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## FUTURE OF POOL UNCERTAIN

### Princeville ponders pool

By NICK VLAHOS  
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – If Princeville-area residents want public swimming pools in their community, they probably will have to demonstrate it financially. And repeatedly.

**Survey**  
• Princeville seeks opinions on Aquatic Center. Page 2

The Princeville Aquatic Center is projected to have a deficit of more

than \$100,000 to begin the 2023 summer season, based on 2022 income and estimated expenses. The facility that’s about a quarter-century old always has operated at a deficit, but this one is extreme, according to village officials.

Increases in the minimum wage, higher costs for materials and expenses for necessary upgrades are part of the recent issue. That last



The future of the Princeville Aquatic Center is in doubt thanks to rising debts. The center is expected to have a deficit of more than \$100,000 to start the 2023 summer season and the Village Board is pondering the future of the facility.

category includes \$15,000 for a new chlorine system and \$10,000 for a pool heater.

“If the pool was open seven or eight months out of the year and you lost \$100,000 or \$80,000, that’s feasible,” said Chad Gardner, the village superintendent of public

works. “For 2½ months, to lose that kind of money it just seems like it’s become astronomical.”

A decision regarding the aquatic center’s 2023 fate probably will have to be made within the next month or so, Village President Jeff

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### Elmwood votes to extend sports co-op

Brimfield school board V.P. anticipates similar vote from his group in March

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The ball is in Brimfield’s court regarding the future of a long-standing sports co-operative agreement with Elmwood.

The Elmwood School Board on Monday voted 5-1 in favor of extending the co-op as it currently exists for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons. Kevin Windish cast the lone dissenting vote after indicating he would prefer to wait until March for a decision.

The Brimfield School Board is scheduled to discuss the co-op again at its March 15 meeting, after tabling a vote on Feb. 15. One Brimfield board

member said at Monday’s meeting that he thinks the agreement will be extended.

“I can’t speak for the other board members, but I personally feel it will probably be approved to extend for two more years,” said Jason Snyder, Brimfield board vice president.

Snyder also said Brimfield is open to forming a co-op committee to discuss issues that arise, including parental complaints, finances and other matters.

Several Elmwood board members also spoke in favor of a committee, whose makeup could include members of the school board, school ad-

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### Three races contested on April 4 ballots

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

With the next Illinois consolidated election just over a month away, sample ballots include a few contested races in The Weekly Post area. Three races will be contested on April 4, to be exact: Brimfield and Williamsfield school board elections show multiple candidates and two men are running to be Farmington mayor.

In all other cases, ballots for Peoria, Knox and Fulton counties show just enough candidates to fill open positions – or in some cases not enough

candidates.

In Farmington, acting mayor Kenn Stufflebeam will run against Chadric J. Zessin for the unexpired two-year term left by the resignation of former mayor Kent Kowal. Stufflebeam vacated his alderperson position to step in after Kowal’s resignation last spring.



Stufflebeam

The Brimfield School Board race has 10 total candidates running for four open positions. But there are two different races, since the compo-

sition of the board is restricted to three members from any Congressional township.

Katie Kappes, a current appointed board member, will run against Natalie M. Zeman for a two-year position.

In the election for three terms of four years each, the following candidates are listed on the ballot: Rachel E. Blodgett, Joshua L. Murdock, Nicholas K. Butterfield, David Hicke Jr., Constance R. Monk, Christopher S. Schachtrup, Nathan B. Hamilton and Melissa M. Klablel.

The Williamsfield School Board

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# PRINCEVILLE: 'Save the Pool' campaign likely

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Troutman said.

What Trustee Teresa Gilroy called a "save the pool" campaign is likely. It would entail newspaper advertising to help increase awareness of the problem and to solicit donations. Village public events and social-media accounts also are to promote the campaign.

The village has used money from other funds to cover previous aquatic-center shortfalls. But the problem has been building for years and can't continue, Gilroy said.

"I'd love to keep that pool there, but I'm elected to be fiscally responsible, too," she said. "I don't want to have to pay for the pool with water funds or sewer funds or whatever."

Gilroy leads the Village Board committee that oversees the aquatic center. The committee met Feb. 21 to discuss the deficit and to brainstorm about how to address it.

Located at 620 Princeville Ave., the aquatic center is open daily in the summer, weather permitting. It has three pools – a 25-yard lap pool, a T-shaped pool and a wading pool.

Daily aquatic-center admission last

year was \$8 for most children and for adults 60 and older, \$10 for most others. Season passes also were available for Princeville residents and non-residents. Pass prices ranged from \$200 to \$300.

According to village figures, about 4,400 customers used the facility last summer. Total receipts were \$44,659. Estimated expenses for 2023 are \$149,024. The highest expense, \$60,264, is for salaries for part-time aquatic-center employees. State-mandated minimum-wage raises are not included.

Per Troutman, aquatic-center deficits used to be in the \$25,000-30,000 range annually.

"That's a little more easy to swallow," he said. "Nowadays, when you're pushing \$100,000 or \$150,000, that kind of changes things."

Michael Harmon, vice president of the Princeville School Board, attended the pool-committee meeting. He suggested a public call to action might be the best way to help address the problem.

"I don't see a way you can raise fees enough to cover that kind of

cost," Harmon said. "But there may very well be enough support in the community for other organizations to come in and throw something into the kitty to make a difference."

Gardner and others said such fundraising can't be a one-shot deal. Expenses, including wages, aren't likely to decrease soon. Otherwise, closing the aquatic center and selling the property might be an option. Gardner estimated two to four houses could be built on it.

"I know a lot of people love the pool. I get it," Gardner said. "I think it's good for a lot of things, too. But ..."

In the Village Board meeting that followed the pool-committee meeting, trustees authorized spending about \$110,000 to sealcoat and/or re-surface all or parts of at least 16 village thoroughfares. Gardner said work should begin in June.

The owner of a structure at 526 W. Main St. was approved to receive \$2,500 from the village Residential Rehabilitation Program, to help pay for new siding. A building permit also was issued for a new fence in a back yard at 309 S. Edwards Ave.



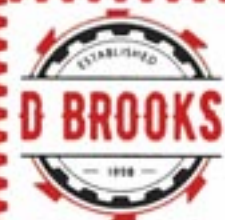
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 The verified receipts for 2022 were \$44,659.00

Do you want to see the Village of Princeville continue to spend towards this amenity? **Yes** or **No** (please circle)

If **Yes**, we will need your help in doing so. This could involve volunteering.

- Possibly something at Heritage days?
- Possibly canvassing for donations?

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**This Week's Hot Picks**

- **Fish/Shrimp Fry** – Brimfield Area Men's Club has a catfish fillet and shrimp fry March 3, 5-7 p.m. at the Brimfield American Legion. Carry-out available. Cost \$13 for shrimp dinner, \$15 for catfish dinner.
- **Missionary Conference** – Brunswick Community Church has its 67th annual Missionary Conference Friday-Sunday (March 3-5). All welcome to attend. Friday starts at 7:15 p.m. with welcome and service song. Saturday opens with youth event at 10 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. service. Sunday services start at 9:45 a.m. Church on Stone School Road, 4 miles south of Illinois Route 116.

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ENE 13 mph	NNE 24 mph	WNW 11 mph	SSW 8 mph	SE 10 mph	NE 12 mph	NE 12 mph

**This Week's Events**

- **Book Group** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library will host a book group discussion of "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. Patrons can join in person or by Zoom. Email elmwoodlib@gmail.com to get the Zoom invitation.
- **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.
- **Senior Academy** – Knox County TRIAD Senior Academy ends March 6 with graduation, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Galesburg VFW, 1001 Michigan Ave. Speaker is Knox County Sheriff Jack Harlan.
- **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**

- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2 p.m., including March 9.
- **Fish Fry** – The Kickapoo Sportsman's Club has a fish fry March 10, from 4:30-7 p.m. Other dates are March 24 and April 7. Adult dinners \$16, kids 12 and under fish dinner \$5, kids hot dog meals \$4. Carry-outs available.
- **Trivia Night** – Elmwood Business Women's Trivia Night is Saturday, March 25, at Maple Lane Country Club. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Cost \$100 per table of up to eight people. Call Jeanne at (309) 712-4527. Proceeds benefit Claude Keefer Industrial Arts Building.
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## GUEST VOICES



## Of drama derailed, apples & yawning pets

Rambling through central Illinois, happy to see February in the rear-view mirror.

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As a frequent attender of far too many public meetings, it's refreshing to attend gatherings of elected officials that are handled professionally, efficiently and with a minimum of bickering. So kudos goes to Elmwood School Board President **Val Ramirez** for getting everyone in and out of the Elmwood auditorium in less than an hour Monday night. Discussion on extension of the Elmwood-Brimfield sports cooperative agreement could have gone south, and almost did, but Ramirez helped keep things moving forward with just a few moments of drama. ... Now don't get me started about the Williamsfield School Board somehow managing to be in executive session for nearly six hours until 1:48 a.m. a few weeks ago. Sadly, that's not a world record, either, as there are tales of school boards meeting until 2 a.m. in other districts. ... And don't get me started about the growing trend to



Jeff **LAMPE**

give school superintendents early contract extensions strategically negotiated just before an election. I don't blame a super for trying to get what they can while they can, that's human nature. I do blame the boards (and there have been several of them lately) who make a decision that should be best left to the new members who will be elected in April. Some business has to be decided before then, but not an early contract extension.

...

Since there's a state snake of Illinois, it only seems fair there's also a state apple. And I'm happy to report the Goldrush apple is delicious, too, with a much more pleasant bite than that of a milk snake. **Kurt Christ** shared a few last week and gave some background on the apple, which Illinois picked as a symbol in 2007. It's an all-purpose apple, good for eating, cooking and cider. Christ said the Goldrush tends to get a little wrinkly after it has been stored for awhile. "It has to be held just right," Christ said. "But the inside has a real distinctive taste that stays that way for a year." ... Christ shared samples of a second apple variety that keeps even longer. Called Evercrisp, the apple is a cross between Honeycrisp and Fuji and ripens at the tail end of

apple-picking season. Christ planted 500 Evercrisp trees at his orchard six years ago and said he wishes he had planted more. "You can put those on your counter and in two months they'll still be hard," Christ said. Can't vouch for that. Mine lasted just two days.

...

Speaking of trees, we've added white peaches to our grow list at TWP headquarters this year, courtesy of peach pits from **Janet McKinty** or **Louise Thompson** (can't recall which of those generous seed sharers provided them, so better credit both). So far only one peach has hatched, but patience is a virtue when raising baby trees. Faring much better are our bur oaks, sycamores and red buds. We may have extras this year, so stay tuned. ... **Joe** and **Lauri House** of Princeville have sold the Pumpkin Place to **Cody** and **Maria Blunier** of Princeville, who plan to move the business to 21416 N. Holmes Rd. east of the current location. But don't worry, Joe is going to continue to raise giant pumpkins. ... Parting shot: What possible excuse do dogs or cats have for yawning after sleeping for a few hours in a sunbeam? Are they just showing off?

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Curiously, a famous American politician, former Vice President Hubert Humphrey, and an even more famous attorney-turned-preacher, Mahatma Gandhi, are both credited as its originator.

It’s doubtful, however, that many in Big Meat ponder its authorship, let alone its admonition.

The latest evidence to highlight Big Meat’s low light is a mid-February case where, according to the Washington Post, a company



**Alan GUEBERT**

named Packers Sanitation Services Inc. (PSSI) paid a \$1.5 million fine after it “allegedly employed minors as young as 13 to use caustic chemicals to clean ‘razor-sharp saws,’ head splitters and other dangerous equipment at meatpacking facilities in eight states ... in some cases for years.”

Take a moment to consider the full meaning of those words: 13-year-olds, caustic chemicals, razor-sharp saws and something called “head splitters.”

Now contrast them to words like skateboards, video games, bussing tables and high school sports – you know, some of the more common diversions “employing” teenagers.

The difference is stark, violent and even brutal.

The absolute topper in this woeful tale is that some of the meatpackers using PSSI-hired contract cleaners “are operated by some of the country’s most powerful meat and poul-

try producers, including JBS Foods, Tyson and Cargill. Those companies were not charged or fined,” reported the Post Feb. 17.

It’s not that these Big Three (of meatpacking’s Big Four) aren’t profitable enough to have their own cleaning crews of trained professionals who are old enough to drive or at least shave once a week.

We know this because, in 2022, for example, Tyson Foods’ net profits totaled \$3.3 billion on sales of \$53.3 billion. The world’s biggest meatpacker, JBS, posted results for 2021 (its latest) that showed \$20.5 billion net profit on \$351 billion in sales. Privately-held Cargill doesn’t reveal profits but did report \$165 billion in total sales for 2022.

And remember, none of these immensely profitable, global meatpackers were “charged or fined” by the U.S. Department of Labor in this case because none of the cleaners – baby-faced or bearded – were employed by JBS, Tyson, or Cargill.

Instead, all worked for PSSI, a Kieler, Wis., company that is “privately owned by Blackstone, one of the world’s largest private equity firms, and employs roughly 17,000 workers,” explained the Post.

Simply put, that means three of ag’s biggest, richest players are at least two steps removed from legal liability for “accidents” or injuries that occur while workers, some as young as 13, are cleaning and sanitizing their industrial slaughterhouses.

PSSI provides other benefits, too, according to its website. For example, the “vision” of company founders more than 50 years ago included PSSI “providing contract sanitation services using a non-unionized workforce.”

The website doesn’t say if that

founding vision also included child labor.

Still, it may get a helping hand in that endeavor as at least two Midwestern states heavy with meatpacking presence, Iowa and Minnesota, are now considering laws that allow “exceptions to child labor regulations in their respective states due to the persisting labor shortage,” reported Business Insider Feb. 13.

Of the two legislative proposals, Iowa’s is particularly “abhorrent,” related a Feb. 12 Cedar Rapids Gazette editorial. The legislation “pushes for teenagers as young as 14-years-old to work in ... jobs like mining, meatpacking, and logging ... work longer shifts that last late into the evening ... (and) what’s more ... the company they worked for would be free from any civil liability or negligence.”

If that proposal becomes law, warned the former Successful Farming writer Cheryl Tevis in a Feb. 18 Substack post, all Iowans “would be complicit, along with our elected representatives and governor, if we look the other way ... [while] putting our children in harm’s way.”

Exactly, but we continue to “look the other way;” we continue to give power to the already too powerful until, like now, all we have left to give is our most vulnerable, our children.

Shame on them and shame on us.

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# ELMWOOD: Baseball main factor in co-op talk

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ministrators and community members.

“The co-op committee is an idea I’ve talked about for 12 years,” Elmwood Board Member Tom Conklin said. “In the last 10 years, the communication between the schools has not been as strong.”

The main issue driving co-op uncertainty is baseball, with Brimfield Coach Brandon Porter saying his numbers next year are projected to reach a level where he needs another coach and more facilities. Porter has also mentioned that participation by Elmwood has dropped to two players last season, though he expects that to increase this year and next.

Snyder and fellow Brimfield Board Member Katie Kappes said their board’s extracurricular committee supports hiring a third baseball coach and providing an additional baseball diamond.

“Unfortunately we’re not going to be able to build a baseball field overnight,” Kappes said. “It’s in everybody’s best interests. We don’t want to leave that handful of boys (from Elmwood) with no team to play for.”

Porter spoke at the meeting, which drew a crowd of nearly 60. He said he recalls a co-op meeting held in 2017 when “a lot of the issues we talked

about then are the same issues now.”

“I hope we can resolve them, but realistically I don’t know,” Porter said. “We’re going to try to do what we can as a board to help you on facilities and to get you more coaches,” Snyder repeated.

“If we can accomplish that, I feel good,” Porter said.

One audience member asked how the baseball decision is different than when the two schools opted to split apart for volleyball.

Elmwood Superintendent Chad Wagner said that – despite a strong voice on the Elmwood board calling for an immediate split – that decision came only after a two-year analysis by the schools showed they could support programs on their own.

“We need this for baseball and softball,” Wagner said. “We don’t have the numbers to have our own program and we don’t have our own facilities.”

Added Elmwood Board President Val Ramirez, “In the co-op both schools have opportunities to play sports that can’t provide.”

Ramirez called it an “equitable partnership,” but said that if baseball and softball are removed from the co-op “it is no longer equitable for Elmwood.”

In other business, the Elmwood

board voted to approve a revised intergovernmental agreement with PERFECT, a cooperative effort by Peoria County schools to provide career and technical education.

The board also approved giving Wagner the authority to spend up to \$51,512 in federal IDEA funds to purchase one new minivan or two used minivans to be used to transportation of special education students.

Wagner said the lone new vehicle he has so far found was a 2023 Chrysler Pacifica seven-passenger model for \$42,289 through the state’s fleet program with Bob Ridings.

During board member reports, Conklin said he has taken part in two negotiating meetings so far with the Elmwood teacher’s union. Two more meetings are scheduled.

“Our goal is to have this wrapped up in the next 30 days,” Conklin said.

In regards to the two failed boilers at Elmwood, Wagner said he negotiated with the manufacturer and was able to get replacement boilers for \$31,000 – a far cry from the \$142,000 the manufacturer had first proposed.

The board also approved moving its April meeting back two days to April 26. In order to comply with state statutes, the board cannot seat new members until 21 days after the April 4 election.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Bell sounds
- 6 Headwear for the slopes
- 12 Dinner, e.g.
- 16 Truckload
- 19 Politico Palin
- 20 14th-century sculptor
- 21 Impala, e.g.
- 23 Pairs figure skater who won 10 consecutive world titles [2014]
- 25 Frozen cube producer
- 26 Figure skater
- 27 "Hack My Life" channel
- 29 Pooh creator
- 30 Stimulus for a reaction
- 34 "The Greatest" boxer [1996]
- 35 Spanish gold
- 37 Alley Oop's girlfriend
- 40 "Please reply abbr.
- 41 Barrett of Pink Floyd
- 42 Australian sprinter who specialized in the 400 meters [2000]
- 45 Fabled man?
- 50 Contended
- 51 Tiny division of a min.
- 52 First female figure skater to land a triple axel in competition [1998]
- 56 Sportscaster
- 59 Nearly dried-up sea
- 61 Shot glass
- 62 Uninteresting
- 65 Prefix with athlete
- 66 Imitator
- 67 Opponent
- 68 Peace activist
- 69 Yoko
- 70 What this puzzle's featured athletes did in the years indicated
- 74 "As I see it," to taxters
- 75 O'er and o'er
- 76 Stared at
- 77 NHLer Bobby
- 78 "It comes —" suprise ...
- 79 It's hit in a
- 81 Lavish dance
- 82 "Up in Smoke" persona
- 84 Phoenix Suns point guard who was the 2005 and 2006 NBA MVP [2010]
- 86 Not on time
- 88 Popo's crown
- 92 Trial excuse
- 93 1950s-'60s champion decathlete [1984]
- 96 Here, in Paris
- 99 Icelandic literary saga
- 101 Some jazz combos
- 102 Solder metal
- 103 Alpine skier voted Canada's female athlete of the 20th century [2010]
- 108 Salad endive
- 111 Go places
- 112 Monte —
- 115 Physically fit
- 116 All by oneself
- 118 Hockey player voted Canada's male athlete of the 20th century [2010]
- 123 Windshreid condensation clearer
- 124 Major South Korean airline
- 125 Twinkle filling
- 126 Suffix with Japan
- 127 Award for Mel Brooks
- 128 Hankered
- 129 Braga of film
- 1 Sorority letter
- 2 Musical gift
- 3 Meyers of TV
- 4 Sri —
- 5 Wrap over the shoulders
- 6 Financial backer
- 7 Joke around
- 8 Lacks entirely
- 9 What fur is (by the year)
- 11 Flawlessly
- 12 — tai
- 13 Slight in tents
- 14 Top players
- 15 Helping theorem
- 16 Writer Alice B. —
- 17 Not in private
- 18 Water nymph
- 22 Placed
- 24 Like a sunshine
- 28 VCR format
- 30 — Cola
- 31 "I smell —!"
- 32 Little children
- 33 Thing at the end of a foot
- 35 To no — (in vain)
- 38 Reduced by
- 39 "Botch" —
- 43 "Notorious" screenwriter
- 44 Ex-Pocket
- 45 Without instrumental backup
- 47 Stay a while
- 48 Large bay window
- 49 Porker
- 52 Artist Chagall
- 53 Some horror film helpers
- 54 Moriso insert
- 55 Maine city
- 57 Singer Gwen
- 58 Jogging gail
- 60 Actress Tara
- 62 Radar spots
- 63 Ceiling
- 64 Make up for
- 66 — nitrite
- 67 Game similar to bacarrat
- 70 Fitz or Hilton
- 71 "You bet!"
- 72 Social circle
- 73 Singer Bobby
- 80 Director DuVernay
- 81 Back of a 45
- 82 Suffix with prank or mob
- 83 Ordinal suffix
- 85 Scottish port on the North Sea
- 87 Sternward
- 89 Concerning
- 90 Muddy up
- 91 Dianist Frank
- 93 Skedaddled
- 94 Vowee of Olaf in "Frozen"
- 95 Award for Mel Brooks
- 96 Not outdoors
- 97 Brings about
- 98 Wages
- 99 Nov. follower
- 104 251, to Ovid
- 105 Malzo's lack
- 106 Arrivo at
- 107 Wipe clean
- 109 Baldwin and
- 110 Back in style
- 113 "You ain't —!" ("Amen!")
- 114 Put — act
- 117 Uninteresting
- 119 Arizona-to-Kansas dir.
- 120 Buddhist sect
- 121 Chiang — shek
- 122 Singing Sumac

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## PUBLIC RECORD

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### Farmington man faces fraudulent check charges

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man faces a Fulton County Circuit Court hearing after he was accused of cashing \$4,850 in fraudulent checks at a local bank office.

Clinton J. Shaffer, 46, was charged with deceptive practices, according to the Farmington Police Department. He is to appear in court at 9 a.m. March 15 in Lewistown, per the Fulton County State's Attorney's Office.

Shaffer submitted nine checks between Dec. 16-27 to the Farmington branch of the Bank of Yates City, according to a Yates City Police Department report. Amounts ranged from \$300 to \$900.

The bank processed eight checks, but not one for \$700 dated Dec. 23. That's when bank employees discovered a problem. The checks were from a credit union in Louisiana.

Shaffer has a lengthy criminal history of theft, fraud and burglary, the Yates City police report stated.

A Farmington police officer attempted to contact Shaffer at his residence but was rebuffed. According to a Farmington police report, Shaffer also has been uncooperative with other authorities. The officer notified a Shaffer relative about the charges and court date.

The relative also made restitution, including fees. On Feb. 15, the relative submitted a \$4,866.99 check to the Bank of Yates City, according to Farmington police.

Fulton County authorities took over the case from Knox County counterparts after it was determined Shaffer cashed the checks in Farmington.

### Police reports

• **ELMWOOD** – The Elmwood Police Department is warning about a scam that involves someone purportedly using its telephone number to call residents.

A woman reported she was telephoned and told if someone at that address didn't turn in themselves to the police, an arrest warrant would be issued. The problem could be avoided with an over-the-phone payment, the caller was told.

"No one should ever call you to

turn yourself in or pay over the phone for any violation," Elmwood Police Officer Mike Darrah said.

The non-emergency Elmwood police phone number is (309) 742-7121.

• **MONICA** – A family evacuated its residence north of Monica after a pickup truck parked next to it caught fire. The incident happened about 2:45 a.m. Feb. 24 in the 14200 block of W. County Line Rd.

A woman at the residence had trouble sleeping and noticed an orange glow outside her bedroom window, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. When she looked out the window, she saw the bed of a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado was on fire.

The woman awakened her husband and children, and they all fled. The husband said the vehicle was his work truck. He also said there was a diesel tank in the truck bed, but he wasn't sure what caused the fire.

Akron-Princeville and Wyoming firefighters doused the flames. The only part of the truck not damaged was a small section of the hood and bumper on the front passenger's side, according to the report. No injuries were reported.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man was accused of domestic battery following an argument with his girlfriend. Carter E. Downard, 47, was arrested and transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown following the incident. The 35-year-old victim summoned Farmington police about 5:45 p.m. Feb. 16 to a residence in the 100 block of W. Pearl St.

Accounts differ regarding what happened, but the victim sustained a broken fingernail on her right hand, according to a police report.

• **PEORIA** – A Hanna City man was accused of instigating a two-vehicle hit-and-run accident.

About 2 p.m. Feb. 11, Sandra M. Schafer of Peoria was driving a westbound 2009 Land Rover LR2 in the 5000 block of Illinois Route 8 when she slowed and signaled a turn into her driveway. Her vehicle then was struck from behind by a 2004 Chevrolet Express driven by Todd E. Werenburg.

Schafer's boyfriend stopped Werenburg as he attempted to leave, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. He provided his insurance information, then departed quickly. The Land Rover sustained a broken rear

plastic light cover and broken back-up sensor, among other damage. Schafer was uninjured.

A deputy attempted to speak with Werenburg, to no avail.

• **FARMINGTON** – A report about a reckless motorist resulted in a Hanna City man being cited for driving with a revoked license.

Farmington police stopped Cody L. Larson, 35, shortly after 8 a.m. Feb. 8 on South Main Street while he was driving a 2009 black Volkswagen van. Earlier, someone called police to complain about a man driving a northbound Volkswagen van on Illinois Route 78 south of Farmington.

The caller said the van driver was swerving all over the road, following too closely and making obscene finger gestures, according to a police report. A license-plate search revealed Larson's driving status. Larson admitted to police he did not have a license, per the report.

Larson was given a notice to appear at 9 a.m. March 10 in Fulton County Circuit Court.

• **EDWARDS** – Jeremy M. Garretts, 47, of Edwards was arrested about 6:15 p.m. Feb. 26 and accused of armed violence, unlawful possession of less than 5 grams of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful delivery/possession with intent to deliver less than 5 grams of meth, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Tara R. McClelland, 27, of Princeville was arrested about 8 p.m. Feb. 25 and accused of domestic battery/physical contact and criminal damage to property/less than \$500, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **FARMINGTON** – Police arrested Christopher L. Wheeler, 40, of Farmington about 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at Circle K, 1006 E. Fort St., on a Fulton County warrant for failure to appear in court. Wheeler had been accused of attempting to disarm a police officer.

Wheeler was released on \$180 bond and fees and was given a notice to appear at 9 a.m. March 29 in Fulton County Circuit Court.

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# Elmwood OKs sealcoating project

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood City Council meeting Feb. 21 was short in duration but longer in appropriation.

On the agenda were three new action items. All involved expenditures.

The biggest ones were for sealcoating and fog sealing of at least 13 city thoroughfares later this year. The council approved bids of \$112,165.24 from R.A. Cullinan & Son Inc. of Tremont and \$34,190.44 from Porter Brothers of Rock Falls for those respective projects. The total of the bids is \$146,355.68.

Cullinan also bid on the fog-sealing project, and Porter Brothers bid on the sealcoating. Also bidding on the fog sealing was American Road Maintenance of Tucson, Ariz.

A fog seal is a light application that seals narrow cracks and helps rejuvenate asphalt surfaces.

During a meeting in December, the council authorized the road work. The estimated total cost then was about \$221,000, to be paid with Rebuild Illinois funds and state motor-fuel-tax money. An engineer estimated the

total cost recently at \$185,999.30, according to city records.

Elmwood Mayor JD Hulslander did not respond to a request for comment regarding the bids and the apparent savings. Earlier, Hulslander said the road work probably would take place in late summer.

Among roadways scheduled for sealcoating are Cypress Street and Rural Avenue between Magnolia and Main streets, Morgan Street between Maple Row and Main Street, Rose Street between Maple Avenue and Main Street, and Walnut Street between Maple Row and Main Street.

The council also ap-

proved spending about \$22,000 to purchase a 2022 Diamond C Trailer from Country Blacksmith Trailers in Mount Vernon. The street department is to use it.

Local veterans' groups are to receive \$1,000 in municipal money, as the council authorized, to purchase American and POW flags that are to replace ones flown currently in Elmwood Central Park.

Elmwood is also in the process of seeking a replacement for the late Wayne Nelson of Virginia, Ill., a licensed water-treatment specialist who has for years helped monitor the city's reverse-osmosis system. Nelson died Jan. 29.

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# BALLOT: Early voting underway through April 1

*Continued from Page 1*  
race has three open positions and three candidates listed on the ballot: Brittany Byrd, Chad Goff and Jennifer Smith. There are also two write-

in candidates for the Billtown board: Brittany Gibbs and Rachel Tucker. Two lines for write-in candidates are shown on the Knox County ballot, but they are not shown on the

Peoria County sample ballot posted on the Peoria County Election Commission website.

There is also a write-in line provided for the Elmwood School Board election, which has three candidates listed as running for four spots: Heather Windish, Dustin Funk and Jessica Reyling, who has served on the board as an appointee. Tori Goedeke is running as the write-in candidate.

More common than contested races are elections that show no candidate or not as many candidates as

spots open.

The Williamsfield Public Library District will have two unfilled spots, the Village of Brimfield will have a vacant four-year trustee position, Hanna City has no candidates for its two-year and four-year spots as a Park District Commissioner and Brimfield Public Library has a write-in line for its four-year trustee position.

Early voting started Feb. 23 at select locations and will be held at the following area spots:

- Peoria County Election Commission Office, 4422 Brandywine Dr., Peoria – Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through March 24; March 25, 9 a.m. to noon; March 26, 12-3 p.m.; March 27 to April 4, various times. Call (309) 324-2300.

- Knox County Clerk's Office, Galesburg – Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through April 1;
- Fulton County Courthouse, Lewistown – Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31, and April 1, 8 a.m. to noon;

- Brimfield Public Library – March 29-30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;

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F&M's Brimfield bank V.P. Weatherly retiring

BRIMFIELD – F&M Bank Vice President Randy Weatherly has announced his retirement effective Friday, March 3.

Weatherly has been responsible for the overall operation of the Brimfield office, including commercial, ag, mortgage and consumer lending, as well as assuming responsibility for consumer lending for the Peoria office since 2018.

Weatherly began his banking career in 1982 as a loan correspondent for a major life insurance company and joined F&M Bank in September 2018 as vice president of the Brimfield location.

In retirement, Weatherly said he and his wife are looking forward to spending more time with their children and grandchildren.

DAR recognizes three local seniors for award

WILLIAMSFIELD – The Spoon River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution awarded three high school seniors from Williamsfield, Elmwood and ROWVA with their Good Citizen Award last Saturday.

In a brief ceremony held at the Williamsfield Legion Hall, Emma Seiboldt of ROWVA High School, Olivia Meyers of Elmwood High



Pictured above are the Spoon River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution selections for the group's Good Citizen Award. From left to right are Emma Seiboldt of ROWVA High School, Olivia Meyers of Elmwood High School and Madeline Gonzalez of Williamsfield High School.

School and Madeline Gonzalez of Williamsfield High School received their honors.

Seiboldt plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall to major in biology with a minor in ag business. Meyers plans to attend Illinois Wesleyan University to major in accounting. Gonzalez plans to attend Bradley University to major in accounting with a minor in business administration.

Each year the Spoon River DAR Chapter works with teachers at each school to choose a senior to honor based on their aptitude and initiative in the areas of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. All three award winners are now invited to participate in the essay portion of the Good Citizen process to be considered for scholarships for their respective colleges.

For more information about the

Spoon River Chapter of DAR, visit ildar.org/chapters/spoonriver/ or the national DAR site at www.dar.org.

College honors

Jake Mullen of Hanna City was named to the fall Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) at Middle Tennessee State University. Mullen is majoring in aerospace.

Et cetera

GALESBURG - John Daniel Lane opens the 2023 Carl Sandburg Songbag Concert Series with a performance on Sunday, March 12.

Playing a style once labeled as "raw baroque Midwest square-dance jams," John's set will feature traditional music and original songs on both guitar and fiddle.

The concert begins at 2 p.m. at the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site, 313 E Third St., Galesburg. Suggested donation is \$5.

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Meet the Write-In Candidates

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BRITTANY GIBBS

Friends, neighbors and family,

I recently decided to run as a write-in candidate for Williamsfield School Board for a couple of reasons. One being, to make a positive impact within our school and community, both of which I love. Another is a heartfelt desire to try and help maintain peace within both, after a turbulent time during the pandemic. For the size of our small community, I count myself lucky that we have our own school and how great it truly has become.

For those who may see this and don't know me, I grew up in Williamsfield and graduated from Williamsfield High School in 2005. I lived in Bloomington for 9 years where I worked at OSF St. Joseph's as a patient care tech while I went to nursing school. My family moved back to Williamsfield in 2019 and I continue to work for OSF at St. Mary's Medical Center. I'm currently in graduate school to obtain my master's degree as a nurse practitioner. I have two sons, Grayson (6) and Parker (4) who attend Williamsfield Elementary School.

When my family moved back, I joined the PAT where I have been president for the last 2 years. I love this role because it gives me means and access to not only plan fun events for our kids but also be able to support our teachers and staff in various ways. If you elect me to be a part of the schoolboard, I will continue to place value in our students and community. I have the greatest respect for our teachers, faculty, and administration. I will work alongside them to continue to build on the foundation that has been laid and to continually seek improvement. There will surely be problems that arise in the future but I promise to use a positive solutions-based approach to address these problems. I love our school and community. I can promise my only agenda is what is in the best interest of our children.

I'm happy to answer any questions if you see me out. Please feel free to message me or email me!

Brittany Gibbs
Bihart86@gmail.com

RACHEL TUCKER

I am excited to announce that I am a write-in candidate for the Williamsfield School Board.

I am a passionate alumna, parent, and taxpayer in the Williamsfield School District, and I am pleased with the educational performance and direction Williamsfield School is headed. I am eager to help the district continue providing quality educational opportunities for the students of our community. I am thankful for the dedication of the teachers and staff in the school, and I am in awe at the opportunities given to Williamsfield students. I admire the love and attention the students receive, but most importantly I respect the academic standards and character responsibilities the students are expected to uphold.

I am running as a candidate because I would like the opportunity to:

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• advocate for high quality education for students
• evaluate all available data while considering policies that regulate all conditions that affect the learning environment of our children
• ensure there are continuous and fair assessments of student achievement
• use my financial degree from Western Illinois University to serve as a faithful protector of taxpayer investments and school district assets
• accomplish all necessary tasks through teamwork with fellow school board members in a respectful and courteous manner
• openly listen and hear the suggestions, concerns, and questions of all stakeholders
• preform valuable civic duty.

For anyone that may not know me, I was born and raised in Dahinda. I attended all of my primary education in Williamsfield and graduated from the high school in 2002. After college I lived out of district for 13 years, but I moved back "home" in 2017. One of the reasons I moved back in district was so my boys could attend Williamsfield Schools. My son, Dylan, graduated in 2022 and my son, Dawson is in kindergarten this year. Professionally, I am a paralegal and I have been at the same law firm for 17 years. I specialize in real estate, but I also conduct tax projections for renewable energy projects, help with projects for municipalities and business organizations. I thoroughly enjoy my work and helping people.

I also enjoy being involved and active within my community and being able to give back. I serve as the treasurer of Dahinda United Methodist Church; secretary, past president, and active member of the Galva Rotary Club; registrar of the Rotary District 6460 Meeting Council; and member of the Williamsfield High School Alumni Association. Additionally, I enjoy being my sons' biggest supporter and cheerleader at school functions and sporting events.

I would enjoy the opportunity to visit with anyone that is equally interested in maintaining the high quality standards of the Williamsfield School District and/or answer any questions about my ability and desire to serve. Feel free to message me, email me, or talk to me in person. Thank you, in advance, for giving me your vote in the upcoming election on April 4, 2023 by writing Rachel Tucker on the ballot.

Sincerely, Rachel Tucker
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- FEB 23rd - APR 3rd EARLY VOTING by mail or in person at Knox County Clerk's Office
• MAR 7th LAST DAY to register to vote at polling places
• March 8th - APR 4th GRACE VOTING - register and vote at same time in Knox County Clerk's Office
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# Navigator files updated ICC application for pipeline

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

Navigator CO2 Ventures LLC on Friday filed an updated permit application with the Illinois Commerce Commission for its proposed Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline.

Navigator said in a press release that its new application includes adding 42 miles to the proposed pipeline that is designed to “connect to additional permanent storage locations in central Illinois.”

“Our team is excited to advance the development of additional permanent storage locations for the Heartland Greenway platform,” Navigator CEO Matt Vining said in the press release. “The updated permit and expanded

footprint allow us to address the increasing commercial demand regionally, especially within the Illinois industrial complex.”

According to Navigator, central Illinois is “home to some of the world’s most well-studied and proven geology for carbon storage.”

The planned pipeline is designed to capture and store 15 million metric tons of CO2 every year, according to Navigator.

A Phase 2 map showed on Navigator’s website shows proposed future expansion of the pipeline in Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska.

In Illinois, the pipeline is currently proposed to pass through 14 counties – including Henry, Knox and Fulton

– on its way to the sequester locations in Christian County and Montgomery County.

Navigator says its supporters include various biofuel producers and labor and construction unions.


Detractors include a group called the Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines, whose recent press release included this quote from McDonough County farmer Steve Hess: “Navigator Heartland Greenway may be persistent in its attempts to endanger Illinoisans through the construction of this pipeline, but they are up against farmers like me who will not let a greedy corporation take our land through eminent domain without a fight.”

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## Pages From The Past Compiled by Hannah Dobra

### 5 Years Ago

Area students honored with Lincoln awards: Emily McCauley from Brimfield High School, Cyrus Logan Snyder from Elmwood High School, Jessamy Hintz from Farmington Central High School, and Melissa Martin from Princeville High School.

Elmwood wins the Masonic Academic Bowl event.

### 20 Years Ago

Two 6th graders earned top honors at the 5th-8th grade spelling bee: Alejandro Montoya was first place and Tori Scotti was runnerup.

### 40 Years Ago

Alan Wight and Kurt Stenerson earned the right to represent Williamsfield at the County Spelling Bee.

The Elmwood Trojans ended their 1982-83 regular season with a spectacular win over the Knoxville Blue Bullets Friday evening. The victory gave Elmwood its first Prairieland Championship.

### 45 Years Ago

Students at Princeville High School will enjoy a one-year membership at Lakeview Center, for Arts and Sciences in Peoria. Membership was provided by The Telephone, as an expression of the paper's interest in the arts and sciences.

### 50 Years Ago

M&S Construction began work on an addition to the Theobald Standard Service Station in Princeville. The building was to house a robotic, automatic, brush-type car wash.

Jean Moore, daughter of Mrs. Clara Knight of Brimfield, was elected president of the DuPage Press Association.

James D. Nowlan, Toulon, was named a lecturer and consultant in Political Science at Knox College.

### 60 Years Ago

In Williamsfield, the PTA Founder's Day program honored

past presidents. Guest speaker was Kurt Fleukinger of Switzerland, and AFE student from Galva.

The board of directors of Monica School District 99 called a special election to propose a tax increase of 21 percent for educational purposes.

### 65 Years Ago

An annual and beautiful display of the Aurora Borealis was visible in our area this week.

A brief biographical sketch told of the accomplishments of Fred H. Moffitt, of Princeville, known for 38 seasons of charting the vast regions of Alaska for the government.

### 68 Years Ago

Paced by Phil Kratzer with 23 points, Elmwood's high school basketball team defeated Walnut to win a tie for first place in the Blackhawk Conference. Assisting point wise were Sam Jones with 13, Sonny Patterson 12, George Whitney and Dave Shindley with 8 each and Richard Coon with 2.

### 76 Years Ago

A fire in Farmington, believed to have been caused by defective wiring, damaged the Moose building on North Main Street. The three-story structure, built in 1920, housed the Princess Theatre on the first floor, a dance hall and lodge room on the second floor and a club room on the third floor. Damage was estimated at \$4,000 by G. Thomas Brewer, theater manager.

### 90 Years Ago

The coldest weather in several winters was experienced, with temperatures reading minus-24 degrees.

### 95 Years Ago

The Averyville basketball squad earned the championship of the Peoria County tournament, held in Brimfield. Princeville placed third, defeated by the Elmwood team.

Graves Motor Company in Princeville offered the Dodge Victory Six, four-door sedan for \$1,095.

### 100 Years Ago

"Shall Williamsfield Have A Park?" was the important topic for consideration. In the fall, the Home Culture Club voted as a special project, the purchasing of vacant lots between Rennett's Meat market and the Engine House. A.J. Westner set a new low price on the lots of \$15 per front foot, with the promise of liberal cash donations besides.

Mrs. Jessie Galpin and Mrs. Bessie Stemple were appointed as finance committee to raise the needed funds, estimated at about \$1,400.

Coach Bob Marshall took his Williamsfield basketball team to Galesburg to practice at the Armory for the coming tournament there.

Miss Charlotte Hoffman wrote from Aligarh, India, thanking the Williamsfield Women's Foreign Missionary Society for the mission box sent in the fall to help gladden the Christmas for her pupils.

### 118 Years Ago

W.J. Humphreys has finished putting up his season's crop of ice, harvested from the lake near his ice-house in the northeast part of the city. The ice is unusually fine quality and measures an average of 8 inches through. There were 1,000 tons put away for the summer trade.

### 120 Years Ago

L.J. Baird sold his 80 acres north of Williamsfield to J. Doubet, and also sold the Westergreen quarter north of Dahinda to Oscar Larson.

### 138 Years Ago

The following in reference to Lucius J. Phelps, son of Samuel Phelps of this place, will be of interest to his friends in Elmwood: The first practical test of a railroad telegraph line by which constant communication can be kept up between a station and a moving train was made on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad the other day, the system being the invention of Lucius J. Phelps.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Dolores L. Frisby**  
PRINCEVILLE – Dolores Lucille Frisby, 88, of Princeville, passed away at 2:13 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, at Betty's Garden in Kewanee.



Frisby

She was born Nov. 27, 1934, in Princeville, to parents Edward M. and Lucy (Streitmatter) Woertz. She married Arthur L. Frisby June 12, 1960, in Kewanee. He preceded her in death Jan. 3, 2021. She is also preceded in death by one sister, Violet Woertz.

Lorie had a special place in her heart for shelter dogs. A lucky handful of these dogs were adopted into the Frisby family over the years. Even neighbor's dogs were welcomed into their home to visit. Her love for these pets was evident to all who knew her.

Her graveside service and burial was Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian

Church Cemetery. James Plattner officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to TAPS, The ARK in Lacon, PCAPS (Peoria County Animal Protection Services) or any other no-kill animal shelter. Memories or expressions of sympathy may be shared on Dolores' tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

**Keith T. Ireton**  
YATES CITY – Keith Thomas "Tom" Ireton, 91, of Bartonville, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, at 4:18 a.m. at Farmington Village's.



Ireton

He was born Oct. 2, 1931, in Yates City to Lee Roy and Margaret (Thurman) Ireton. He married Vada Ennis on Feb. 16, 1951, in Knoxville. She survives along with one daughter, Karen (Johnnie) Walker of East Peoria; one daughter-in-law, Kim Ireton of Way-

land, Iowa; two granddaughters, Denise Ireton of Chicago and Samantha (Adam) Rose of Wayland, Iowa; two step-granddaughters, Doreen Musselman of Germantown Hills and Holly Brainard of Wichita, Kan.; two great-grandsons, Dean and Nolan Rose both of Wayland, Iowa; and four step-great-granddaughters, Nicole Musselman, Megan Musselman, Grace Brainard and Isabelle Brainard.

Tom worked at Caterpillar, Inc. for 37 years, retiring in 1981. He and Vada enjoyed camping and attending his granddaughters' sporting events.

Cremation rites have been accorded and there will be no services at this time. Davison-Fulton Bartonville Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

You may view Tom's obituary online at [www.davison-fultonbartonvillechapel.com](http://www.davison-fultonbartonvillechapel.com).

**Frank J. Kraft**  
DAHLONGEA, Ga. – Frank Joseph Kraft, 91, passed away on Jan. 31, 2023. He was born on Oct. 12, 1931, in Peoria, Ill., to the late Joseph and Hedwig (Koppes) Kraft. After graduation from Princeville

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**CryptoQuote**  
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The longest absence is less perilous to love than the terrible trials of incessant proximity.  
— Edna St. Vincent Millay

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

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## OBITUARIES

High School, he served in the United States Air Force, then obtained a degree in electrical engineering from Mississippi State University.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Darlene (Daxenbichler) Kraft; loving wife Joan Kasdor Burnham Kraft; siblings Ruth Kraft, Chuck Kraft and Bill Kraft; and granddaughter Joanna Kraft.

He co-founded Forrest Hills Mountain Resort with his first wife. He managed the family business for 30 years before retiring. He enjoyed traveling and photography.

He is survived by his children Stephen Kraft, Denise Roberson, David (Deneen) Kraft and Michele Deblois; step-children Joe, James, Johnny, Jeff Burnham and Janet (Greg) Davis; siblings Doris Snyder, Juliann Shafer, Jim (Mary Sue) Kraft and Tom Kraft; grandchildren and step grandchildren.

### Robert E. Bradley

YATES CITY – Robert E. Bradley, 84, of Knoxville, father of a Yates City woman, died Feb. 22, 2023, surrounded by his family.

He was born June 2, 1938, in Galesburg. Robert married Norma L. Rosenberry on May 2, 1959, in Knoxville. She preceded him in death on Nov. 11, 2020.

He is survived by three daughters, Susan (Jeff) Jefferson of Gilson, Sandra (Mike) Brown of Abingdon and Cynthia (Bob) Siedel of Yates City. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 27.

### Robert L. Perry

HANNA CITY – Robert L. “Bob” Perry, 69, of Hanna City died Feb. 24, 2023, in Canton.

He was born March 10, 1953, in Elizabethtown, Ky., to Arthur Lewis and Imogene (Edwards) Perry.

Robert is survived by his mother;

two children, Jeremy Perry of Peoria and Christina (Brad) Lagle of Holly Springs, N.C.; one grandson; four brothers, David “Buddy” (Donna) Perry of Metamora, Mike (Brenda) Perry of Hanna City, Rick (Cherie Leezer) Perry, of Toulon and Don (Carol) Perry of Elmwood; and one sister, Joyce (Jack) Williams of Trivoli.

### Robert F. Spencer

ELMWOOD – Robert F. Spencer, 82, of Peoria Heights, father of an Elmwood woman, died Feb. 24, 2023. He was born Sept. 16, 1940.

Surviving are two daughters, Debra M. Spencer of Elmwood and Juli D. (Mark) Crider of Rydal, Ga. Also surviving are two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

His funeral is at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 2, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Visitation is one hour before the funeral service at 10 a.m.

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Thank you & with much love,  
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
Father John Verrier  
314 W. Clay, Brimfield (309) 446-3275  
stjosephbrimfield.org  
Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm  
Sat. Mass: 5 pm  
Sun. Mass: 10:30 am (10 am in the summer)  
Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 am

**St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**  
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Pastor Michael Liese  
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Sun. Divine Service: 10 am

**Brimfield E-Free Church**  
Pastor Donald Blasing  
11724 Maher Road  
Brimfield, IL 61517  
(309) 446-3571  
brimfieldefree.org  
Worship: 10:30 am  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm, ages 3-12

**Brimfield United Methodist Church**  
Pastor David Pyell  
135 S. Galena St., Brimfield (309) 221-4879

**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Micah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What perfectly square “new” city is described as having walls made of Jasper? Jerusalem, Jericho, Paphos, Gibeon
3. From 1 Samuel, what Philistine soldier was slain by a boy? Joab, Abishai, Dan, Goliath
4. On which “Mount” did Jesus

Sun. Worship: 8:30 am  
Sun. School: 8:30 am

**Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ**  
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105 W. Clay Street, Brimfield (309) 446-3811  
brimfieldunionchurch.org  
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Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm  
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Pastor Teri Shane  
1739 Victoria St., P.O. Box 14  
Dahinda, IL 61428  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
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**DOUGLAS Douglas United Methodist Church**

deliver his final discourse? Zion, Olives, Carmel, Pisgah

5. In which book is the phrase, “Could eat a horse”? TITLE: None, Acts, Ruth, Ephesians
6. Which friend of Jesus was buried in a cave? Sisera, Joshua, Lazarus, Arioch

1) Old, 2) Jerusalem, 3) Goliath, 4) Olives, 5) TITLE: None, 6) Lazarus  
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Pastor Kristine McMillan  
484 3rd St.  
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Sat. Mass: 4 pm  
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Sun. Worship: 10:30 am

**Elmwood Baptist Church**  
Pastor Bill Cole  
701 W. Dearborn St., Elmwood (309) 742-7631, 642-3278  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am, 1:15 pm  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 pm

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

**St. Patrick’s Catholic Church**  
Father James Pankiewicz  
802 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-4921  
Sat. Mass: 5:30 pm  
Sun. Mass: 9 am  
Tues. Mass: 8 am  
Tues. Confession: After mass

**United Methodist Church of Elmwood**  
Pastor David Pyell  
821 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-7221  
elmwoodumc.org  
Sat. Worship: 5 pm  
Sun. Worship: 10 am  
Youth Sun. School: 9 am  
Adult Sun. School: 8 am

**FARMINGTON Farmington Bible Church**  
Pastor Tony Severine

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Sunday School: 9:30  
Worship Service: 10:30

**First Presbyterian Church of Farmington**  
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Wed. Worship: 7 pm

**PRINCEVILLE Princeville United Methodist Church**  
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Sun. Worship: 8:30 am  
Sunday School: 9:45 am

**St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church**  
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Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm  
Sat. Mass: 4 pm  
Sun. Confession: 8-8:45 am  
Sun. Mass: 9 am

Tues., Thurs., Sat. daily Mass: 8 am

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Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 am in the summer)

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Sun. Worship: 11 am

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# Farmington boys lose to Riverdale, 49-47

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

MOUNT CARROLL – A road trip that was long and delayed turned out to be the final one this season for the Farmington boys basketball team.

Port Byron Riverdale beat Farmington 49-47 in a Class 2A regional semifinal Feb. 23 at West Carroll Middle School.

Senior Logan Morse had 16 points and junior Keauntrey Barnes scored 15 for Farmington (19-13), which was the third seed in Orion Sub-Sectional A. Jake Willems had 16 points for Riverdale. The Rams (17-16) were seeded seventh and beat No. 9 Prophetstown-Erie, 50-47, in the regional final last Saturday.

The semifinal was to have been played Feb. 22, but inclement

weather prompted postponement the morning of the game, according to Farmington Coach Marty Lozier. That gave the Farmers an extra day to prepare for the 125-mile trip north. Farmington hadn't played since Feb. 14, a loss at Brimfield. The idleness and the bus ride didn't help the Farmers, Lozier suggested. But he also said the regional game was a good one.

According to MaxPreps.com, Riverdale lost seven regular-season games by five points or fewer.

"I knew they'd be good, and we were just mirrored teams of each other," Lozier said. "Both played hard man-to-man defense and were aggressive. It was a fun game. My kids had been really struggling, but we played really well."

Riverdale led 29-28 at halftime and by about seven in the third quarter. But Farmington scored eight in a row, capped by Kaden Runyon's only points. His 3-pointer at the end of the period gave Farmington a 38-37 lead.

"It worried me," Lozier said about the deficit. "I was thinking, 'We can't let this one get away.' We went to a full-court press, turned them over a few times and got back into it."

But both teams had a scoring drought in the fourth, and Farmington missed a shot to tie it toward the end. Thus ended the Farmers' efforts to win a regional championship for the second season in a row.

"There were just times all year we struggled shooting a little bit, and it came back to bite us," Lozier said.

## ALL-SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Meyers, Heinz unanimous all-Prairieland picks

Elmwood senior Liv Meyers and Brimfield sophomore Ava Heinz were the lone unanimous picks for this year's Prairieland North Division all-conference girls basketball team.

Joining them as first-teamers are Elmwood senior Melody Glenn, Brimfield senior Elly Doe, Lewistown junior Landry Smith, Peoria Heights junior Emily Dana, North Fulton junior Kayleigh Harr and Lewistown senior Meghanne Freehill.

Junior Lauren Rushing of Elmwood and senior Anna Webel of Farmington were second-team selections, along with senior Alivia Hootman of Lewistown, senior Carley Macedo of Peoria Heights and junior Janessa Wallace of Peoria Heights.

Farmington won the sportsmanship award.

In the ICAC, Elmwood and Brimfield each had five players honored and ROWVA-Williamsfield had three players named.

First-teamers included Meyers and Glenn of Elmwood and Heinz and Doe of Brimfield as well as senior Carolyn German of R-W.

ICAC second-teamers were Rushing and senior Ainsley Faulkner of Elmwood, juniors Olivia Kappes and Kylee Vaughn of Brimfield and juniors Emma Seiboldt and Avery Rigg of R-W.

Honorable mention picks included Elmwood senior Bre Turner and Brimfield junior C.J. Troxell.

• IESA volleyball – Top-seed Wil-

iamsfield played for an IESA Class 7-1A regional title Tuesday night against Kewanee Visitation at Immaculate Conception School in Monmouth.

In Class 7-2A, top-seed Stark County was to play host Brimfield in the regional final Tuesday at 5 p.m. Brimfield advanced with wins over Galva in the semifinals and Princeville in the quarterfinals.

• College signings – Princeville senior Destinee Harwood signed a letter of intent to play for Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg.

Elmwood senior Amelia Penny-Baldoni has announced she will be playing volleyball next fall at Heartland College in Bloomington.

### Amber Waves

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**  
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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14

### CryptoQuote

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### Trivia test

- GEOGRAPHY: Which river flows through the European capitals of Vienna and Budapest?
- SCIENCE: At what temperature are Fahrenheit and Celsius equal?
- TELEVISION: The comedy series "Frasier" is a spinoff of which sitcom?
- LITERATURE: Which novel features a character named Katniss Everdeen?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of beans are used in falafel?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a beaver's home called?
- THEATER: Which musical features a character named Tracy Turnblad?
- MOVIES: Which actress plays the young Wendy Darling in the movie "Hook"?
- HISTORY: Who invented the game of lacrosse?
- SCIENCE: What percentage of the world's population has brown eyes?

- Answers**
- The Danube River.
  - 40.
  - "Cheers."
  - "The Hunger Games."
  - Chickpeas or fava beans.
  - A lodge, or a den.
  - "Hairspray."
  - Gwyneth Paltrow.
  - Iroquois tribes in the eastern United States and Canada.
  - 70%-80%.

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### TOP 10 MOVIES

- Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania (PG-13)
  - Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13)
  - Magic Mike's Last Dance (R)
  - Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG)
  - Knock at the Cabin (R)
  - 80 for Brady (PG-13)
  - Titanic (PG-13)
  - Marlowe (R)
  - Missing (PG-13)
  - A Man Called Otto (PG-13)
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# ELMWOOD: Rebounding critical

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He made a couple of those shots that won us the game. He made one like that over in Abingdon ... But it didn't go, and there you are."

The Cougars (21-10) got the ball back on a travel call with 3.2 seconds left, but an inbound to Graham Wight led to a loose ball scrum on the floor that ran out the clock.

"I just knew I had to dive on that ball," Howerton said. "If I'm on that ball, they can't get a shot off and we win the game."

Of course, there was plenty before the final seconds helping Elmwood avenge a 58-46 regular-season loss at Williamsfield.

For starters, R-W's leading scorer Wight (18.5 points per game) picked up two offensive fouls in the first 2:06.

"That was very huge. It changes the look of the game and the look of the offense," Anderson said. "We had other kids who stepped up and kept us in the game, but that hurt us, it did."

With Wight sitting, Elmwood eventually grabbed an 18-10 lead midway through the second quarter, prompting Anderson to put his center back in.

From there, the Cougars clawed back to a 24-21 lead midway through the third, as Wight passed to Danner for a layup and a free throw after he was fouled.

But Elmwood battled back time after time, buoyed in large part by dominant offensive rebounding that allowed the Trojans to attempt 15 more shots from the floor than R-W.

"We had five guys who looked like they wanted the ball every time it went up in the air," Elmwood Coach Josh Fugitt said. "Whether they were sacrificing their body to block somebody out or pur-

suing the basketball. That has been one of the strengths of an undersized team."

Fugitt also praised seniors Brendan Williams and Brayden Lehman and sophomore Bo Windish for their combined defense on Wight, who had four points.

"Night-and-day difference from the first time when it seemed they could get the ball inside to him at any point," Fugitt said.

Danner led R-W with 11 points and was 2-for-5 on 3-pointers, Braxton Rylander came off the bench to score 7, Lewis Sams had 6, Adam Kohl tallied 3 and Talan Hull scored 2.

The Cougars shot 11-for-22 from the field while Elmwood was 12-for-37 and was 7-for-20 on 3-point attempts. The Trojans had 50 percent of all offensive rebounds and 85.7 percent of the defensive boards, according to Fugitt.

Williams led Elmwood with 11 points, while Howerton scored 7, Lehman added 6, Sirius Nims came off the bench for 6, Layne Durst tallied 3 and Windish had 2.

On Feb. 22, Elmwood beat Annawan in the semifinals, 52-44, as Howerton scored 15, Nims tallied 11, Windish 9, Williams and Lehman 8 apiece and Durst had 1. The Trojans went 12-for-14 on free throws in the fourth quarter.

R-W beat Abingdon in the semifinals, 41-36, with a 12-7 run in the final quarter. Wight led with 12 points, Kohl had 11, Danner scored 8, Hull had 6 and Sams tallied 4.

Elmwood also won its last regional at United, in 2019.

"More good memories. We said that all week, let's make some more good memories in a gym where we already have some," Fugitt said.

Added Howerton, "It's crazy to be a part of history."

# PRINCES: Beat Stark Co., 72-42

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ria Christian team that starts four seniors and another coach's-son sophomore.

Seeded first in the sub-sectional, Peoria Christian used an eight-point first-quarter run to break an early tie. Then PC had two more eight-point streaks in the second quarter to lead 41-20. Malachi Persinger had three 3-pointers in the half and finished with a team-high 21 points.

"They were just hitting so many shots," Tucker Sennett said. "We couldn't get in a rhythm."

"(At halftime) we thought about kind of splitting the game in quarters, like four-minute spurts. If we win each four-minute

part by just a couple of points, we can get right back in the game by the end. We kind of did that."

Peoria Christian led 51-27 with 4:44 left in the third quarter. But in the fourth, Sennett hit three treys and junior Josh Hunt had five points as fifth-seeded Princeville pared its deficit to 67-59 with 47 seconds remaining. Peoria Christian was 5-for-6 on free throws after that.

"We didn't really expect that," Peoria Christian Coach Jason Persinger said about Hunt, who scored 10. "That's a resilient, well-coached team."

All things considered, the Princes probably will accept the compliment – just as they accepted postgame

autograph requests from local grade-school students, which also made Coach Sennett beam.

"That's what it's all about," he said.

Two nights before the regional final, Princeville had smiles aplenty as it beat fourth-seeded Stark County 72-42. Tucker Sennett had 19 points and Daily scored 12 for Princeville, which led its semifinal 34-18 at halftime and 49-22 after three periods.

"It was phenomenal," Tait Sennett said. "We shot the ball really well. That got us off to a good start, and our defense just didn't let them have an inch. It was just our night. ... They met a perfect storm, and we just capitalized on it."



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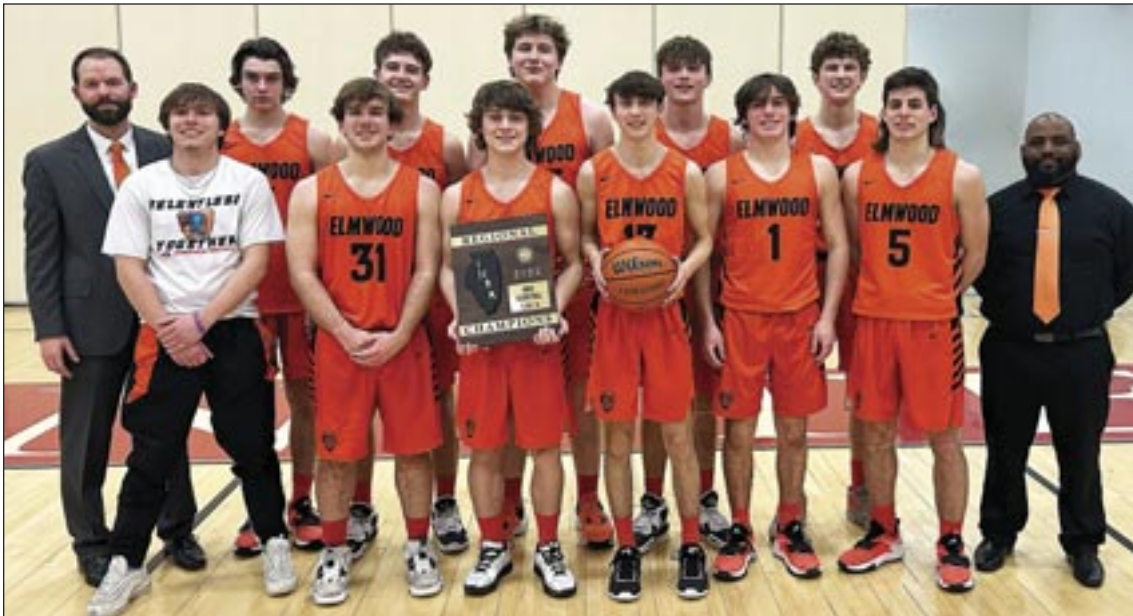
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Pictured above are members of Elmwood's Class 1A regional basketball championship team. Front row (left to right) – Josiah Good, Zach Howerton, Dax Alger, Sirius Nims, Layne Durst, Bo Windish and Assistant Coach Brandon Butler. Back row (l to r) – Head Coach Josh Fugitt, Jackson Magee, Brendan Williams, Mason Griffith, Brayden Lehman and Jimmy Babcock. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

## Elmwood boys top R-W for 4th regional plaque

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

MONMOUTH – There's a famous video of Coach Bill Parcells yelling to his linemen in a football game, "This is why you lift all them weights!"

Elmwood senior Zach Howerton lived the basketball version of that sentiment last Friday at United High School. Faced with a one-and-one free-throw situation with 18.8 seconds left and a chance to regain the lead from ROWVA-Williamsfield, Howerton made good on years of practicing "all them free throws."

Howerton's two swishes from the charity stripe sealed a 35-33 victory for Elmwood (22-9) in the Class 1A Regional final. That earned the Trojans a rematch vs. Illini Bluffs in a semifinal Tuesday at the Bushnell Sectional.

The shots also earned Elmwood its fourth regional title in school history, joining 2019, 2013 and 1973. The Trojans also won a district title in 1952.

"I used to shoot 100 free throws every day. I've done that since I've grown up. So it was just routine," Howerton said. "I was a little nervous, obviously, but I had confidence I could make them."

R-W Coach Bob Anderson also had confidence in his final play call. After a timeout with 13.4 seconds left, Anderson set up screens to get junior Riley

### Elmwood loses to IB in sectional

BUSHNELL – Hank Alvey was more than the Elmwood boys basketball team could handle Tuesday night.

Alvey, a 6-foot-9 junior, had 21 points and 14 rebounds to lead Illini Bluffs past Elmwood 45-15 in the Class 1A Bushnell Sectional semifinals.

"He's certainly continuing to develop, and I think for him the exciting part is he's just starting to scratch the surface," Elmwood Coach Josh Fugitt said.

Brendan Williams had five points to lead Elmwood (22-10). The Trojans had two points in the final 13:54 and shot 6-for-36, according to Central Illinois Sports.

In margin, this game replicated a 67-37 IB victory Jan. 27 against Elmwood. Top-seeded IB (31-4) is to play Friday vs. Peoria Christian or Camp Point Central.

– Nick Vlahos

Danner open for a 3-pointer at the top of the circle. But the shot was off.

"We got the shot to win the game. That was what we wanted and we got it. It was a good look," Anderson said. "And he made a bunch of them this year."

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## No. 5 seed Princeville falls in final

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – For the hosts, the title game of the Class 1A Princeville boys basketball regional was a lot like their season.

Last Friday's game began with promise, underwent a significant disruption, then the team recovered and things ended imperfectly but with a measure of satisfaction.

Princeville endured multiple first-half runs by Peoria Christian, which led by 21 points at intermission. The Princes staged a second-half comeback, fueled by Tucker Sennett's five 3-point baskets. But the Chargers withstood it and won 72-62.

As Peoria Christian (24-10)



Sophomore Tucker Sennett scored 22 points in Princeville's regional loss. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

advanced to a Bushnell Sectional semifinal played Wednesday night, Princeville's season ended. The Princes finished with a game-high 22 points from Sennett, 17 from Melick and a 19-

14 record. Princeville Coach Tait Sennett finished the season with a smile on his face.

"These guys just love basketball," he said. "I'm just so proud of these guys. They just work and work and work. It's just been a joy to be around them."

Princeville was 5-1 and won the Brimfield Turkey Tournament before a school disciplinary action in early December ended the seasons of two starters.

That led to a retooling, as Tait Sennett worked with a starting lineup that ultimately consisted of his son and fellow sophomore Jake Williams, juniors Melick and Logan Carruthers and senior Marcus Daily. They faced a Peo-

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