and not many had nice things to say. Did you know "innocent" raccoons often raid bird nests to eat eggs and nestlings? The nests include those of bluebirds, whose

population has declined markedly across Illinois. **Herb Unkrich** of Edwards tends an extensive route of bluebird boxes in the area and emailed to say that last year was one of his worst for raccoons getting into boxes. ... **Claire Braten** of Maquon said she has been having increasing problems with raccoons. "They carry disease to humans and pets. I am tired of them digging up my plants, destroying flowers in pots and pooping everywhere. Just wish fur buyers still wanted coon pelts!"

Stewart's Family Restaurant in Trivoli is closing its doors after Sunday, according to owner **Shelly Stewart**, whose parents **Bob and Earlene** started the business in 1990. "Everything came together. Ameren and food prices are out of hand," Stewart said. Concrete-pouring wiz **Zach Foose** bought the building and said he plans to "spiff her up" and to work on the outbuildings. Foose said his plans for the restaurant are not final, though he is contemplating ways to reopen the once-busy establishment. ... Some things, like anniversaries and birthdays, are hard to remember. Not skunk mating season. Wowza. Drive anywhere at night right now and you will get a pungent reminder that amorous skunks are on the move and paying the price as road-kill victims. ... Parting shot: Does anybody else out there religiously check the relative humidity this time of year? Any time the RH dips below 50 and the wind stays below 15 is a good time to start planning a prairie burn.

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Didn't everyone fall plow in February?

Winter's icy winds, stinging snow, and below-zero temperatures finally found our slice of the upper Midwest late last month. Unlike northern winters of the past, this Arctic blast was a quick slap of shattering cold followed by a warm, 40-degree hug of sunshine to melt its accompanying snow and icy heart.

A fast, almost 50-degree-turn-around in temperature isn't anything new to this aging southern Illinois farm-boy. Mild winters – and, granted, sultry summers – defined the bottom third of the Prairie State during my youth. In fact, I never knew farmland froze solid during the Illinois winter until I migrated 200 miles north to the Big U.

It was a revelation: What, no one in central Illinois fall plowed in February? We did almost every old (or was it new?) crop year.

Indeed, my great Uncle Honey, an experienced mangler of semi-mounted plows no matter the season, never waited for any "spring thaw" to finish our fall plowing. If there was dirt to turn, Honey and his 1850 Oliver – one swaddled in layers of denim, the other in Heat-Houser canvas – throttled-up and hit the dead furrow.

My father was just the opposite. He loved spring, welcomed summer, relished fall but despised winter. "It's easy to cool off," he said by way of explanation, "but it's hard to warm up."



Alan GUEBERT

His strong opinion was shaped by decades – six-hours-a-day at a time – in an icy, concrete-block milking parlor. No matter the weather, from November through March, that parlor was, as Dad would say, "colder than a well digger's foot."

For a dozen or so of those winters, the only heat in the wet, cold parlor came from steaming cows and an open-flamed, propane-fueled stove the size of a small suitcase. It warmed the barn cats and an adult's knees perfectly fine but offered little comfort to any other man or beast. Finally, in a mid-1960s barn remodel, Dad splurged and had a gas furnace installed in the feed room above the parlor. Its blower pumped warm, dry air directly on Dad and into an adjoining milk room.

Howard, our long-time herdsman, loved the upgrade. After it was installed, forever glass-half-full Howard spent every spare winter moment – when he wasn't milking, feeding, or cleaning up after Holsteins – looking out the south-facing windows of the now-toasty milk room puffing on his pipe in warm, happy silence.

Our home got a coal-oil furnace a few years before the dairy barn. It was undersized and wheezed air that smelled like burned coal oil, but it raised the overall temperature in our drafty farmhouse to, maybe, the high-50s on sunny winter afternoons.

Dad tried to improve its performance by placing a row of straw bales on the house's perimeter. Since most of the house was built on piers (its only cellar was under the kitchen), every cold, uninsulated downstairs floor was made even colder by winter air and snow blowing under

the house. Enter the straw-bale strategy.

And so too enter every mouse, opossum, raccoon, hibernating turtle, salamander, toad, and any other creature that knew how to build a dry, warm winter nest from fine wheat straw hand-delivered by some nice man blowing his nose in a red handkerchief.

Dad's straw line of defense did, however, keep the water lines to our home's only bathroom from freezing whenever the temperature dropped under 25 degrees. Of course, you had to keep the room's propane stove lit and the water running – both hot and cold, please – to ensure the morning delivered you back into the same century you had left the night before.

Then, seemingly, as soon as everyone began to tire of cold cows, cold bedrooms, and cold feet, Mother Nature threw southern Illinois a sunny, warm February softball and temperatures would climb to 40, 50 and – more times than I can count – even 60 degrees.

My father would smile and cautiously expose a bare arm or two. My mother would smile and hang laundry – dozens of cotton gloves and heavy overalls – on her backyard clotheslines. Howard would smile, light his pipe and haul manure.

And Uncle Honey would take his ear muffs off, fuel up, and plow and plow.

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No charity in killing raccoons

To the Editor:

I just finished reading your article about the raccoon hunt for charity. Most people aren't anti-hunters. And although I see no purpose in it myself and I will never shoot my gun except in self-defense, I know Illinois has a large population of people who like to hunt deer.

But never have I heard of killing for fun.

People say they like to eat the deer meat and most of them have a head or two hanging around the house.

Not my thing and will never be. I've never tried deer meat, but don't care if you eat it.

I will never have a deer head hanging in my home. Not my thing, but don't care if it is part of your décor.

What I do take offense to, beside the title "Coons for Charity," is just to kill animals for the fun of it and to make a contest out of it. Not only are participants killing just for fun, but advertising prizes for the smallest kill.

I guess we are all supposed to be grateful to Mr. Andrew Huber that the baby raccoons won't be left to starve to death because somebody killed their mother to win a prize. Nope, those babies will be killed to win the smallest prize.

But I really can't find a reason to be grateful.

Funny, Mr. Huber's event originally started out with the obvious unauthorized use of the St. Jude logo and the Jim Maloof logo, which had to be removed be-

cause they must not have supported the killings either.

The only good thing I can say about this event is – congratulations to those two organizations for not wanting anything to do with killing wildlife for the heck of it.

So my parting shot, to all the sponsors that support Mr. Huber's event, please post your names. That way those of us who do not support this event also have the opportunity not to support your business which, according to Huber, is helping "to make this thing even bigger."

– Susan Morton, Peoria

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-08893IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3211854 Published 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F PLAINTIFF VS. Jeffery A Melton; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS No. 2022-FC-0000091 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/12/2022, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on March 15, 2023 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PIN 17-23-102-016 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1917 South Mahark Lane Peoria, IL 61607 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mort-

gagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-06186. I3212347 Published 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF PEORIA PEORIA, ILLINOIS US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE OF THE LB-CABANA SERIES IV TRUST; Plaintiff, vs. JON W. CALZAVARA JR. AKA JON CALZAVARA; HEATHER CALZAVARA; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 19 CH 280 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause the Sheriff of Peoria County will on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. in Room 203 of the Courthouse, 324 Main St., Peoria, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 02-01-300-001. Commonly known as 22720 North Princeville, Princeville, IL 61559. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Mary E. Spitz at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sottile

& Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. (440) 572-1512.19 ch 78 boone I3212772 Published 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS PNC Bank National Association PLAINTIFF VS. Nicholas C. Ehrat; et al. DEFENDANTS No. 20-CH-00015 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 01/30/2023, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on March 22, 2023 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PIN 14-21-380-012 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 219 W Barrington Rd Peoria, IL 61614 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation

of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-20-00258. I3213057 Published 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS Nationstar Mortgage LLC PLAINTIFF VS. Nita L. Lesourd; et al. DEFENDANTS No. 2022-FC-0000326 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 01/23/2023, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on March 22, 2023 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peo-

ria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PIN 17-26-326-017 Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3803 S. Lauder Ave Bartonville, IL 61607 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale

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WILLIAMSFIELD: Sick-day request cut in half

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were April Bouchez, Lora Kutkat and Wes Wrage.

During public comment, all five people who spoke on the contract issue asked the board to vote against the extension. Three of the speakers – Chad Goff, Brittany Byrd and Jenny Smith – are part of a five-candidate field seeking to replace outgoing board members Stewart, Tucker and Kutkat.

Former English and social sciences teacher Kaiti Murphy, who resigned from the Williamsfield district last spring, spoke against the extension, claiming she is one of 22 teachers who have left the district in the last eight years.

In light of a new board being elected in April and seated in May, Byrd said the contract should not be discussed until 2024 when the new board can vote on the matter.

Instead, the split-board vote approved the following:

- Allowance for payment in lieu of health insurance for Farquer.
- The superintendent may attend university courses, seminars, lecture, engage in writing and speaking engagements, and consult other districts or entities so long as it does not jeop-

ardize the district.

• The superintendent will have “the opportunity to rectify a situation prior to being dismissed, when appropriate.”

• Pay raises in each year of the contract, starting with an 8.06 percent increase to \$137,970 for Fiscal Year 2024. Raises from 2025-27 will be 3.75 percent per year, same as for district teachers.

The one request that was not met entirely was in regard to sick days. Farquer had asked for a one-time allotment of 150 sick days and then continuance of the standard allotment. The board awarded him 75 additional sick days now, with an additional 75 sick days available at the beginning of the last year of the contract.

“I’m proud of the team we’ve assembled and the work we’ve done,” Farquer said in an emailed statement. “I look forward to continued progress to the benefit of our kids and community.”

In other business, the board unanimously approved several items before the meeting went into executive session.

First up was a five-year renewal of the out-of-district tuition waiver for

staff.

The board also selected the lowest of five bids from Porter Brothers Construction, Inc. of Rock Falls to pour a concrete floor in the bus barn and an outside pad for material storage.

Cost is \$123,061.40, of which \$50,000 will come from an Illinois State Board of Education maintenance grant and the rest will be paid for with money from the penny sales tax or transportation fund. Work is to be done this spring.

Zobrist Construction had the lowest of three bids for a project to remodel the chemistry classroom and green room and install casework in the life science lab. Cost is \$277,000, with roughly \$206,000 to come from ESSER 2 federal funds and \$71,000 from the penny sales tax. Work is to be done in the summer.

The board also approved:

- A 2023-24 school calendar with Aug. 15 as the first day of school for students and May 21 the tentative last day of school for students. Christmas break is set to be Dec. 25 to Jan. 8.
- Applications to the Department of Energy Smart Grid and Renew America’s Schools grants.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff’s attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-08286. 13213058
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF PEORIA PEORIA, ILLINOIS
SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING INC.;
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL T. BUTLER; JENNIFER L. BUTLER;
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
22 FC 294

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the office of Andrew D. Cassidy, Cassidy & Mueller, 416 Main Street, 323 Commerce Bank Building, Peoria, Illinois 61602, sell at the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 09-27-432-008. Commonly known as 10611 State St, Mossville, IL 61552.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff’s Attorney, Kluever Law Group, 225 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 236-0077. File Number SPS001200-21FC1 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

PNC Bank, National Association
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Jason L. Gronau; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
No. 2022-FC-0000187

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/12/2022, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on March 27, 2023 at the hour of 8:30 AM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
PIN 17-24-231-013
Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
2019 S Winston St
Peoria, IL 61605

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Police reports

• **FARMINGTON** – Police arrested a Farmington man accused of hitting and kicking his adult daughter.

The incident happened shortly before 5:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at a residence in the 700 block of E. Vernon St. in Farmington. The 37-year-old victim said Gary C. Kling, 66, hit her on the left side of her chest and kicked her in the upper-left hip.

According to a Farmington Police Department report, the victim's mother corroborated the account. Kling was charged with domestic battery and transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

Transported to the jail as well was another woman at the residence, 46-year-old Julie A. Cramer-Pliego of Des Moines, Iowa. She was wanted in Fulton County for failure to pay a tag fee. The report didn't state for what kind of tags Cramer-Pliego was accused of not paying.

• **DUNLAP** – No injuries were reported in a two-vehicle collision south of Dunlap that involved a driver from Princeville.

About 3:15 p.m. on Feb. 4, Lauren M. Trees was behind the wheel of a 2003 Buick Century south in the 12200 block of N. Illinois Route 91 when the vehicle rear-ended a 2015 Jeep Wrangler. Its driver was James L. Swingler of Dunlap.

Swingler said he slowed to turn at a driveway, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Trees said she didn't see the Wrangler slow. Her car sustained a bent hood, a cracked radiator and bumper and a broken driver's-side headlight. The rear passenger side of the Wrangler was dented.

• **PEORIA** – A Hanna City man was transported to a hospital after a three-vehicle chain-reaction accident near the Peoria international airport.

Ronald R. Roberts was behind the wheel of a 2012 Ford F150 pickup truck about 7:45 p.m. Feb. 3 at Airport Road and Dirksen Parkway when his vehicle struck a 2016 Hyundai Accent driven by Angelina P. Johnson of Peoria. That vehicle then struck a 2019 Subaru driven by Jennifer M. Badoni of Holland, Ohio.

Roberts' vehicle was northbound on Airport Road but turned abruptly, according to witnesses. Roberts said he blacked out before the wreck, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. Emergency-medical personnel determined Roberts' blood-sugar level was low.

An ambulance carried Roberts to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center for further care. Otherwise, Roberts reported no injuries. Neither did the other two drivers nor their passengers, one each.

Roberts was cited for improper lane use and for operating an uninsured vehicle.

• **BRIMFIELD** – A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy shot to death an injured deer found east of Brimfield.

The deputy arrived about 7:30 a.m. Jan. 29 at the 16100 block of W. Brimfield-Jubilee Rd. after he was notified about the immobile deer. The deer was located on the north

side of the road and appeared to have two broken legs, according to a sheriff's-office report.

After a superior granted approval, the deputy used his service weapon to dispatch the deer without incident.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Glasford man declined a hospital visit after a single-vehicle accident near Farmington.

About 10:30 p.m. Jan. 26, Sean A. Duffield was driving a 2014 Ford F150 pickup truck south in the 1300 block of S. Downs School Rd. when the vehicle slid on ice, left the pavement and struck a utility pole.

Fulton County emergency medical personnel were treating Duffield when a Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy arrived. Duffield refused additional care and did not appear injured, according to a sheriff's-office report. Ameren removed the pole and utility lines from the pickup truck, which was towed.

• **BRIMFIELD** – No injuries were reported in a single-vehicle accident east of Brimfield that involved a FedEx delivery truck.

About 2 p.m. Jan. 26, Kathryn S. Seneca of Canton was driving a 2021 Ford box truck north in the 13200 block of N. Maher Rd. when it slid on ice. Seneca lost control of the truck, which struck a guardrail and sustained heavy front-end damage. A tow truck was required.

• **ELMWOOD** – An East Peoria woman's vehicle struck a tree after she lost control on a slick road east of Elmwood, according to authorities.

Sydney C. Strum was driving an eastbound 2018 Jeep Compass about 7:30 a.m. Jan. 25 on Illinois Route 8 about one-half mile east of Bell School Road when the vehicle began to fishtail on the snow-covered pavement, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

The vehicle slid backward into the north-side ditch, hit the tree and stopped. Strum said she was sore, but she declined medical treatment.

The Compass sustained damage to its passenger-side rear fender, rear axle and roof. The driver's-side rear tire also was broken away from the rear axle.

• **NORWOOD** – A vehicle registered to a Brimfield man was found turned on its driver's side next to a road west of Norwood.

The 2008 Ford F150 pickup truck along the east side of the 1400 block of N. Christ Church Rd. was unoccupied and covered in snow when a Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy discovered it about 8 a.m. Jan. 22.

According to the deputy's report, the F150 sustained heavy front-end and driver's-side damage, including a broken left window.

The deputy theorized the truck was traveling south and struck a culvert on the east side of the road. He attempted to contact the owner at his residence, to no avail.

• **BRIMFIELD** – An Elmwood woman sustained a minor leg injury when wind gusts caused her to lose control of her vehicle on a road southwest of Brimfield.

Brittany M. Estes was driving an eastbound 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee about 2:30 p.m. Jan. 15 in the 19500 block of W. Claybaugh Rd. when the vehicle left the pavement

and rolled over into a field, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

An ambulance transported Estes to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Her vehicle sustained more than \$1,500 in damage.

• **HANNA CITY** – At 6 p.m. Jan. 23, Jill M. Conner was driving a 2018 Volkswagen Atlas westbound in the 13000 block of W. Farmington Rd. in Hanna City when the vehicle struck a deer.

Conner, whose hometown was unavailable, was uninjured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained more than \$1,500 in damage to the front-right quarter-panel.

• **KICKAPOO** – Shortly after 5:45 p.m. Jan. 23, Jason J. Eads of Edwards was driving a 2019 Lexus GX460 north on Gilles Road near Interstate 74 when the vehicle struck a deer. No injuries were reported. The impact damaged the vehicle's passenger-side front bumper and headlight area.

• **ELMWOOD** – Jose R. DeJesus, 31, of Elmwood was arrested shortly after 7 a.m. Feb. 9 and accused of residential burglary, unlawful possession of a stolen motor vehicle and criminal damage to property between \$500 and \$10,000, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **FARMINGTON** – Alicia L. Phillips, 32, of Farmington was arrested shortly before 3 a.m. on Feb. 6 and accused of unlawful possession of less than 5 grams of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **BRIMFIELD** – Andrew M. Johnson, 26, of Brimfield was arrested at 12:15 a.m. Feb. 5 and accused of failure to appear in court and of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **EDELSTEIN** – Michael E. Toohey, 45, of Edelstein was arrested at 11 a.m. Feb. 2 and accused of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **YATES CITY** – Yates City Police Chief Randy Benson reported the following activity for his department in January: 0 arrests, 1 citation, 0 open doors, 12 reports, 7 warnings, 0 ordinance violations, 8 traffic stops and 733 miles traveled.

• **YATES CITY** – Yates City police on Jan. 13 forwarded information to the Knox County State's Attorney from an alleged bank fraud case involving the Bank of Yates City.

According to a police report, Clinton J. Shaffer, 46, of Farmington opened a savings account with The Bank of Yates City and cashed fraudulent checks totalling \$5,550 that were written from an account with the Pelican State Credit Union of Baton Rouge, La. Checks were cashed from Dec. 16-23 before a final check was held.

Police received an email from Pelican State Credit Union on Jan. 13 stating Shaffer's account was not in good standing and appeared to have been associated with additional fraudulent activity.

Princeville raises Mediacom rent

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville Village Board has authorized a 900-percent increase in the rent the municipality charges a communications company.

But the proposed lease amount – \$1,200 annually – represents the first increase in almost 40 years, according to Village President Jeff Troutman.

For all that time and at \$120 a year, Mediacom Communications Corp. or its predecessors have rented property in Cutter’s Grove Park. Troutman said Mediacom maintains a satellite dish there that helps supply its Princeville customers with cable television and internet, among other products.

The village’s current 10-year deal with Mediacom ends Feb. 28. During its meeting Feb. 6, the board decided to leave unchanged almost all of the terms of the lease. The annual rent was a notable exception.

“Somewhere between 35 and 40 years, it’s been at the same rate, so we didn’t feel that was too far out of line,” Troutman said about the hike. “We

didn’t have a chance to talk to any other municipalities to see what they’re running at, but we doubt there are too many of them going for 120 dollars a year.”

According to Troutman, no current board members were aware the Mediacom lease was expiring. Mediacom informed the village about the expiration of the lease. Troutman didn’t know the length of the proposed renewal.

The village was to notify Mediacom about the increase. Troutman said he isn’t sure how the company will react. He suggested Mediacom does not have as many Princeville customers as it once did.

“It’s up to them what they want to do,” Troutman said. “If they don’t want to pay it, they’ll just have to remove their

equipment.”

Regarding money the village owes, it received a \$5,576 bill from the City of Peoria for help in handling a minor chlorine-gas leak Dec. 29 at the water-treatment plant. The village is investigating whether its insurance will cover the bill, Troutman said.

Tax-increment-financing money might be used to pay the bill if the insurance claim is rejected.

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


The village also approved a building permit allowing for solar panels to be installed on a residence at 619 Veterans Drive.



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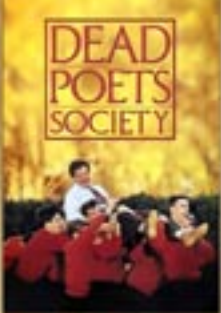
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Princeville board hears more about bullying

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Noah Guzman again pleaded his anti-bullying case in front of the Princeville School Board at the board’s Feb. 7 meeting.

Next month, Guzman is scheduled to plead it in Peoria County Circuit Court.

Accompanied by about a dozen fellow high school students, Guzman addressed the board for at least the third time regarding bullying at Princeville in general and against him

in particular.

Guzman has accused two Princeville male peers, aged 17 and 16, of stalking him and of taking and/or sharing photographs of him partially unclad in a closed stall in a Princeville-school restroom. He received orders of protection against both. A civil trial is to begin March 28 in Peoria.

In front of about 40 board-meeting attendees, for at least 20 minutes, the 18-year-old Guzman alternated between reading from a prepared text and speaking extemporaneously. The Princeville junior said he isn’t the only victim of bullying at the school. Others agreed.

“We need to change our handbook, we need to change our policies, and I think we can do more to stop the bullying,” Guzman said. “There are parts of the staff that have bias toward certain people, even if they are bullies. If we keep sweeping problems under the rug or say it’s one little incident, it’s not going to get any better.”

Guzman also spoke at the January board meeting during public comment and in executive session. This time, Guzman and several student supporters wore powder-blue T-shirts em-

blazoned with “Human Decency is a Thing” across their fronts.

At least one Princeville parent, Amy Stutzman, appeared to back the blue.

“None of these kids would be here right now if he hadn’t been violated in this building,” Stutzman said about Guzman. “There are now other students who are afraid to go to the restroom here because they don’t feel like enough’s been done.”

School officials have declined comment about the specifics of Guzman’s case. Both accused boys were members of the varsity boys basketball team when the season began. Neither has played since early December, a few days after the restroom incident is alleged to have taken place.

Another Princeville stakeholder, Jennifer Carruthers, said she doesn’t believe the boys are what Guzman and others have portrayed.

“The word ‘bully’ gets used loosely,” Carruthers told the board. “These are kids that made a stupid mistake. They have been punished and continue to be. They were suspended. And they are not allowed to play the sport they both love. This is not being

swept under the rug.

“Let everyone move on from this and heal, and I mean everyone.”

Administrators and board members did not answer questions Guzman posed. Board President Darwin Stahl said such give-and-take is not part of the public-comment period. But Board Vice President Michael Harmon praised Guzman and the schoolmates who defended him. “I think it’s very courageous ... to bring things to our attention,” Harmon said.

Among things upon which the board voted included spending no more than \$51,840 with Addison-based ITsavvy for 80 replacement laptop computers for grade-school, junior high and high school teachers. A federal grant is to fund this purchase.

J.C. Dillon Inc. of Peoria was authorized to repair the sewer line between Princeville Grade School and the village system. The Dillon bid was \$23,770.

The board also approved a calendar for 2023-24. The first day of classes is Aug. 16. Winter break is the final week of December and the first week of January. High school graduation is to be May 19, and the last day of classes is to be May 22.

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BRIMFIELD: 4 board spots on ballot

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board meeting, convened after The Weekly Post deadline this week.

Expected to attend the meeting was Tom Leahy of the Illinois Association of School Boards, according to Brimfield Board President Steve Updyke. Leahy also aided Princeville in its search.

“I knew Tony was looking,” Updyke told The Weekly Post. “Once Shannon wasn’t reinstated, I didn’t know if Princeville would be where he went. I guess that kind of shocked me, being so close, but in hindsight it makes sense.”

Updyke made it clear he wasn’t happy about the situation but suggested Shinall wasn’t at fault.

“I like Tony a lot. I think he’s a very good superintendent,” Updyke said. “He presented himself well, was good fiscally, teachers and students like him. There are some board members who didn’t see it that way.”

Last August, the Brimfield board voted 5-2 to extend Shinall’s contract and to increase his annual pay, from \$117,000 to \$130,000. Board members Katie Kappes and Patrick Meyer dissented.

When contacted last week, neither Kappes nor Meyer would comment about their votes.

“I wish him the best at Princeville and I look forward to getting started on finding Brimfield’s next superintendent,” Kappes stated in an email.

Kappes is running in the April election to fill the remaining two years of a term to which she was appointed. Meyer, Brent Graham and Todd Johnson are not running for reelection to four-year terms.

“With an upcoming election, I think he was trying to protect himself,” Updyke said about Shinall’s impending departure.

Asked whether his pursuit of the Princeville job might indicate possible issues at Brimfield, Shinall paused for 23 seconds before he answered.

“It’s not reflective of the students and staff at Brimfield,” Shinall said. “They’re fantastic. I wish them nothing but the best. It’s not an easy decision.”

In response to a question about the Brimfield board, teachers and other administrators, Shinall said: “I’m going to miss the teachers and I’m going to miss the administration very, very much.”

Shinall was enthusiastic about his new gig. He said the Princeville district’s day-care operation and its migrant-students program were significant lures. So was Princeville’s use of technology.

“This was a chance that I needed to look at,” Shinall said. “It was driven by the needs of my family and my professional growth. ... It’s a place people want to be. There’s a reason homes don’t stay for sale here very long.”

“I’m ecstatic to be here and just share time with all the great educators that are here at Princeville.”

Shinall was among four finalists, including three who received additional interviews, according to Princeville Board President Darwin Stahl. He said those other two candidates did not have superintendent experience.

“We had a couple that we felt were probably qualified, but I think the experience as superintendent was something we were comfortable with Tony,” Stahl said.

Shinall received a three-year contract. His first-year base salary is to be \$135,000. The Princeville board is to determine subsequent raises based on annual job evaluations.



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Elmwood senior makes IHSA speech finals

ELMWOOD – Elmwood High School senior **Breanna German** has reached the IHSA state speech finals to be held this Friday and Saturday at the Peoria Civic Center.

German will be performing in Oratorical Declamation, which is a category where a student finds an existing speech and memorizes it, then performs it. German was third at the Morris Sectional on Feb. 11 for her presentation of “The Real Reason you Feel So Busy (And What to Do About it).”



German

“Elmwood High School has never, to my knowledge, sent a competitor to the state tournament before, so this is a historic achievement, and it has been achieved through raw talent, and a lot of hard work and dedication,” said her coach, **Rusty Koll**.

German is a four-year competitor on the speech team and was Elmwood’s first regional champion last year in Prose Reading, Koll said. This year she won a regional title in Oratorical Declamation.

There is one class for speakers from all 180 schools that compete in IHSA state speech.

Farmington starts work on 2024 school budget

FARMINGTON – The Farmington School Board on Monday voted to give Superintendent **Zac Chatterton** permission to start working on the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

The board also voted to donate \$1,000 to the Farmington Academic Foundation.

In other action, the board approved:

- FMLA leave for **Shanan Hoffmann**.
- Retirement of Elizabeth Martin;
- **Haley Hursey** as junior high assistant track coach and Nick Ulm as a volunteer cheerleading coach.

The board discussed but did not act on the soccer co-op with Illini Bluffs, making the transportation part of the school district, the 2023-24 school calendar, consolidating some accounts during an ongoing bookkeeping transition and the 2023-24 student handbook.

Recognized as students of the month were senior **Sam Gronewold**, junior **Keauntrey Barnes**, sophomore **Austin Perdue** and freshman **Calvin Thompson**.

BRIEFS



Five Williamsfield FFA Alumni members traveled to Springfield recently to be recognized at the 2023 Illinois FFA Alumni Banquet as the top alumni chapter in the state. Joanie Stiers, the Williamsfield FFA Alumni Chapter recruitment chair, was awarded Illinois’ top alumni member. Pictured from left to right are FFA Advisor Kent Rigg, Brandon Hall, Jeff Campbell, Joanie Stiers and Jeff Stiers.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

– Jeff Lampe

Yates City board taking sealed bids for property

YATES CITY – At its Jan. 11 meeting, the Yates City Village Board voted to accept sealed bids for the purchase of the old library property at 115 W. Main St.

The village recently purchased the building for possible future expansion but in the mean time has an offer to buy it. The minimum bid is \$15,000 and the building will be sold with the stipulation that it includes a 99-year buyback option for the village.

Sealed bids will be opened at the board’s March meeting.

Water, garbage and sewer rate increases were pushed back to the board’s February meeting, as was hiring of public works department employee.

At a special meeting held on Jan. 26, the board voted to approve President **Ken Vallas** and Trustee **Dave Mahr** to negotiate a contract with TEST to provide seven-day service for water and waste services.

The board also voted to increase **Bruce Brinker’s** wage to \$16.50 per hour and for **Jordan Suits** to have an increase to \$18 per hour.

Brimfield village board OKs lighting upgrade

BRIMFIELD – At its Feb. 6 meeting, the Brimfield Village Board approved a proposal from H&H Industries of Elmwood to upgrade village facility lighting.

H&H will install LED bulbs at a cost of \$1,517. Village President **Dan Fishel** said that both the Ameren incentive of \$562.40 and the energy savings with LED will eventually make up for the out-of-

pocket expenses.

Some of the facilities that will get new lights include the water plant, Village Hall building and pavilion.

– Lori Herold

College honorees

• Several local students made the fall Dean’s list (3.5 gpa or better) at Illinois Wesleyan University: **Kate Meyers** of Elmwood, a junior majoring in mathematics/secondary education; **Josh McMillin** of Hanna City, a sophomore majoring in biology; and **Jackie Rae Kelch** of Edwards, a junior majoring in psychology and marketing.

• **Micah Driesner** of Edwards, a junior majoring in metallurgical engineering, was named to the fall Dean’s list (3.2 gpa or better) at Missouri University of Science and Technology.

• **Thomas Williams** of Dahinda was named to the fall Dean’s list (3.6 gpa or better) at Saint Mary’s University in Winona, Minn.

Archery turkey harvest third-highest on record

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois harvested 801 wild turkeys during the 2022-23 fall archery turkey season between Oct. 1 and Jan. 15. That compares with a fall archery turkey harvest of 683 in 2021-22 and is the third-highest harvest total on record.

The top five counties for fall archery turkey harvest were Vermilion with 27 turkeys harvested, Ogle 24; Clay 22, Marion 21 and Randolph 21. Hunters shot 12 turkeys in Fulton, 8 in Knox, 12 in Peoria, zero in Stark and 3 in Henry counties.

A total of 25,373 permits were sold, not counting landowner permits.

All 102 counties were open for hunting. The harvest consisted of 48 percent males and 52 percent hens.

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Pages From The Past Compiled by Hannah Dobra

5 Years Ago

• Momma D's opened in Princeville on Main Street at the same location formerly occupied by Fred McNeely's barber shop. Owners Ron and Sandy Moats of Galva say Momma D's is a dream come true.

• Dollar General remains on track for spring grand opening in Brimfield, with plans to build the store on a three-acre parcel of land at the corner of U.S. Route 150 and North Maher Road.

• Farmington's cheerleading team placed second Saturday at the IHSA state finals in Bloomington. Team members are Addi Peckham, Jordan Peckham, Erin Pille, Jacey Anderson, Sarah Litchfield, Courtney Marit, Chesney Koenig, Kylie Turner, Abbey Pepper and Kylee Hayden, Lexi Petersen, Kami Kelsey, Kendra Renfroe, Hayleigh Allen, Ashlyn Winters and Riley Reed. The coach is Kim Litchfield.

20 Years Ago

• On Saturday morning, Feb. 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia was returning from a 16-day space mission. When re-entering the atmosphere over the state of Texas, NASA lost contact with the shuttle, and as a stunned world watched, the Columbia disintegrated, killing all seven astronauts aboard and scattering debris over hundreds of miles.

• Farmers National Company recently announced that Jim McReil, AFM, Dahinda, was recognized for his outstanding efforts in developing new business for the company during 2002.

30 Years Ago

• Fran Meyers of Elmwood was presented the IHSA "Breaking Barriers" Award. Breaking barriers is the theme of this year's special day of celebration for girls and women in sports.

50 Years Ago

• Princeville Masonic Lodge 360 was host to 45 secretaries representing lodges from as far as Danville.

• Members of the sixth grade class in Princeville presented musical productions of "Hansel and Gretel" and "The Wizard of Oz."

• Illinois farmers harvested 36,000 acres of sunflowers, averaging 1,170 pounds per acre this year. Sunflower production was permitted on diverted acres. Most of the harvest was used in vegetable oils.

• Mrs. Betty Morse, Elmwood, Junior Director of Modern Woodman of America Junior Service Club 435, Elmwood, has led the group to Merit Club status for the past year.

• A train pulled into Elmwood

last Thursday morning with two cars ablaze, causing excitement. The Elmwood Fire Department answered the call and soon had the fire under control.

60 Years Ago

• Gene Smith was nominated for the road commissioner at the Republican Caucus. Willard Hodges was his Democratic counterpart.

• A spectacular fire in Kewanee on Friday night destroyed four businesses, with damage estimated to exceed \$750,000.

• Installation of counters and seating at Christ's Bakery in Princeville was completed. A new coffee shop was added to Princeville's business community.

65 Years Ago

• Wanda Smith and Robert Coats Jr. were named DAR Good Citizens in Princeville High School.

70 Years Ago

• Mrs. Tom Timmons of Princeville was listed among the nation's top marksmen in editions of the "Skeet Shooting Review," official publication of the National Skeet Shooting Association.

• Charles Harper, former pastor of the Laura church, graduated from Union Theological Seminary in Woodmont, Conn., and had been accepted for foreign missionary service in Korea.

• A fire at Princeville Stone Company's quarry north of town resulted in an estimated \$30,000 in damages to buildings and contents on Jan. 22.

80 Years Ago

• The high school band directed by J.H. Geyer, and a one-act play directed by Mrs. P.E. Engle, were features of the Jan. 27 meeting of the Home Culture Club at Williamsfield High School.

• Owen Summerson became the first Williamsfield High School student to be drafted while in school during the present conflict, World War II.

85 Years Ago

• Plans were completed for a roller skating carnival in Weaver's Hall in Princeville. The proceeds were to be sent to the new National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

• The old West Hallock Seven Day Baptist church was sold at public auction at the site six miles east and three quarters of a mile south of Princeville for the consideration of \$525.

• A prowler entered the Vandervoort Drug Store during the night and took a camera with him when he left.

88 Years Ago

• Elmwood is to celebrate the township's 100th birthday with a Centennial Program.

90 Years Ago

• The Pleasant Hill Community held a successful entertainment, clearing over \$50 for the piano fund. A piano was purchased and delivered to the school that weekend.

• Cory Robards and his orchestra from Peoria furnished dance music for the annual Princeville Volunteer Fire Company ball in the school gymnasium.

• The "Q" train stopped passenger service to Monica. It was the first time since early 1870 that Monica did not have daily passenger train service.

95 Years Ago

• Citizens of the Monica Community staged a home talent production in Sturms Hall to fill out their deficit remaining due to low receipts from the annual Chautauqua. The play "Getting Acquainted With Madge" featured Paul Burgess, Iva Burgess, Dewey Eakman, Irma Arnold, Mildred Bliss and many others.

106 Years Ago

• Farmington's three blacksmiths have agreed on prices to be charged for their various lines of work.

116 Years Ago

• Charles Gullett opened a saloon Thursday morning, making five in Farmington.

120 Years Ago

• Local butchers were busily engaged in putting up ice. It was of a fine quality, about 10 inches thick.

• The L.J. Baird and Co. Agency sold the farm of John Walsh to William McDowell, and the farm of Oscar Larson of 120 acres on Center Prairie, to Ahira Johnson.

• The Village of Williamsfield was without doctors for the last two days. Dr. Stowell was in St. Louis and Dr. Cole was in Chicago.

• Four men broke into Frank Green's store in Etherly and helped themselves to clothing. They took their old clothes off and arrayed themselves in complete new outfits, including underwear. After spending the night in the Wagher Schoolhouse, they started on their rambling again, reported Deputy Westfall of Victoria.

128 Years Ago

• A call has been extended to Rev. B.Y. George of Lewistown to fill the pulpit at the Elmwood Presbyterian Church.

• The authorities of Galesburg have placed policemen at the various churches in that city on Sunday evenings to keep the young men who smoke cigarettes away from the doors. The mayor says the practice must be stopped or someone will go behind bars.

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OBITUARIES

John Michael Clardy
FARMINGTON – John Michael “Mike” Clardy, 72, of Farmington, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born on March 20, 1950, to Danny M. and Charlotte J. (Scott) Clardy. He married Cheryl Young on June 12, 1971, at the United Methodist Church of Farmington. She survives.



Clardy

Also surviving Mike are his children, Christopher Adam Clardy of Peoria, Ill., and Michelle (Jay) Clardy Dobbs of St. Louis; two grandchildren, Addison and Theodore “Theo” Dobbs; and his four siblings, James Patrick “Pat” (Carol) Clardy of Farmington, Jean Catherine “Cathy” Busch of Pekin, Theresa “Terry” Ann Boughton of Farmington and Dana Christine (Scott) Hoerr of Hanna City. Preceding him in death were both of his parents.

As a child Mike was an athlete and avid hunter/fisherman. He was an all-state football player for Farmington and played college football at Knox College, where he was also a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

After school he worked on the Chicago Northwestern Railroad before purchasing the Farmington Shopper Newspaper in 1977 with his wife Cheryl. He and Cheryl owned and operated the Farmington Shopper and Tucker’s Printing in Galesburg until their retirement in November 2020.

During his life, Mike will be remembered for his devotion to his wife, family and willingness to always help others in need.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, from 2-4 p.m. at Sedgwick Funeral Homes and Crematory in Canton, Ill. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. with Rev. Kevin VanTine officiating. Burial of ashes in Oakridge Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital or to the Farmington Fire Protection District and Rescue 1100.

You may go to www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com to view Mike’s

DVD or to leave online condolences.

Mark A. Ryan

BRIMFIELD – Mark Andrew Ryan, 48, Reston, Va., formerly of Brimfield, Ill., passed away Jan. 14, 2023, at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital in Fairfax, Va. Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at National Funeral Home, Falls Church, Va.

Mark was born Feb. 23, 1974, in Peoria, Ill., to Raymond and Evelyn Ryan. He was married to Lizette Badillo Aug. 10, 2003, in Brooklyn, N.Y. They are the parents of three children, Angelia, Aidan and Isabella Ryan, all of Reston, Va.

Mark was a 1992 honor graduate of Brimfield High School, Brimfield and an Illinois State Scholar. He was nominated to attend the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. He was a member of the Student Council, the National Honor Society, the baseball team and the band. He was a member of the Union Church in Brimfield.



Ryan

In 1996 Mark was graduated with honors from the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science in accountancy. He obtained a Certified Public Accountant license in Illinois and was employed by Pritchard Osborn LLC in Litchfield, Ill., and later for Kerber, Eck & Braeckel, LLP in Springfield, Ill.

He was subsequently graduated with honors from the University of Indiana Maurer School of Law in 2003 with a Juris Doctorate Degree. He was editor of the Law Review.

From 2003-05 he was a Law Clerk for Judge Rodolfo Lozano in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana and later Clerk for Judge Michael Kanne in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He was admitted to the Indiana Bar.

He was an Associate Attorney for the law firm of Willkie, Farr, and Gallagher LLP in New York City from 2006-10 and was a member of the New York Bar Association.

Mark was employed by the United States Department of Justice from 2010-23 as a trial attorney. He was an accomplished attorney re-

ceiving numerous awards including attorney of the year on more than one occasion. Mark volunteered with numerous professional and civic organizations. He was respected as a fierce advocate of justice for all, a tenacious adversary and an honest and straightforward person in both his professional and personal life.

His close friends remember him for his quick wit and humor, his humbleness and his willingness to help whenever he could.

In his senior year of high school, Mark was named first chair trumpet player in the Illinois State Honor Band. One selection he played was based on a writing by Dylan Thomas, “Do not go gentle into that dark night. Rage, rage against the dying of the light.” Mark was impressed with that message and determined to live his best life and, when faced with a life-threatening illness, he did valiantly rage against the dying of the light.

Mark was a devoted husband and loving father and will be greatly missed, but is remembered with much love and admiration. Mark is survived by his wife, Lizette, his children, Angelia, Aidan and Isabella Ryan, his mother, Evelyn Ryan, all of Reston, Va.; his mother in law, Suzette Reyes of Brooklyn; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Dr. Diana and Eddie Rasmison and family, Massapequa, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Ryan, and his brother, David Ryan.

Mark Ryan enjoyed visiting interesting places and meeting people of many walks of life. He especially loved attending Cardinal baseball games, Indianapolis 500 races and NASCAR races. He was an avid Randy Travis fan and loved country dancing. He was proud of his hometown and the opportunities a smaller community offered and he would visit his childhood friends often. He brought his family to Brimfield Old Settlers so the children could experience the community parade and the carnival rides.

Even when visiting Brimfield as an adult, Mark and his friends could be found “hanging out” at Burnzees or at their favorite meeting place on the steps at Sherman’s Pharmacy in Brimfield after dark, as they used to do in high school.

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Thus it is fitting that area friends are inviting members of Brimfield High Class of 1992 and other friends and relatives to meet at Burnzees Bar and Grill in Brimfield from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, to remember the good times and celebrate the life of Mark Ryan.

Iva D. Smith

FARMINGTON – Iva Dee Smith, 86, of Farmington, passed away at 11:11 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at Courtyard Estates in Farmington.

She was born March 3, 1936, in Jefferson City, Mo., to Oren and Fannie (Love) Knox. She married Hampton Smith on Dec. 12, 1954, at the Methodist Church in Yates City. He preceded her in death on Sept. 8, 2010.

Iva is survived by three children, Susan (Brent) Elliott of Yates City, Jeanne Johnston of Lake Worth, Fla., and Curt (Doreen) Smith of Elmwood; one sister, Fern Mitchell; six grandchildren, Jarame (Tina) Runyon, Shantal (Jason) Pettry, Robert (Amanda) Johnston, Nikki (Cody) Rogers, Zachary (Marbeth) Johnston, and Ian Smith; 13 great-grandchildren, Madi, Alexa, Madyson, Briahana, Baelee, Jayde, Kaden, Payton, Gavin, Jensen, Lily, Tristan and Nola; and 9 great-great-grandchildren, Laken, George, Axel, Reese, Leah, Scarlett, Runyon, Wyatt and Birdie.

Iva was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Walter Knox, Marlyn Knox, George Knox and Boots Knox; and one sister, Unie Moshier.

Iva was a longtime resident in



Smith

Elmwood for over 65 years. She was a longtime Bethel Bible Church member before later joining the Elmwood United Methodist Church. She was very involved with women's ministries at the church.

A visitation will be held from 10-11:30 a.m., on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A funeral will follow at 11:30 a.m., at the funeral home. Burial will immediately follow the service at Elmwood Township Cemetery. The food and fellowship location will be announced the day of the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Elmwood United Methodist Church, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, and Alzheimer's Association.

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

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

Esther M. Streitmatter

PEORIA – Esther M. Streitmatter, 98, of Peoria, formerly of Bradford and Edelstein, passed away at 10:34 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at Apostolic Christian Skylines in Peoria.

Esther was born April 26, 1924, in Kickapoo Township, the daughter of William and Emma Heubach Ehnle. She married LeRoy H. Streitmatter on June 1, 1947, in Peoria County. He preceded her in death on July 25, 2008.

Surviving are two sons, Rex Streitmatter of Edelstein and Tex



Streitmatter

(Mary) Streitmatter of Syracuse, Utah; one daughter, Emmy (Jack) Stuckel of Farmington; 6 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 1 sister-in-law, Joan Ehnle of Cambridge. Esther was also preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Beverly A. Drinnin; one son-in-law, Lloyd Miller; four brothers, Albert, David, Ben and Willis Ehnle; and two sisters, Caroline Haworth and Frieda Feucht.

Esther attended Brown's Business School. She worked at Rozzell's Ice Cream Factory and Standard Oil Company prior to her marriage. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Many years were spent working the farm with her husband, LeRoy, at their Bradford home and later near Edelstein.

Esther put her faith in the Lord at an early age. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church in Bradford, where her funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, with church ministers officiating. Visitation was to be from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville.

Additional visitation will be prior to the service from 9-9:45 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Streitmatter Cemetery in rural Princeville.

Memorials may be made to Apostolic Christian Skylines, 7023 N. E. Skyline Drive, Peoria, IL 61614. The family wishes to thank everyone at Skylines for the wonderful care.

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GIRLS: Brimfield balanced in win over R-W

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 bounds. Ainsley Faulkner had six assists.

Princeville
 Princeville (24-9) avenged a regular-season loss to Illini Bluffs Tuesday with a 51-39 win over IB in the night's second regional semifinal in Glasford.

Illini Bluffs (18-13) had defeated Princeville on Dec. 19, 36-29. But the Lady Princes have developed better scoring balance since then in winning 19 of their last 21 games.

Worth noting is that one loss in that stretch was a 43-24 setback to Elmwood on Dec. 27. Princeville also lost to the Lady Trojans on Nov. 25, 31-21.

For Princeville's revenge tour to continue tonight, the Lady Princes will need that balanced scoring and stronger defense inside.

Against IB, Destinee Harwood led with 23 points, while Brianna Brodie scored 14 and Kinley McGinn tallied 11 and went 7-for-8 on free throws.

The Lady Princes had reached the semifinals with a 69-25 win over Flanagan-Woodland in Saturday's first-round game.

Paisley Schock led Princeville with 20 points, Harwood scored 15, Brodie tallied 13 and McGinn poured in 12 for a balanced

attack. Prior to regional play, the Lady Princes rebounded from a loss to Annawan with a 50-48 win at Wethersfield to finish with a 10-1 Lincoln Trail Conference record.

Brodie scored 24 points to lead Princeville, which also got 10 points from Schock and 8 from Harwood.

Brimfield
 After barely beating ROWVA-Williamsfield in its regular-season meeting, Brimfield (21-9) was locked in Monday for a 59-37 Class 1A regional semifinal victory.

No. 2 seed Brimfield advances to today's 7 p.m. regional final at Wethersfield against Annawan (24-7), which beat the hosts 56-33 on Monday.

Brimfield won a regular-season meeting at Annawan, 64-60.

"They're really good," Brimfield Coach Josh McKown said of Annawan. "They trap all over the floor and look to tip passes and get out and run. The key for us is we're going to have to limit turnovers and not play at their pace. We've got to control the tempo."

Brimfield controlled the game against R-W, leading by 29 early in the fourth quarter behind a balanced lineup led by Ava Heinz

with 16 points, Kylee Vaughn with 15 (on five treys), 11 from Elly Doe and 8 from Olivia Kappes.

"We were pretty locked in tonight," McKown said. "We shot the ball well and played pretty good defense."

McKown said Doe's aching knee felt much better after a week of rest but added, "She's definitely still not 100 percent."

Prior to the regionals, Brimfield ended the regular season with a 65-37 loss at Quincy Notre Dame, the No. 1 team in Class 2A. Heinz scored 16 points in the loss.

ROWVA-Williamsfield
 While R-W saw its season and a four-game win streak end Monday in the regional at the hands of Brimfield, 59-37, the season was a success for the Cougars.

By posting wins over Galva on Saturday (49-36) in the regional opener and Feb. 8 over United (44-35) in the regular season finale, R-W assured a winning record.

The team's 17-15 overall mark is the first winning season in R-W program history and is the first winning season in more than 10 years of ROWVA-only days, according to Coach Michael Weitekamp.

What's more, the R-W JV team finished the season 18-5.

R-W went up on Galva 24-11 by halftime in its regional opener and got 20 points and three treys from Lizzie Johnston. Emma Seiboldt added 14 points and three more 3-pointers, while Avery Rigg scored five points.

Rigg was top scorer in the win over United with 17 points while Carolyn German tallied 11, Seiboldt had 6 and Johnston scored all her points in the fourth quarter going 5-for-6 on free throws.

The Lady Cougars rallied to tie 23-23 at halftime after falling behind 14-7 deficit after one quarter.

Farmington
 The Lady Farmers (7-23) dropped their Class 2A regional opener against Peoria Heights (16-16) on Saturday, 57-28. Anna Weibel led with nine points in the regional setback.

"We played a really tough schedule and although our record wasn't the best, we definitely saw improvement," Coach Brad Whitcomb said.

Prior to the postseason game, Farmington had dropped its regular-season finale at home on Feb. 9 against Kewanee Wethersfield, 50-38.

Hanlin and Vallianatos scored nine points apiece to lead Farmington.

Weibel also scored 20 in a 56-34 loss to Illini Bluffs on Feb. 8.

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps
 WOW, I JUST DON'T GET WHAT MARGE IS THINKING?
 OK, SO IT'S KINDA WARM HERE IN THE HEN HOUSE...
 BUT CHOOSING TO LAY EGGS OUT IN THE SNOW?
 WOW, I JUST DON'T GET WHAT MARGE IS THINKING?

R.F.D. by Mike Marland
 LOOKS LIKE I MAY HAVE TO PUT UP BARRIERS TO SEPARATE MY CUSTOMERS.
 COVID GETTIN' BAD AGAIN?
 NOPE... POLITICS ARE.
 YOU'RE AN IDIOT IF YOU BELIEVE THAT!
 WELL, YOU'RE AN IDIOT IF YA DON'T!

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Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez
 1. TELEVISION: What was the name of the saloon in the 1960s series "Gunsmoke"?
 2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: To date, how many people have walked on the moon?
 3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Canadian province Nova Scotia?
 4. MOVIES: How many "Police Academy" movies have been produced?
 5. U.S. STATES: Why is Indiana known as "The Hoosier State"?
 6. FOOD & DRINK: What percentage of a cucumber is water?
 7. HISTORY: Which company published its first mail-order catalog in 1872?
 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What does the armadillo's name mean in English?
 9. LITERATURE: What is author Mark Twain's real name?
 10. CELEBRITIES: What is one of singer/actor Frank Sinatra's famous nicknames, based on a physical attribute?

- Answers**
 1. Long Branch Saloon.
 2. 12.
 3. Halifax.
 4. Seven, including the original movie and six sequels.
 5. The name became popular in the 1800s, likely from the poem "The Hoosier's Nest."
 6. 96%.
 7. Montgomery Ward.
 8. Little armored one.
 9. Samuel Langhorne Clemens.
 10. Ol' Blue Eyes.

TOP 10 MOVIES
 1. Knock at the Cabin (R)
 2. 80 for Brady (PG-13)
 3. Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13)
 4. BTS: Yet to Come in Cinemas (NR)
 5. Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG)
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 7. M3GAN (PG-13)
 8. Missing (PG-13)
 9. Sustenance (NR)
 10. Pathaan (NR)
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Long drives a part of Farmington's regional hoops rou-

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

For the Farmington boys basketball team, the term "regional" to describe the first step of the state tournament might seem a bit restrictive.

The Farmers were assigned to the Class 2A regional at Savanna West Carroll, located along the Mississippi River about 120 miles north of Farmington. Their first game is at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 against West Carroll or Port Byron Riverdale, which play each other Saturday.

Farmington was the third seed in Sub-Sectional A of the Orion Sectional. Rockridge was first, Mercer County second. Riverdale is seventh, West Carroll 12th.

As Farmington Coach Marty Lozier sees it, someone always is going to have an issue with regional assignments and travel.

"Some regionals may have two or three top teams in the state, and those teams would rather travel to even things out, somewhat like football pairings," Lozier stated. "Some regionals are weaker, and those teams don't mind the travel. I'm somewhere in the middle. "As far as the drive, we

will get the bus on the road early and get the kids there plenty early for our games, I hope. It's the regional that I believe gives us the best chance to win."

If Farmington wins the opener, it's to play Feb. 24 for the title against Mercer County, Prophetstown-Erie or Orion.

Regarding Class 1A, ROWVA-Williamsfield received the second seed in Sub-Sectional A of the Bushnell Sectional. Elmwood was third, Stark County was fourth, regional-host Princeville was fifth, Brimfield was ninth and Galva was 16th and last. Peoria Christian is the top seed.

R-W was assigned to the regional at Monmouth United. The Cougars are to be host to Galva at 6 p.m. Saturday at Billtown in a regional opener. Also in the United Regional is Elmwood, which is to host No. 15 West Central at 5 p.m. Saturday.

In the Princeville Regional, the Princes are to be host to Brimfield at 5 p.m. Saturday. Stark County is host to Wethersfield at 6 p.m. Saturday.

"I like how we have played of late, most of the time," Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson stated. "It's time we play well consis-

tently. We must, or it will be over."

Regional semifinals are at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at Princeville and United. Title games are 7 p.m. Feb. 24.

Brimfield

Drew Kieser had 14 points Feb. 8 and Oliver Heinz scored 13 to lead host Brimfield past Elmwood 47-38 in a game that counted in Inter-County and Prairieland North standings. It marked the Indians' first victory in three meetings this season against their rival.

Early in the previous two games, Brimfield fell behind significantly. This time, it trailed 10-3, then scored 10 in a row.

"I didn't have to call a timeout to wake up the team," Carlson said. "That answer gave us confidence for the remainder of the game."

Effective 1-2-2 zone defenses helped give Brimfield confidence, too, according to Carlson.

On Feb. 10 at Peoria Heights, Brimfield won 55-42 behind 23 points from Heinz. He had 16 in the second half as his team broke from a 20-20 tie.

Brimfield (13-16) took a 4-0 Prairieland North record into a decisive league home game Tues-

day night against Farmington, which also was 4-0. The Indians ended their regular season Wednesday night with an ICAC game at Peoria Christian. Brimfield was 3-3 in that league.

Elmwood

In its 47-38 loss Feb. 8 at Brimfield, Elmwood (18-9) got 12 points from Zach Howerton. He had eight first-quarter points. Layne Durst scored nine, all on 3-pointers.

Two nights later, host Elmwood dominated North Fulton 56-24 as Brendan Williams scored 21, including 19 in the first three periods. Williams had eight points in the first quarter as the Trojans led 20-6. Howerton had 12 points, all before the fourth quarter.

Elmwood also won Feb. 7 at Bushnell-Prairie City, 60-42. Brayden Lehman had a team-high 13 points. Bo Windish and Williams each scored 11. As he did against North Fulton, Williams had eight in the first.

The Trojans wrapped up the regular season Tuesday night by hosting Peoria Heights. That game was to determine Elmwood's final record in the Prairieland North (1-3 before Tuesday) and the ICAC (2-4).

Farmington

Peoria Christian defeated visiting Farmington 54-43 in a game Feb. 10. Zac Taylor had 18 points in what was an even game until the fourth quarter. Keauntrey Barnes had 10 points and sat most of the first half because of foul trouble.

Barnes had 22 points Feb. 7, but that wasn't enough to keep Farmington from losing 55-49 to Illini Bluffs. Turnovers enabled the visitors to break a 21-21 halftime tie, then they were 8-for-8 on free throws down the stretch. Kaden Runyon scored 11 for the Farmers.

Following its trip Tuesday night to Brimfield, Farmington (19-11) is idle until regionals. Guard Logan Morse was expected to return this week from an ankle injury, according to Lozier.

Princeville

Tucker Sennett had 20 points Monday night to lead Princeville past non-conference-visitor Henry 64-24. Sennett had three first-quarter 3-pointers to help his team to a 22-7 lead.

Overall, 10 Princeville players scored.

On Feb. 10, Mercer County defeated Princeville 42-28. The hosts had only two third-quarter points. Jake Williams scored a team-high 10.

Princeville also lost Feb. 7 at Abingdon-Avon, 38-33. According to Princeville Coach Tait Sennett, his team fell behind early and cut its deficit to one at halftime but couldn't sustain anything.

"I'm not sure we were ready for their physicality," Sennett stated. "We responded well. We just couldn't get any offense going. (A-Town) played good defense and we were rushing our shots."

Princeville (17-11, 5-4 Lincoln Trail) played Tuesday night at Anna-wan and ends its regular season Friday night in Ke-wanee against Wethersfield.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

ROWVA-Williamsfield lost 57-45 to Illini Bluffs in an Inter-County finale Feb. 11 at Billtown that gave the winners the league title. Graham Wight had 21 points, Riley Danner had 11 and Adam Kohl scored 10.

The previous night at Oneida, the Cougars defeated Galva 71-32 in the Lincoln Trail.

Wight had 18 points and Kohl scored 12, but R-W lost 69-48 in an LTC game Feb. 7 at Knoxville. R-W (20-9, 6-3 LTC, 5-2 ICAC) played Tuesday at West Central and plays tonight (Feb. 16) at Oneida against United.

Three Farmington wrestlers advance to state

CLINTON – Junior Keygan Jennings led a trio of Farmington wrestlers to the state individual finals with a first-place finish last Saturday in the 113-pound weight class at the Clinton Class 1A Sectional.

Joining Jennings starting today (Feb. 16) at the State Farm Center in Champaign will be Farmington teammates senior Rese Shymansky (170 pounds) and freshman Bradlee Ellis (126).

Jennings (32-1) won his 113-pound title match over Clinton Ver-Heecke (44-1) of Decatur Lutheran with a pin at 1:52. Jennings also won by a fall in his quarterfinal match and by an 8-4 decision in the semifinals.

Ellis (40-9) topped Hunter Shrike (36-15) of Tolono Unity in the third-place match with a pin at 1:07. Ellis avenged a 6-1 loss to Shrike in the quarterfinals and won four matches

overall in wrestlebacks.

Shymansky (37-4) pinned Brodie Salmon (27-7) of Mercer County to win his third-place match in 3:19. After winning his first two matches, Shymansky lost in the semifinals to second-place finisher Kyus Root (45-6) of Tolono Unity.

Jennings faces junior Tharren Jacobs (39-9) of Port Byron Riverdale in his first match, while Ellis meets sophomore Max Rosen (39-10) of Chicago DePaul and Shymansky will battle senior Derek Carlson (34-6) of Coal City.

Freshman Patience Riggs (8-12) of ROWVA-Williamsfield placed fourth in the Geneseo girls sectional in the 235-pound weight class and will also wrestle at state, facing senior Kiara Ganey (14-1) of Belleville. Riggs dropped the third-place match at sectional to junior Peyton Kueltzo (25-11) of Minooka by fall at 0:45.



Three Farmington wrestlers advanced to the individual state finals out of last Saturday's sectional. Left to right are, Rese Shymansky (170 pounds), Bradlee Ellis (126) and Keygan Jennings (113).

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Elmwood poms win 2 trophies

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

SPRINGFIELD – The Elmwood pom-pon team went from depression to elation thanks to a strong showing Saturday at the Bank of Springfield Center.

Competing at the Illinois Drill Team Association's state finals, Elmwood won a championship for A Division in Open Pom and placed third in A Division for Pom. Coach Emily Roberts said that finish helped ease the sting of not qualifying for the IHSA competitive dance finals three weeks ago – the first time Elmwood failed to reach that contest in six years.

"They were devastated, about as low as I've had a team in a long time," Roberts said. "We had probably beaten 10 teams (that made IHSA) for the previous six weeks. It's a very subjective sport.

"They could have folded. But they didn't. They did the opposite. And I'm really proud of them."

Elmwood's championship IDTA open-pom routine marked



The Elmwood pom-pon team won a state championship and a third-place finish at the 44th annual Illinois Drill Team Association contest in Springfield last weekend. Team members pictured are: Front row (left to right) – Abby Sheridan, Taylor Glover and Abby Colgan. Middle row (l to r) – Maddie Lambert, Allie Svymbersky, Kennedy Gillum, Lauren Feller and Kaylee LaFollette. Back row (l to r) – Claire Colgan, Isabell Davis, Maci Marincic and Kaylin Williams. Photo courtesy of Emily Roberts.

the first time that routine had earned a first place all year.

"We made some changes and they performed incredibly well and they won," Roberts said. "They are hard workers and they are dedicated. Without them being dedicated, we would have been in a lot of trouble."

The finish at IDTA mirrored that of last year for Elmwood, which has now won state titles at

the IDTA event in back to back years.

Elmwood's 12-member team included two seniors – Taylor Glover and Abby Sheridan – along with five juniors and five sophomores.

Among other highlights this year, junior Kennedy Gillum of Elmwood was named a Rising Star by the IDTA at a Dec. 10 competition in Dunlap.

Title Thursday

Elmwood, Brimfield, Princeville girls in finals

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

GLASFORD – Foul trouble is never a good thing in the basketball postseason, except maybe in rare exceptions where you have a solid lead and can let your bench get a taste of playoff hoops.

Such was the case for 10th-ranked Elmwood, which topped Roanoke-Benson 55-42 Tuesday in the semifinals of the Illinois Bluffs Class 1A regional.

Top-seed Elmwood (27-5) advances to play Princeville (24-9) in a regional final at 7 p.m. today (Feb. 16) at Illini Bluffs. The Lady Trojans are seeking to win Elmwood's second-ever regional and also its second in a row.

Elmwood jumped to a 16-3 lead in the first quarter against Roanoke-Benson (19-12) on a mix of inside baskets by Liv Meyers and 3-balls from Melody Glenn. By halftime, Meyers had 14 of her game-high 23 points on 7-for-9 shooting.

The Lady Trojans were able to maintain a comfortable cushion in the second half despite having to sit two starters at times as fouls mounted.

"I'm not sure I want that for the rest of the postseason, but it gave

us a chance to put some people in different situations and see what we can do," Elmwood Coach Gregg Meyers said.

Glenn finished with 12 points and post player Lauren Rushing scored 9 of 11 in the second half from in close.

"They could not play with us inside," Meyers said. "We got away from that a little at times and that was a mistake. You've got to keep going to the well until the well is dry."

Prior to the regional, Elmwood won its final two regular season games, topping Peoria Heights on Feb. 7 (33-30) and Knoxville on Feb. 9 (43-22).

At Knoxville, Elmwood jumped to a quick 15-4 lead after one quarter and never looked back. Glenn led the team with 17 points, all in the first three quarters, and Liv Meyers scored 7 of her 15 in the fourth quarter. Rushing scored eight points.

Against Peoria Heights, Liv Meyers and Glenn scored 15 apiece for Elmwood and combined for all 12 points in the fourth quarter. Glenn was 4-for-8 on 3-point shots and Meyers was 7-for-8 from the field with 6 re-

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