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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS

Every song has a tale

Interesting background on Christmas songs

By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

It's the Christmas season. That means whenever I venture into a store, the Evil Queen of Christmas, Mariah Carey, will be screaming "All I Want For Christmas Is You" from the sound system. Someone wrote that Carey's song brings up sweet images of Christmas. Humbug. The only thing that song brings up for me is my lunch.

During November and December, I try to keep that noise out of my house. Instead of the radio, I rely on my trusty CD player. It holds 100 CDs, of which 45 are Christmas albums. Lots of sweet music. One of my favorites is Karen Carpenter's "Merry Christ-



mas Darling." It has much the same sentiment as Carey's song but is delivered in soft, smooth dulcet tones more appropriate for both the season and the sentiment.

Music is an important part of the Christmas season and many of the songs and carols that we enjoy each year have interesting backstories. "Rudolph The Red-Nosed

Reindeer" is one. It involves a mail-order catalog and a persistent wife.

In 1939, the Montgomery Ward Company tasked one of its copywriters, Robert May, to write a story for a coloring book to be used as a giveaway to kids at Christmas. May came up with the *Continued on Page 2*

Bonds for Brimfield?

School district may borrow \$4 million

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield School District soon might have \$4 million with which to fulfill a capital-improvements wish list.

Early next year, the Brimfield School Board is expected to consider whether to issue that amount in working-cash bonds. The district can do so while maintaining roughly its current bond-and-interest tax rate for most of the next 10 years, according to one analysis.

"We have found a way to raise approximately \$4 million without raising taxes," said John Vezzetti, a Peru-based senior vice president with Bernardi Securities Inc. "It's a pretty unique thing to do in today's economic envi-

ronment. ... Very rarely do we see school districts borrowing money just to do it."

Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones said the district has no definitive plans so far for the money. But possibilities include parking lots at the school track and baseball facility, a new ball diamond, a new bus barn to replace the current leased one and continued upgrades to Brimfield Grade School.

"I'm OK with it," Jones said about the bond issue. "I think there's a lot of good things we can do for our district with that kind of money."

Vezzetti and Chicago-based bond attorney Kent Floros presented the board with the \$4 million *Continued on Page 6*

Elmwood board votes to handle super search

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board voted 4-3 Monday night to turn down assistance from the Illinois Association of School Boards in its search for a new superintendent.

Still to be determined is how the board will conduct the search for a replacement for Superintendent Chad Wagner, who announced last week he would be moving on to lead the Genoa-Kingston School District starting July 1.

"I definitely think we're up to the

job," Elmwood School Board President Mark Davis said. "It would be maybe more difficult to do it ourselves. But I think we can do it. I know we can do it."

Davis cast the final "no" vote to break a 3-3 deadlock on a motion to hire IASB to conduct a search for \$6,400. Also voting "no" were Tori Goedecke, Jessica Reyling and Heather Windish. "Yes" votes were cast by Dustin Funk, Katie Vaughan and Kevin Windish.

Davis said the possibility still exists that Elmwood could hire an independent consultant for the search,

as it did when Wagner was hired 10 years ago. Davis said that would be a point of discussion for a special school board meeting to be scheduled for the first week of January.

"We need to kind of get going. It's pretty tight right now," said Davis, noting he still expects the board to hire a superintendent by the end of March or April at the latest.

Patricia Viniard, director of IASB executive searches, gave a one-hour presentation to the Elmwood board before its vote. Citing unofficial *Continued on Page 5*

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SONGS: Rudolph's story started as a poem

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story of a misfit ninth reindeer whom he named Rudolph. The story became popular and demand for the booklets grew.

Then in the late 1940s, songwriter Johnny Marks, May's brother-in-law, converted May's poetry to lyrics and composed the melody for "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer."

A cowboy singer, Gene Autry, was offered the chance to record the song but refused. Why, I don't know. Autry's wife loved the song and finally convinced him to record it. He reluctantly agreed but put it on the B side of another recording.

The B side became the A side when the song

about the bullied reindeer went on to top the music charts in 1950.

Montgomery Ward owned the copyright of the song because May wrote the words while under their employ. But the company turned it over to May, who was burdened with a mountain of family medical bills. Rudolph's popularity grew and grew, and May eventually became a wealthy man.

Ironically, the Montgomery Ward Company eventually went bankrupt.

The story behind the beloved "Silent Night" is fairly well-known, at least to older generations. In 1818, Father Josephus Mohr, the pastor of St.

Nicholas Church in a little village in Austria, had a problem. A recent flooding of a nearby river had put the church organ out of commission.

Father Mohr needed a simple carol for the midnight mass. He presented a poem he had written a couple of years previous to his friend and choir-master Franz Gruber, who in just a couple of hours composed the melody for the poem. Playing his guitar, Gruber joined Father Mohr in singing "Stille Nacht" later that night, accompanied by the church choir.

It wasn't until 1863 that the lyrics were translated into English by John Freeman Young, an Episcopal priest at Trinity Church in New York City. His translation is rather loose, to say the least.

What we sing today is quite a stretch from Mohr's original German words.

A literal translation of the German lyrics reads: "Silent night, holy night. Everyone sleeps, alone watches only the close, most holy couple. Blessed boy in curly hair, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace." Al-

though the English version isn't precise, the sentiment comes through just the same.

The story behind another Christmas classic, "I'll Be Home For Christmas," makes it one of the most poignant of Christmas songs. Recorded in late 1943 by Bing Crosby, the song touched the hearts of soldiers and their families as they struggled through World War II.

"I'll Be Home For Christmas" became the most requested song at USO shows entertaining troops during the war. Knowing what the song meant to the soldiers, it's hard for me to keep a tear away when I hear the song's closing words, "I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams."

Set aside 10 minutes during this Christmas season to watch a presentation about this beautiful song.

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This Week's Events

- **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

- **Food Pantry** – Christ Alive Church in Kickapoo opens its food pantry the first and third Monday each month, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Food Pantry** – Free food boxes given

out the last Friday each month at Elmwood United Methodist Church, 10-11 a.m.

- **Free Food** – Food for needy in pantry in northeast corner of lot next to St. Patrick's Church in Elmwood.
- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.
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- Truman Capote

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GUEST VOICES



Howard's priceless gift of simple giving

The Christmas tree was a scrub cedar hacked from the edge of the woods that bordered the farm. Big-bulbed lights, strung in barber-pole fashion, generated almost as much heat as the nearby woodstove. Yellowed Christmas cards, saved through the years and perched like doves in the untrimmed branches, served as ornaments.

"I believe this is the prettiest tree I've ever had," Howard proclaimed as we stood in its glow. "And it smells good, too."

The only scent evident to me was a mixture of wood smoke and the remains of a fried pork supper, but I lied and said, "Sure does."

Howard beckoned me to sit. We had shared Christmas Day in the dairy barn and it was his request that we share a bit of the night, also. He knew I was alone because my family, his employer, was visiting relatives. I knew he was alone because he was always alone, a bachelor for nearly 40 years.

"I'll get us some Christmas cheer," he offered as I sank into the sofa.

In untied work shoes he shuffled toward the kitchen. A minute later, he returned with two water glasses filled with rhubarb wine.

"It's been a good Christmas, ain't it Allie Boy?" he asked as he sat in a ladder-back chair by the stove.

He had called me Allie Boy for as long as I could remember. I had

taken to calling him Hoard the Dairyman after the title of a farm magazine my father subscribed to.

I nodded. It had been a good day.

Two wobbly newborn calves greeted us when we arrived at the dairy barn early that morning. Wet and shivering, we dried them with the past summer's straw before showing them how to find breakfast at their mamas' side. One was a bull, the other a heifer.

"We ought to name 'em Mary and Joseph," Howard now said as we rehashed the day, "on account of them being born today."

Mary and Joseph?

Generally, Howard had only one name for all cows: Succum.

None of us knew what it meant or where it came from, but from the time he arrived on the farm in 1965 every cow was always Succum and every heifer was always Little Succum. A group of cows or calves were simply Big Succums or Baby Succums.

"Mary and Joseph they will be," I said approvingly.

Silence hung in the stale air. I reckoned that if you had bached it for 40 years, silence wasn't a void that needed to be filled, so I sipped my wine and said nothing.

Howard reached for his pipe and the big, red can of Velvet tobacco that had been my Christmas gift to him that morning.

"You want to roll yourself a smoke, Allie? I got some papers here."

I shook off the offer.

"Yep," Howard said as if to himself, "that's the prettiest tree I've ever

had. And this is shaping up to be the nicest Christmas I've ever had because you came by."

I looked at the tree and then at the old man ringed in tobacco smoke staring at it and I felt sad. Not for him. I felt sad for me.

I had agreed to come to his house to accommodate him, a favor for a hired man.

But he had not wanted a favor. All he had wanted was the chance to share his Christmas good fortune with me. He had some new wine, a warm fire, his best Christmas tree ever and a week's worth of tobacco. He was happy, and he wanted to give me some of that happiness.

As I stared at the silhouette of Hoard the Dairyman in the glow of the Christmas lights, I saw a man of great warmth, vast wealth and pure honesty. He didn't have a checking account or credit card, but he was far richer than the condescending college boy on his sofa.

"Well Hoard," I said a very quiet minute later, "I better go. We both need to be at the barn early tomorrow."

He led me to the back door.

"Don't forget," he said as I headed for the truck, "we'll call those calves Mary and Joseph."

Almost as many Christmas Nights later, I have not forgotten two calves named Mary and Joseph and Howard's priceless gift of simple giving.

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Democracy has no place for autocratic leader

To The Editor:

I commend Ms. Kijanowski for her letter (in the Dec. 14, 2023, edition) which stood up for medical science and truth in government.

I agree that Elmwood has a good record of using joint efforts to prompt needed improvement. We, in Yates City, are proud of the example by Jody McKinty, Sharon Coykendall and Patty Tusek, when annually they are able to band together so many people, in the My



Place event, to raise money for sick kids. A democracy has no place for an autocratic leader; it survives by

the people working together.

I question how Editor Lampe feels about the presidential candidate who promises to be a dictator on his first day in office.

- **George Tanner**, Yates City

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Farmington school board OKs 2023 tax levy

By **BOB GRIMSON**

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Farmington Central School Board members approved the 2023 district tax levy for 2024 property taxes.

While the levy percentage is slightly lower, the equalized assessed values for properties in the district's three counties went up, according to Superintendent Zac Chatterton.

The total levy adopted at the Dec. 11 regular meeting – just over \$7.825 million – shows the bulk of that, \$5.2 million, for the educational fund. Chatterton said that fund covers the majority of district expenses, including salaries except for transportation and custodial workers.

Operations/maintenance is the next largest amount (\$981,000), with tort immunity and transportation next, \$583,000 and \$392,000, respectively.

Other larger amounts were levied for municipal retirement (\$181,000),

Social Security (\$212,000), working cash (\$98,000), leases (\$98,000) and special education (\$78,500).

The board also approved next school year's high school course catalog, with few changes, and school calendar. Students will start Aug. 14 and the school year ends May 21, 2025. There will be two full weeks for winter break and a weeklong spring break at the end of March.

An expanded memorandum of understanding with faculty on a state grant also was approved. The move was needed due to the collective bargaining agreement between the district and teachers and allows for higher pay to attract teachers in hard-to-fill subjects. An earlier memorandum focused on the special education department while the new one adds guidance counselor and Spanish.

In other action, board members:

• Honored junior high students of the month – Vera Richards and Sam

Nannen, sixth grade; Claire Price and Isaac Showalter, seventh grade; and Chloe Briggs and Braylan Unkrich, eighth grade.

• Honored high school students of the month – Evan Sary, senior; Henry Easley, junior; Calvin Thompson, sophomore; and Jackson Davis, freshman.

• Recognized staff members Chris Uptmor and Audra Melz.

• Approved Ben Martin as a volunteer boys basketball coach and Jack Micetich and Hanna Drake as theater-department volunteers.

• Approved a leave of absence for student facilitator Stacy Barton and the reassignment of Haley Hursey to also cover that role.

• Learned of the retirement of cafe workers Zoe Ehlers and Terri German and the resignation of Ashten Coen, a bus driver.

ELMWOOD: About 50% of boards do own search

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numbers, she estimated there are about 100 superintendent searches each year in Illinois. School districts handle about 50% of those on their own, with another 25% conducted by the IASB and 25% done by other search firms.

Viniard said boards that handle superintendent searches on their own often do so because they already have an "heir apparent in mind."

In addition to years of experience doing searches and a network of more than 7,000 current and aspiring superintendents from which to draw, Viniard said a strength of IASB is that it can draw a larger pool of candidates by keeping the names of applicants confidential until the field is narrowed to two finalists.

Another strength, she said, is that through its network of connections,

IASB can go beyond letters of reference. "We will dig pretty deeply," she said.

Viniard also said many boards also lack the human-resources background to conduct searches.

Among the Elmwood School Board members is Reyling, who is vice president focusing on human resources with Liberty Steel & Wire.

Davis had previously also noted that the district recently conducted a strategic planning session with staff and community members. He indicated that feedback from the meeting should help inform the board on what to look for in a new superintendent.

Davis also gave fellow board members information from the last Elmwood search, which was conducted 10 years ago with the help of John Asplund, who was then the superintendent at Farmington.

Wagner said he would help put together a job posting for his position.

In other business Monday, the board approved the 2024-25 SEAPCO hiring survey.

The board was also invited to attend the annual staff gathering to be held Jan. 27 at Uptown Cafe in Elmwood.

In other action, the board approved hiring Emma Vallas as an elementary school teacher for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year, Bob Jackson and Max Nevells as 5th and 6th grade boys basketball coaches and Lindsay Anderson as a paraprofessional at \$15 per hour.

The board heard that Illinois State Scholars from Elmwood this year are Dax Alger, Maddie Conklin, Lauren Feller, Anthony Guppy and Killian Madeley. The award is based on student results on the ACT and SAT.

Winter break is Dec. 22 to Jan. 3.

Thank You

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BRIMFIELD: Tax rate to decrease

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 option during its meeting Dec. 13.

The debt from the proposed bond issue would be added to payments for bonds issued in 2020, according to the Bernardi analysis. The current tax rate for those bonds is 1.0066%. That number is projected to decrease to .06263% by the levy for the 2024 academic year.

If new bonds are issued, the tax rate is projected to fluctuate between 1.0029% and 1.0062% during that same span. The projection is based on an annual 2% increase in assessed property valuation, which Vezzetti called conservative. Average valuation has increased between 3 and 3.5% the past five years.

Annual debt service under the new plan would range from \$1,404,950 to \$1,683,600 through 2032.

Interest would cost about \$1.1 million. Vezzetti suggested interest accrued from banking the bond proceeds would help offset that.

"Not to say you want to go out and borrow money for the arbitrage play, but the opportunity is there," he said. "You might as well use it."

Jones said the money could be used for new lighting, ceilings, doors, flooring and furniture at the grade school. The building received a new roof recently and is to receive new windows this summer.

"Now it's time to maybe look at improving other things over there," Jones said about the aging building.

Regarding the bonds, a public hearing might be held Jan. 17 before the regularly scheduled school-board meeting.

Final passage might happen Feb. 21.

Following the bond presentation, the board authorized spending \$837,300 on the grade-school window project. The contractor is Peoria Metro Construction Inc. A bid of \$214,000 from M&O Environmental Co. of Peoria was approved for grade-school asbestos abatement.

The board also approved the property-tax levy for the upcoming fiscal year. As presented last month, the levy is \$5,536,460. The previous one was \$5,273,454. The tax rate is expected to fall from 4.9706% to 4.8772%.

In other action, the board:

- Approved hiring Kristen Arnold, Jane Mason and Marissa Royer as grade-school special-education tutors; Jennifer Johnson and Rick Lithicum as high school softball assistant coaches; and Mallorie Menold as a high school softball junior-varsity coach.

- Authorized overnight trips for the high school softball team to a tournament this spring in Clarksville, Tenn.; for the chess team to an event in Elgin; and for the cheer-leading squad to an event in Springfield. The latter two trips are within the next month, Jones said.

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Police reports

• **OAK HILL** – A Brimfield man was arrested after an early-morning confrontation with two women at an Oak Hill-area residence.

Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputies were summoned shortly before 7 a.m. Dec. 10 to the 16900 block of W. Oak Hill Cemetery Rd. There they found Dylan J. Snider, 31, who according to a sheriff's-office report arrived at the residence about 4 a.m.

One victim accused Snider of hitting her in the face with an empty beer case. The other accused him of grabbing her and punching her in the ribs. The report was heavily redacted, but one victim was 49 and the other was 18. One victim sustained a scratched inner-right wrist.

Snider was confrontational upon his arrival, according to the victims. He refused to speak with deputies, the report stated. Snider was accused of two counts of domestic battery and was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

On Dec. 13 at this address, a female was arrested on domestic-battery accusations, according to the sheriff's office. It cited an ongoing investigation in not releasing a report about the incident.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man was arrested for drunken driving after a test revealed his blood-alcohol content was more than three times the legal limit.

Rowdy G. Eldridge, 19, was behind the wheel of a 2006 white Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck when a Farmington police officer stopped it shortly before 3 a.m. Dec. 3 in the 1000 block of E. Fort St. A witness reported the truck was swerving and speeding, according to a police report.

Eldridge smelled of alcohol and walked unsteadily, the report stated. His preliminary breath test registered .244. The legal limit is .08. Eldridge admitted to consuming at least five alcoholic drinks about 2

a.m. After his truck was towed, Eldridge was charged with DUI, failure to wear a seat belt and operating a vehicle with expired registration. He is to appear Dec. 29 in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

• **ABINGDON** – A Brimfield man's pickup truck was involved in a single-vehicle crash north of Abingdon.

Lucas R. Tinkham, 21, of Galesburg was driving the northbound 2004 Chevrolet Silverado about 6:30 a.m. Dec. 5 on Illinois Route 41 near Knox Road 800 North when he lost control of the vehicle, which slid into the southbound ditch and flipped on its roof, a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Brian R. Keith of Brimfield was listed in the report as the Silverado owner. Tinkham reported no injuries, but the truck sustained more than \$1,500 in damage and was towed.

• **FARMINGTON** – Someone hacked into a Farmington woman's debit-card account and stole \$902 from it, according to authorities.

The alleged theft was reported about 2:30 p.m. Dec. 1, according to a Farmington Police Department report. The 49-year-old victim said she went online to figure out what happened, and the website would not accept her PIN.

• **ELMWOOD** – No injuries were reported after one vehicle struck another in the parking lot of Elmwood Junior and Senior High School.

The accident happened about 8 a.m. Nov. 30, according to an Elmwood Police Department report. A 16-year-old girl was pulling a Chevrolet Monte Carlo into a parking space when the vehicle struck a Nissan Maxima.

Its driver, a 16-year-old girl, said she already was parked in an adjacent space.

Each vehicle had one passenger, a 14-year-old boy in the Monte Carlo and an 11-year-old girl in the Max-

ima. Damage to the vehicles was less than \$500, the report stated.

• **LAURA** – About 6:15 p.m. Dec. 9, Stephen J. Mattern of Brimfield was driving a 2013 Toyota Sienna north in the 22300 block of Illinois Route 78 south of Laura when the vehicle struck a raccoon.

The vehicle sustained undercarriage damage, including an anti-freeze leak, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Mattern was able to drive away.

• **ELMWOOD** – Marcia L. Snider, 49, of Elmwood was arrested shortly before 12:30 p.m. Dec. 13 and accused of two counts of domestic battery/bodily harm, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **FARMINGTON** – No injuries were reported following a fire that destroyed the front of a cable-company truck parked at a Farmington intersection.

The blaze began shortly before 2:30 p.m. Monday at Fulton and Cedar streets, according to the Farmington Community Fire Protection district. When crews arrived, the engine compartment and cab of a Mediacom Communications Corp. work truck were engulfed in flames.

According to Fire Chief Matt Watters, the driver was in a bucket elevated above the vehicle when he saw smoke emitting from the engine compartment. Crews extinguished the fire within minutes. The fire cause had not been determined.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Dec. 3-9: threats complaint, Galva; suspicious vehicle, Dahinda; driving complaint, La Fayette; disturbance, Yates City; suspicious incident, Oak Run; burglary, Yates City; ATV complaint, Williamsfield; juvenile trouble, Williamsfield; burglary, Galva; burglar alarm, Williamsfield.

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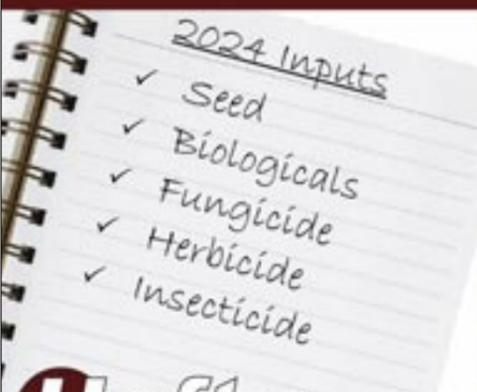
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Farmington OKs roof, solar bids

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Farmington City Council on Monday voted unanimously to approve bids for a new roof on part of the city building and installation of a solar array over that roof.

Holthaus Companies Inc. of Canton was selected to install the new roof over the north half of the city building’s west wing at a cost of \$165,780. The 10,875-square-foot roof will be warrantied for 30 years.

The other roofing bid came from Kreiling Roofing of Peoria for \$222,374.

For installation of the solar array over that new roof, the council heeded Alderman Dave Rose’s recommendation to choose Legacy Solar of Towanda, a dealer of SunPower solar panels. Other solar companies that presented to the council in the past few months were Hawk-Attollo and Verde Solutions.

Legacy Solar requires a \$228,591 upfront investment – which was lowest of the three proposals –

and estimates a 25-year savings of \$614,274 for the city and a net gain of \$558,864 – highest of the three proposals.

“The payback on the solar will more than pay for all the roofing,” Rose said.

Added Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam, “This will make us net neutral for our electric bills, which is a good thing. This is exciting.”

Rose said the south half of the roof is not currently leaking and that repair or replacement can be addressed as needed in the future.

In other business, the council passed the levy ordinance, which included a 5% increase to \$350,227. Most of that increase will be used for improvements in city parks.

The city also passed an ordinance in response to the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act, adopting its own current paid-leave policy for city employees.

In other news, City Administrator Bettina Bohanan said the city can now use ACH payments for sewer and garbage bills. She said the city should be able to accept online and credit card payments in January.

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Princeville weighing extracurricular policies

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – School officials in Princeville might be heading east for guidance about a possible extracurricular-participation policy for home-schooled students.

The Chillicothe-based Illinois Valley Central School District offers a partial template for Princeville, it was suggested during and after a school-board meeting Dec. 12. The board is contemplating whether to allow home-schooled students to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities.

IVC requires home-schooled students to attend its facilities for at least half the school day to be eligible for athletics and other extracurriculars, according to Jake Lowery, assistant principal of Princeville Junior-Senior High School. The latter category includes FFA, band and similar organizations.

Of eight area districts Lowery surveyed that allow home-school participation, IVC was the only one with that stipulation. Others follow the Illinois High School Association standard for athletics. To be IHSA eligible, home-schoolers must be taking and passing at least one course at a member school.

“It was almost copied and pasted that way in their board policy,” Lowery told the Princeville board.

Lowery said a possible Princeville policy might also borrow from Elmwood, which requires approval of home-school curriculum. Junior-Senior High School Principal Rich Thole suggested that Elmwood requirement and the IVC attendance stipulation were essential.

“If we were to put in place a policy for home-school extracurricular participation, we would want to ensure academic integrity is maintained,” Thole stated in an email follow-

ing the board meeting. Brimfield, Dunlap, Farmington, Limestone, Midland and Stark County also allow home-school eligibility, Lowery said. Annawan, Illini Bluffs, Peoria Heights, Wethersfield and Williamsfield do not.

The number of home-schooled students participating in extracurriculars was usually fewer than five, according to Lowery. No issues were reported.

Earlier this year, a home-school parent asked the Princeville board to consider adopting an eligibility policy. A draft might be ready for board review Jan. 11, Lowery said.

That board meeting was scheduled for Jan. 9 but was moved to allow time for the business office to complete its monthly reporting, according to Princeville Superintendent Tony Shinall. The board

approved the change.

Also approved was a district property-tax levy of \$5,825,027, an increase from \$5,295,028 the previous year. No public objections were raised.

Because of an increase in property values, the new estimated tax rate (4.6236%) is almost unchanged from the previous one (4.6232%).

Leases for 12 school buses were authorized or extended, all with Midwest Transit Equipment Inc. of Kankakee.

A three-year lease for eight 2025 72-passenger buses will cost \$214,080 annually, according to figures Shinall provided. A two-year lease for two 2024 14-passenger activity buses will cost \$63,182 annually. A two-year lease for two 2022 activity buses is \$41,322 annually.

The board also approved:

- Abatement of \$111,000

in Peoria County Facility Sales Tax revenue and \$110,050 in alternative-revenue bonds. That money is to be returned to taxpayers via the Peoria County Clerk, Shinall said.

• An agreement with Hollis School District to share a speech pathologist. Currently, that person works part-time in the Hollis and Princeville districts. Bartonville-area Hollis is to hire the pathologist full time and bill Princeville.

• Hiring Shelby Conway as a high school science teacher, Donnie Peterson as a high school assistant baseball coach and Andrew Robbins as a custodian at the Junior-Senior High.

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We would like to acknowledge with grateful appreciation all of the kind expressions of sympathy extended to us during the illness and passing of our beloved Wife, Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Great-Great Grandma and Sister, **Judy Maher**.

Your prayers, phone calls, texts, cards, flowers, memorials, gifts, food and words of comfort were all sources of strength for us in our time of sorrow!

Martin Maher, Phil & Raye Maher Families, Jeff & Debbie Maher Families, Tina & Keith Windish Families, Ken, Donna & Chris Cady

OBITUARIES

Doris A. Christ
 ELMWOOD – Doris Ann Christ, 84, of Peoria, formerly of rural Elmwood, passed away at Apostolic Christian Skylines on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at 10:44 p.m.

She was born in Deer Creek on Dec. 4, 1939, to the late John and Rose (Schambach) Teubel. On Feb. 16, 1958, she married Walter Christ in Morton. He preceded her in death on April 17, 2016.

Surviving are three sons, Frederick (Tina) of Elmwood, Ronald (Carol) of Edwards and Kurt (Connie) of Elmwood; one daughter, Melinda Christ of Elmwood; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren with two more on the way; and two sisters-in-law, Wilma Teubel of Bloomfield, Iowa, and Gerlinde Christ of Germany. Aside from her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard, Edward and her twin, David Teubel.

Doris was a homemaker who dedicated her life to serving God, raising her family and helping others. She enjoyed remembering loved ones on special occasions by sending them a card or other gifts of love.

She was a member of the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church, where services will be held Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at 10 a.m. A visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, from 4-7 p.m. at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Additional visitation will be from 9-9:45 a.m. on Friday at the church. Burial will be in the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery, Princeville. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Apostolic Christian Skylines, Peoria, or Life Points, Morton.

Condolences for Doris' family may be left on her tribute wall at www.funeralhaskell.com.

Lawrence C. Graves
 ALTONA – Lawrence Carroll Graves, 90, of Altona, passed away with his family at his side on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.



Graves

Carroll was born on July 27, 1933, in Williamsfield. He was the son of Lawrence S. and Eve-

lyn (Wolfe) Graves. He married the love of his life, Marian Goff, at the Victoria United Methodist Church on Sept. 23, 1953. Together they built and celebrated a life that would span 70 years, enjoying a celebration with family in September.

Surviving Carroll is his loving wife, Marian, of Altona; children, Carolyn (Rev. William) Dustin of Burbank, David Graves of Dahinda (Oak Run) and Dale (Michelle) Graves of Altona; three grandchildren, Paula (Steve) Rimes, Julie (Karras) Bishop and Tom (Katie) Dustin; 10 great-grandchildren, Dylan, Caleb, Dalton, Lacey, Malana, Abby, Kirra, Adalie, Bryce and Faith; siblings, Dorothy (Robert, dec.) Beetler, Louise (James, prev. Holland Beetler, dec.) Harris, Nancy (Neil) Keneipp and Jim (Joyce) Graves. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Juanita Graves, Sam (Jane) Graves, Joe (Ruby, liv.) Graves, Larry (Mary Ann) Graves.

Carroll was a graduate of Williamsfield High School. He was a sergeant in the United States Army, having served in the Korean War. After returning home from the Army, Carroll went on to farm. He was a hard worker, retiring from the farm at 62, but would still be seen working at the farm or trimming and cutting down trees and splitting wood.

He was known for building docks and working along shorelines at Oak Run. He was a strong man of faith, helping to establish Bethany Baptist Church in 1969. He would be a deacon for the church for many decades, where he was a diligent and faithful member until his death.

The church was his second life, where was known as "Grandpa" to many of the children that attended Bethany Baptist Church. While he loved working at Oak Run, where he enjoyed meeting people and sharing jokes, his family was the most important thing in his life. His love for his family was as strong as his faith. He was a kind, lively soul who loved to laugh and tease. He was always quick with a corny dad joke. Carroll will be deeply missed.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at Bethany Baptist Church, 215 N. Olin, Altona. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral at 10 a.m. Burial will follow the funeral in the Victoria Cemetery. Rev. Bob Nutzhorn will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Bethany Baptist Church.

Online condolences and/or expres-

sions of sympathy may be sent through www.hurd-hendricksfuneral-home.com.

Tamara N. Hankinson
 WILLIAMSFIELD – Tamara N. "Tami" Hankinson, 62, of Williamsfield, passed away at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at her home. Tami was born on Jan. 14, 1961, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Edward and Jerry (Bates) Henson. She married Tye Hankinson on Sept. 29, 2001, in Sunnyland; he survives.



Hankinson

Also surviving are her two daughters, Jessica Hankinson of Chicago and Desiree (Allen) Pickard of Vanclave, Miss.; three grandchildren, Matisyn, Emily and Hunter; one brother, Mark Henson; two sisters, Jerry Sue (Raul) Galindo and Susie Armstrong-Gleason; several nieces and nephews; and Emily Foster, who was like a daughter to her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Larry and David Henson.

Tami attended the Set Free Christian Fellowship in Sunnyland and was a Girl Scout troop leader for several years. Tami enjoyed motorcycle rides on the Harley, kayaking, horseback riding and being outdoors.

A visitation will be Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, from 4-6 p.m. at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville. Memorial contributions may be made to Tye Hankinson to assist with funeral expenses.

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

Cathie J. Maguire
 EDELSTEIN – Cathie Jayne (Smith) Maguire, 78, of Edelstein, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, at Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria.

She was born Oct. 10, 1945, in Washington, Ill., to Benjamin and Easter (Reeves) Smith. Cathie married Roy L. Maguire on Dec. 9, 1967, in Washington, who survives. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Benjamin "Cliff" Smith.

Additional survivors include one son, Marcus (Heather) Maguire of Princeville; one daughter, Megan (Chris) Horan of Peoria; three grandchildren, Dakota Maguire, Brody Horan and Dylan Horan; three

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

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 If baking is any labor at all, it's a labor of love.
 A love that gets passed from generation to generation.
 — Regina Brett

Weekly SUDOKU
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OBITUARIES

nephews, Brian (Joe Johnson) Smith of Chicago, Derek (Sarah) Dunnagan of Ankeny, Iowa, and Timothy (Misty) Smith of Durango, Colo.; and two nieces, Jill (Bill) Cranford of Ottawa and Darci Dunnagan of Los Angeles.

Cathie was a Girl Scout, from which she received the Gold Award and achieved lifetime membership. A Class of 1963 graduate of Washington High School, Cathie was highly involved in Student Council, FHA, Chorus and band, leading the marching band as drum majorette her senior year. Cathie received a junior accounting degree from Midstate College of Commerce where she was affiliated with Alpha Iota International Honorary Business Sorority. Upon graduating, Cathie worked at Caterpillar Inc. as a secretary, and met her future husband, Roy, in the cafeteria. She retired in 1975.

In addition to homemaker and mother, Cathie was an active philanthropist. Her volunteer work was often centered around her children and love of the outdoors and included Junior Achievement, Princeville PTA, Princeville band and Sports Booster clubs, Princeville Garden Club, Girl Scout troop leader, and Peoria County 4H. Cathie also served as a Peoria County election judge for nearly 30 years.

Cathie was highly involved with the Boy Scouts of America for 35 years. In that role she served as a den leader, put the fun in Cub Scout round table, served on the Heartland District Committee, completed wood badge, served on staff for two years, worked in the council store and volunteered to sew patches to assure proper uniforming. She was also rec-



Maguire

ognized with the Heartland District Award of Merit and Council Silver Beaver Award.

Cathie was a decades-long member of the Peoria County Home Extension and served in multiple leadership roles. Through the University of Illinois Extension program, she attained the status of both master naturalist and master gardener. She worked with local parks and municipalities such as Jubilee College State Park and Wildlife Prairie Park butterfly habitat to help maintain and beautify various landscapes.

An avid reader, movie buff and trivia lover, Cathie also enjoyed sports, square dancing and holds several bowling trophies.

A celebration of life will be held Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023 from 3-6 p.m. at Davison-Fulton Woodland Chapel in Peoria. At 4 p.m. we will pause for a time of remembrance, when friends and family are welcome to share stories of Cathie's life.

A private burial will be held at a later date at Oak Grove Cemetery in Jerseyville, Ill.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, American Cancer Society, or Boy Scouts of America W.D. Boyce Council. Words of comfort may be shared with Cathie's family at www.Davison-Fulton.com.

Pauline M. Teubel

DUNLAP – Pauline Marie Teubel, 83, of Dunlap, Ill., passed away surrounded by her loving family on Dec. 7, 2023, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria, Ill.

Pauline was born on Jan. 31, 1940, in Lester, Iowa, to Ted and Emma (Feucht) Gerber. She married

David Teubel on June 6, 1965. He preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 2003.

Surviving are her three sons, Brian (Shannon) Teubel of Sioux Falls, S.D., Brent (Lynne) Teubel of Dunlap and Brice (Julie) Teubel of Edwards; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren and two on the way in 2024.

Also surviving are her brothers, Wayne, Ernie, Bill and Jim Gerber. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Robert and John Gerber; and sisters-in-law Dorothy, Donna and Sharon Gerber.

Pauline spent most of her life in Lester, Iowa, before moving to Dunlap with her husband, Dave, in 1998 to be closer to their greatest joys in life, their family.

Pauline devoted her life to the Lord. She showed her love to family, friends, neighbors and strangers through her infectious laugh, keen ear, endless creativity, Sunday dinners, exceptional baked goods and countless meals taken to people in need. Pauline spent her career as a bank teller, school bus driver, account manager and librarian.

The family would like to thank the staff at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home for their exceptional and loving care of Pauline.

A visitation was held at Davison-Fulton-Woolsey-Wilton Funeral Home, Peoria, on Dec. 10, 2023. A funeral service was at Bethany Church in Edwards on Dec. 11, 2023, with a visitation prior to the service. Burial was in the Peoria Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery in Edwards.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, 8630 Illinois Route 91, Peoria, IL 61615.



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Pastor Doug Seeley
321 S. Jefferson St. Brimfield (309) 678-2208
Sun. School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. Worship: 10:40 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 10:30 a.m. (10 a.m. in the summer)
Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
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204 W. Clay St. Brimfield (309) 446-3233
Sun. Divine Service: 11:30 a.m.

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

Brimfield United Methodist Church
Reverend James Pernell Sr.
135 S. Galena St. Brimfield (662) 394-5880
Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sun. School: 8:30 a.m.

BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey
1. Is the book of Immanuel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah
3. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ... Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers
4. In Luke 2:8-11, how did the shepherds learn of Christ's birth? Magi informed.

Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ
Pastor Stephen Barch
105 W. Clay Street Brimfield (309) 446-3811
brimfieldunionchurch.org
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm
• First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten-free communion offered)
• Grief & Loss Group meets Tuesday afternoons 3-4:30 p.m. until further notice.

DAHINDA Dahinda United Methodist Church
Pastor Zoila Marty
1739 Victoria St. P.O. Box 14
Dahinda IL 61428
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School during worship service
Church: (309) 639-2768 . Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com

DOUGLAS Douglas United Methodist Church
Pastor Kristine McMillan
484 3rd St.
Yates City IL 61572

Joseph announcement, Mighty wind, Angel appearance
5. Where did the wise men go first when they arrived in the Holy Land? Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron
6. What does the Bible record as to when Jesus was born? Late September, Dec. 25, March 17, Does not
ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Isaiah, 3) Engaged, 4) Angel appearance, 5) Jerusalem, 6) Does not
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(NOTE: Church is in Douglas)
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m.
(Maquon worship: 11 a.m.)
Facebook Live is 11 a.m. at [Maquon UM Church page](https://www.facebook.com/MaquonUMChurch)

EDWARDS Bethany Baptist Church
7422 N. Heinz Ln. Edwards (309) 692-1755
bethanycentral.org
Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 a.m.
In person and livestream (Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)
Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
9910 W. Knox St. Edwards (309) 691-2030
stmaryskickapoo.org
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.
Sun. Masses: 7 & 11:00 a.m.
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ELMWOOD Crossroads Assembly of God
Pastor Tim Cavallo
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood (309) 830-4259
crossroadselmwood.org
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.
Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Elmwood Baptist Church
Pastor Bill Cole
701 W. Dearborn St. Elmwood (309) 742-7631 642-3278
Sun Worship: 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.

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

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
802 W. Main St. Elmwood (309) 742-4921
Sat. Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.
Tues. Mass: 8 a.m.
Tues. Confession: After mass.

United Methodist Church of Elmwood
Pastor James Pernell Sr.
821 W. Main St. Elmwood (309) 742-7221
elmwoodumc.org
Sat. Worship: 5 p.m.
Sun. Worship: 10 a.m.
Youth Sun. School: 9 a.m.
Adult Sun. School: 8 a.m.

FARMINGTON Farmington Bible Church
Pastor Tony Severine
497 N. Elmwood Rd. Farmington (309) 245-9870
Sunday School: 9:30
Worship Service: 10:30

Farmington Methodist Church
Pastor Rick Atchley
187 W. Fulton St. Farmington (309) 245-4310
farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
Pastor Cindy Bean
83 N. Cone Street Farmington (309) 245-2914
firstpresfarmington.com
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God
Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
Farmington (309) 231-8076
Sun. Worship: 10 a.m.
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.

PRINCEVILLE Princeville United Methodist Church
Pastor David Pyell
420 E. Woertz Princeville (309) 385-4487
princevilleumc@mediacommb.net
Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
Father Corey Krengiel
119 Saint Mary St. Princeville (309) 385-2578
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.

Sun. Confession: 8-8:45 a.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.
Tues. Thurs. Sat. daily Mass: 8 a.m.

TRIVOLI Brunswick Community Church
4027 S. Stone School Rd Trivoli
Pastor Terry England
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m. (309) 403-4626

WILLIAMSFIELD St. James Catholic Church
Father John Verrier
Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N Williamsfield (309) 446-3275
stjameswilliamsfield.org
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Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 a.m. in the summer)

Williamsfield United Methodist Church
Pastor Zoila Marty
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Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 a.m.
Sun. Worship: 11 a.m.

YATES CITY Faith United Presbyterian Church
Reverend Marla B. Bauler
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Joan DeBord & Family

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Merry Christmas!
 Brimfield Area Food Pantry

BRIEFS

College graduate

Braden McFall of Elmwood graduated from Western Illinois University on Dec. 16 summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in business management. McFall was marshal at graduation, finished with a 3.99 gpa and was department scholar in The School of Management.



McFall

Galesburg chorus starts rehearsals on Jan. 8

GALESBURG – The Galesburg Community Chorus will begin rehearsals for its 2024 spring concert on Monday, Jan. 8, from 7-9 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Galesburg, 101 N. Prairie St. All are welcome to join, no auditions are necessary and masks are

optional. Dues are \$10 a semester, and music fees are \$5 a semester. Students are not required to pay dues.

The concert will take place April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church and will feature Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana."

The Galesburg Community Chorus, directed by Dr. Tim Pahel, is the oldest community music organization in the Galesburg area and is currently celebrating its 78th anniversary.

Holiday light recycling program underway

Every season, people bring holiday decorations out of the attic and some of the strings of lights refuse to shine. That's why Peoria County has kicked off its annual Holiday Lights Recycling Program where residents can get rid of old, broken, or simply unwanted strings of lights in a more environmentally friendly fashion.

The program recycled 1,179 pounds of string lights last season, a

record for its 11-year run.

The program ends Jan. 8. Residents are asked to refrain from placing loose lightbulbs into the bins, as the recyclable material is the string itself.

Drop-off locations are:

- Peoria County Courthouse (Jefferson Street Entrance).
- Peoria County Sheriff's Office.
- Forest Park Nature Center.
- Chillicothe Public Library.
- Alpha Park Public Library in Bartonville.
- Lillie M. Evans Library District in Princeville.

Et cetera

• **GALESBURG – Jamie Swearingen** of Abingdon has been hired as a business banker for F&M Bank according to **Mike Holloway**, Knox/Warren County Bank President. Swearingen is a Western Illinois University graduate who has worked in sales and finance in the auto industry since 2014.

Yates City hires new village attorneys

By MOLLY RICHESON

For The Weekly Post

YATES CITY – The Yates City Village Board interviewed and ultimately hired Miller, Hall & Triggs of Peoria as its village attorney during the Dec. 14 regular meeting.

Scott Brunton, a partner with the firm, along with Attorneys Isabella Gruse and Jeff Gaster, attended the meeting to interview

for the position current Attorney Wayne Statham will be retiring from in early 2024. The firm agreed to bill for half of the travel time when attending village meetings and additionally to meet by telephone as needed.

Miller, Hall & Triggs and Statham also agreed not to bill for meeting with each other while getting the transition started.

The Paid Leave for All Workers Act goes into effect on Jan. 1, requiring one hour of paid leave time for every 40 hours worked up to 40 hours of paid leave total in a year and applies to all employees whether full time or part time. The village has a qualifying policy in place for full-time employees but a policy for part-time employees had never been instated.

Under the guidance of the Miller, Hall, & Triggs representatives, the board decided to create an ordinance stating the PTO policy for full-time employees and adding four hours of PTO per year for any part-time employee who works more than 40 hours in that year. PTO for part-time employees must be used within a calendar year, or the employee loses the time off. Paid leave is not required until an employee has been with their employer for 90 days.

Additionally, the board voted to donate \$300 to the fire department for breakfast with Santa, approved the renovation of one clarifier for an estimated cost of \$50,000 to \$60,000, approved the renovation of one rotor assembly in an oxidation ditch with no cost stated and approved

\$100 Christmas bonuses (after taxes) for all village employees.

When discussing approved repairs and the uncertainty of the costs associated with them, Village Board President Ken Vallas stated, "These repairs have got to be done"

Bruce Brinker, Yates City Water Department employee, had his pay increased to \$20 per hour at the start of the next pay period, and Drew Vawter was hired as a part-time public works employee until the spring at \$16.50 per hour.

Vallas noted that he had no input on the hiring or wage determination of Vawter. Vallas was concerned about a conflict of interest regarding a familial relationship.

Peoria Co. OKs 2024 budget, levy

By TERRY BIBO

For The Weekly Post

The Peoria County Board met Oct. 12 with all members present except Brian El-sasser.

The board unanimously approved the annual tax levy and 2024 budget. Highlights include:

- A balanced budget of \$155.2 million.
- A 6.7% increase in the EAV (Equalized Assessed Value) resulting in an additional \$1.97 million in revenue – the highest EAV increase in years.
- Maintaining \$0.8241 rate per \$100 property assessed valuation.
- Almost six new full-time equivalent employees, primarily in animal control and facilities/grounds.

Several members said they want the budget to be open to amendment. Some indicated they want reserves to grow, since the reserve fund may be depleted in 2032. Paying off the Heddington Oaks bonds remained a high priority.

The board also unanimously approved a new five-year collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME-PCEA Local 3586. Covered employees will see 3% annual increases over the five years with an additional 2% economic adjustment in Year 1 and a \$1,000 signing bonus. The overall

impact on the 2023 budget is \$154,221.

Peoria Co. Board of Elections

Peoria County Board of Elections met Oct. 16, with all commissioners present.

A representative of the NAACP said the group opposes requiring people who vote by mail to pay their own postage, which was done in the past. They will advise voters to leave postage off because the Commission has to pay the postage anyway. (The board decided to pay the postage at a later meeting.)

Bills that could not be approved last month without a quorum were approved, along with an update on the safety recommendations. Window covers are installed; Heart Technologies will install a badge system, panic buttons and a parking lot security camera; front counter modifications are out for bid.

Voter-registration-card mass mailing is complete. Staff is sending a second mailing to those whose polling places have changed.

League of Women Voters of Greater Peoria observers attend and report on local government meetings. For more information, visit www.lwvvp.org/news/category/observer-reports-10

Answers on Page 10 **Super Crossword** **MAKING 20 OUT OF 9**

ACROSS

- 1 Pueblo dweller
- 5 Sound of an "air kiss"
- 9 Forensic facility in Quantico, for short
- 15 Gig hookups
- 19 Refined finds
- 20 Civil rights leader Parks
- 21 In an uncivil way
- 22 Lawn mower brand
- 23 Parts of wholes
- 25 Key related to G major
- 26 "Jurassic Park" dino
- 27 "Billions" channel, in brief
- 28 Some boxing blows
- 30 Horn blowers
- 32 Person whose name consists entirely of the letters in 23-Across
- 37 Los Angeles neighborhood
- 38 "I knew — along"
- 39 Old Nissan brand
- 40 Stephen of "Angie"
- 41 Humongous
- 44 Foot, in verse
- 47 Tattered
- 48 Novel whose name consists entirely of the letters in 62-Across
- 54 Ovens, in Ohio
- 55 Last letter, in Leeds
- 56 Trig function
- 57 Arab nation
- 60 Titanic sinker
- 62 Didn't type or text, perhaps
- 67 Relating to an eye layer
- 71 Corn, to a Brit
- 73 Neighbor of Latvia
- 74 Relatives of terraces
- 76 Silent performer
- 78 Consumer
- 79 Coup d'—
- 80 Attain
- 81 Exit
- 85 Film whose name consists entirely of the letters in 74-Across
- 93 Verve
- 94 Words of woe
- 95 Desert haven
- 96 Sch. founded by Thomas Jefferson
- 97 December mall temps
- 100 Consumer
- 103 Very talented
- 105 Setups whose name consists entirely of the letters in 117-Across
- 110 Some legumes
- 111 Lindsay of "Liz & Dick"
- 112 Be in debt to
- 113 Imp Simpson
- 114 Throat issue
- 117 Lawbreaker
- 121 — fix
- 122 Menu offering
- 123 In — (stuck)
- 124 Lasting mark
- 125 Betting info
- 126 "Mad" Carroll character
- 127 Some votes in Congress
- 128 Those folks
- 2 Bobby in the Hockey
- 1-Down
- 3 Leguminous side dish
- 42 "Ugly Betty" actress Ortiz
- 43 Crash-probing agcy.
- 45 Little plateau
- 46 Pickle liquid
- 49 Bubbly mixer
- 50 Blogging pundit Klein
- 51 Prescribed diet, say
- 52 Finishes up
- 53 Swamp antigger
- 57 Round body
- 58 "Call — taxi"
- 59 Ocean east of Mass.
- 61 Ints. on an ambulance
- 62 Tailor's edge
- 63 City on the Seine
- 64 Put — (joke pranks)
- 65 Knot up
- 66 Part of a jug
- 68 Yuletide song
- 69 Opposer
- 70 Climbing vine
- 72 Rigatoni's kin
- 75 Ingrain
- 77 Fildom's "Kuzan"
- 80 Shimmer
- 82 Gotter Ernie
- 83 Even up
- 84 Out-of-towner
- 85 "Shane" star
- 86 Teased one another playfully
- 87 International alliances
- 88 Harbinger
- 89 Medieval Scandinavian
- 90 Group's activity in the community
- 91 Crooner Burl
- 92 Frowny-faced
- 93 Suffix with Vietnam
- 98 Aesthetic interest
- 99 Sewing unit
- 101 Bank job
- 102 "Neroli" musician
- 104 Least
- 106 Maui greeting
- 107 Contrarian's retort
- 108 Nile capital
- 109 Come next
- 113 Short history
- 115 Park onsets!
- 116 Cooler cubes
- 118 Divs. of dollars
- 119 Scoot's turnaround
- 120 Give it a whirl

DOWN

- 1 Great athletes are enshrined in it. Abbr.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS CHANCERY DIVISION

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. CORY J. BROWN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2023-FC-0000238
Property Address: 5315 W SUMMIT AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61607

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK 'A' IN THE CITY OF ORCHARD MINES, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14 AND PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02' 38" EAST A DISTANCE OF 411.77 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES 08' 37" WEST A DISTANCE OF 209.66 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 14' 08" WEST A DISTANCE OF 227.67 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEGREES 56' 11" WEST A DISTANCE OF 161.13 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 15' 23" EAST A DISTANCE OF 122.19 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE

SOUTH 82 DEGREES-18' 37" EAST A DISTANCE OF 124.72 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES-02' 38" SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 438.66 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 52 DEGREES 44' 00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 37.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AS SET OUT IN PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "11" AT PAGE 132 IN THE PEORIA COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA.

Commonly known as: 5315 W SUMMIT AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61607

Names of the titleholders of record: CORY J. BROWN.

Date of the Mortgage: October 28, 2009.

Name or names of the mortgagors: CORY J. BROWN.

Name of the mortgagee: HERGET BANK, N.A..

Date and place of recording: November 3, 2009; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois.

Identification of recording: Document No. 2009033313.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before January 8, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org.

PRINCEVILLE ZONING BOARD MEETING

The Princeville Zoning Board will meet on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 7pm at Princeville Village Hall, 206 N. Walnut Ave., Princeville, Illinois. The Zoning Board will meet to discuss and vote on a Special Use Application for 500 W. North Street, to permit a 2MWac Ground Mounted Solar Farm.
Dated this 30th day of November, 2023.

Dan Huss, Zoning Board Chairman

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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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
CHRISTOPHER LEISTIKOW
Defendant
2023 FC 0000135

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 2, 2023 and amended on November 20, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 9, 2024, at the Peoria

County Courthouse, 324 Main Street (South Door), PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
LOT 29 IN WOODALE FIRST EXTENSION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 16, 1959 IN PLAT BOOK "Y", PAGE 26, (EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE THEREOF AND THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME), IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 1916 S GREENWOOD CT, PEORIA, IL 61607
Property Index No. 17-23-104-017
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$152,161.57.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, 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.

INVITATION TO BID

The Village of Hanna City (VOHC) is seeking proposals for the design, installation and interconnection of ground-mounted photovoltaic panels producing a minimum output of 162.8kw at the Sewer Treatment Plant.

Additional information is available by contacting Brian Baylor VOHC Administrator at administrator@hannacityil.com.

The deadline for bids is Monday January 15, 2024 at 10AM and the bids will be opened soon after. Bids should be dropped off at the Hanna City Village Hall located at 313 N First Street Hanna City IL 61536 attention Brian Baylor.
Published 12/21/23

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. 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 this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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.

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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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P KMOV FNPF XVFJ YPJVVG LDMC
XVIVDPFSMI FM XVIVDPFSMI.
- DVXSIP QDVFF

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What is ciabatta?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the 1980s cop drama series starring actor William Shatner?
- HISTORY: In which year did the Gulf oil spill occur?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the classic holiday novella "The Cricket on the Hearth"?
- INVENTIONS: Who invented penicillin?
- GEOGRAPHY: Monaco is bordered on three sides by which European country?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "The Land of Enchantment"?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the police chief in the movie "Jaws"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the J.D. stand for in a law degree?
- MUSIC: Which singer had a breakout hit with "I Kissed a Girl"?

TOP 10 MOVIES

- The Boy and the Heron (PG-13)
- The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes (PG-13)
- Godzilla Minus One (PG-13)
- Trolls Band Together (PG)
- Renaissance: A Film by Beyoncé (NR)
- Wish (PG)
- Napoleon (R)
- Waitress: The Musical (NR)
- Animal (NR)
- The Shift (PG-13)

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BOYS: Kieser bombs for 37 for Brimfield

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weapons on offense,” Sennett said. “It’s not the same players getting 12 or 13 (points) every night, it’s different players. I’m pleased with the kids stepping up and taking over some responsibilities when teams are keying on different guys.”

Against Midland, Princeville had four double-figure scorers – Parker Melick (16), Tayshaun Kieser (15), Zach Stalter (13) and Tucker Sennett (10). Kieser also had a team-high 12 points in a 59-21 victory Dec. 14 at Henry.

“He’s kind of our motor,” Tait Sennett said about Kieser, who missed most of last season because of a school disciplinary action. “He gets the ball up the court for us and does so much for us defensively. It’s really important that he does those things, and it just makes us run smoothly.”

The tournament has one newcomer this year. The Morton junior varsity (8-1 as of early this week) replaced Galva, which left for the LaMoille tourney.

A replacement was hard for Princeville to find, but Coach Sennett suggested the Morton JV was suit-

able for an event otherwise filled with Class 1A varsity teams.

“They’re going to give people a challenge, and that’s what we want this tournament to be,” he said.

Princeville commences tournament play at 8 p.m. Dec. 26 against eighth-seeded Ridgewood. The tournament continues Dec. 27 and ends Dec. 28.

Elmwood – Bo Windish had 14 points Dec. 15 and Garrett Webster scored 10 as Elmwood beat visiting Havana 43-28. The Trojans (4-7) held the Ducks to nine first-half points in taking a 14-point halftime lead. Webster did all his scoring after the first quarter.

A close game Dec. 12 ended as a loss for Elmwood, 44-40 at Abingdon-Avon. The game was tied as the fourth quarter began, and a Jackson Magee jumper put the Trojans ahead with less than two minutes to play. A-Town took a lasting lead on its next possession. Magee finished with 12 points, Windish with 11.

Elmwood played host Tuesday night to Stark County. The Trojans are seeded sixth in the Princeville tournament, where they begin play at 3:30

p.m. Dec. 26 against the third-seeded Morton JV.

Brimfield – Drew Kieser had a career-high 37 points Dec. 12 at Kewanee to lead Brimfield (3-7) to a 66-47 victory over Wethersfield. Kieser scored 15 in the first period, all on 3-pointers, as the Indians led 19-12. He finished with nine 3’s.

“A few were closer to halfcourt than to the 3-point line,” Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson stated. “I was thinking, ‘I think we’ll keep getting him the ball.’”

Teammate Connor Doe had nine points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

Brimfield was host Tuesday night to Deer Creek-Mackinaw. The fifth-seeded Indians open Princeville tourney play at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 26 against No. 4 Peoria Heights.

Farmington – A bad first quarter doomed Farmington in its 52-33 loss Dec. 16 to Sherrard at the Great Western Shootout in Abingdon. The Farmers (5-4) shot 8% from the field over the first eight minutes and trailed 11-4. By halftime, the deficit was 22-10.

“We had our best practice of the year on Friday night and our worst game on Saturday,” Farmington Coach Marty Lozier stated. “Sherrard is a well-coached, good team, and this loss will help us in a lot of areas. We could see them at our place for regionals. Would love to have a rematch.”

Keauntrey Barnes (11 points) was the only double-digit scorer for Farmington.

The Farmers play at 1 p.m. Dec. 28 against Eureka in the first round of the Macomb-Western Holiday Tournament. Win

or lose, they play again Dec. 29 against either third-seeded Rockridge or Lewistown. Winners play at 6:30 p.m., losers at 10:30 a.m. at Western Illinois University.

Camp Point Central is the top seed, with Illini Bluffs second and Pittsfield fourth. The tournament ends Dec. 30.

ROWVA-Williamsfield – After a victory early last week, R-W (8-5) lost two in a row.

The Cougars fell Dec. 16 at Oneida to Annawan, 52-49. R-W trailed by the same margin at halftime. Talan Hull and Lewis Sams each had 13 points for the hosts, and Riley Danner scored 11. It was the Lincoln Trail opener for R-W.

“We made some mistakes at crucial times,” R-W Assistant Coach Jeff Hannam stated. “We’re putting in a lot of new things on the fly, and the boys are adjusting to it well, but it’s going to take some time.”

R-W was 3-3 in the first six games since Interim Coach Ryan Hart replaced Bob Anderson, who retired.

The Cougars also lost a home game Dec. 15 at Billtown, 73-55 to Peoria Heights. The visitors had 46 points in the second half, which began with R-W ahead 28-27. Sams had 19 points, Danner 17 as R-W fell to 3-2 in the ICAC. Camron Williams scored 38 for Heights.

Danner had 22 points and Sams scored 19 to lead R-W to a 70-65 ICAC victory Dec. 12 over North Fulton. Following a game tonight at Kewanee against Wethersfield, the Cougars are off until Jan. 3, when they play host at Oneida to Princeville.

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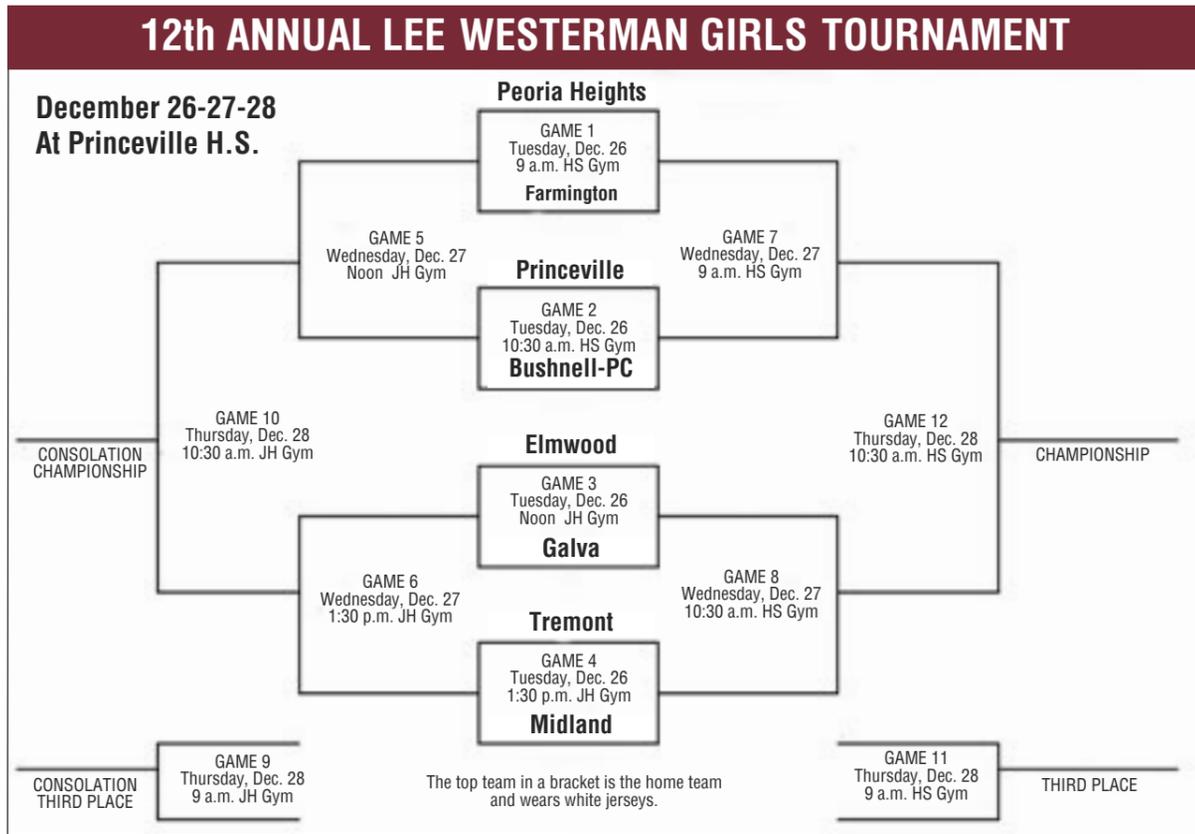
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GIRLS: Princeville sees win streak end at IB

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Elmwood is two-time defending champion of the tournament, which has switched from a round-robin to an eight-team bracketed event.

Prior to the IB loss, the Lady Trojans drubbed Payson Seymour on Dec. 12, 58-29.

Herman had 22 points in that game, Lauren Rushing scored 14 and Tinley Lemmerman tallied seven.

Princeville – The Lady Princes (10-4) had a seven-game win streak snapped Monday with a 51-34 loss at Illini Bluffs, which has won 12 straight since starting the season 1-2.

Brianna Brodie led Princeville with 17 points, but Paisley Schock was held to six points. Kinley McGinn also scored six for the Lady Princes.

Princeville had claimed its seventh straight victory on Dec. 14 at home, topping Lewistown, 51-49.

Brodie scored 22 points to lead Princeville on 8-for-15 shooting from the field and 6-for-6 accuracy from the free-throw line. Brodie also had 15 rebounds.

Schock was second-lead-

ing scorer for Princeville with 19 points. She was 7-for-8 from the line and 6-for-13 from the field.

Princeville was to play Peoria Christian on Wednesday and then has a break before opening at its Lee Westerman Tournament on Dec. 26 at 10:30 a.m. against Bushnell-Prairie City.

Brimfield – The Lady Indians (7-4) opened play at the Heyworth Holiday Tournament with a 45-33 win over the host team.

Ava Heinz scored 20 points and grabbed 15 rebounds and Olivia Kappes added 12 points and four steals. Kylee Vaughn scored nine points and made three important 3-point shots in the third quarter, according to Coach Josh McKown.

Brimfield was to play

Channahon Families of Faith Academy on Wednesday and then on Dec. 22 plays a crossover game to be announced. The Heyworth tourney end Friday.

After that, Brimfield moves on to the State Farm Classic starting Dec. 27 with a noon tipoff at Normal Community High School against Rockford Lutheran.

Play continues at Bloomington High School on Dec. 28 and then moves on to the Illinois Wesleyan University Shirk Center Dec. 29 and 30 depending on how the team fares.

ROWVA-Williamsfield – The Lady Cougars (4-11) snapped a seven-game losing streak on Saturday with a 37-29 victory at Bushnell-Prairie City.

R-W was at home to face Peoria Heights (11-1) on Tuesday and then has an

extended holiday break until tipping off on Jan. 4 at Stark County.

Farmington – The Lady Farmers (1-11) lost 62-7 at Havana on Monday, falling behind 20-0 after one quarter.

Farmington had lost to Monmouth United on Dec. 12, 35-23.

Farmington is back in action today, Dec. 21, at East Peoria and then starts play at 9 a.m. on Dec. 26 at the Princeville Holiday Tournament against Peoria Heights (11-1).

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Elmwood 2nd to IB

Loses United tourney title game, 42-26

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

A string of games against struggling opponents helped Elmwood (11-2) earn a spot in the statewide Class 1A girls basketball poll last week.

But the lack of competition didn't do the Lady Trojans any favors in preparing to face Illini Bluffs (13-2) last Thursday in the title game of the Monmouth United Tournament. Elmwood lost 42-26, shot 23% from the field and went just 1-for-16 on 3-pointers – with the only make on the first shot of the game. Mae Herman led with 17 points.

"It's the first time in awhile that somebody has actually made us run our offense," Elmwood Coach Gregg Meyers said, noting his team's victories have come against foes with a combined record of 41-80.

The loss came one day after Elmwood earned a No. 5 ranking in the Class 1A poll compiled by The Associated Press. In that

same poll, Illini Bluffs was one of 19 schools to receive votes but not make the top 10.

A new poll will be released in the new year, following the conclusion of holiday tournaments.

Whether Elmwood remains in that poll may well depend on how the team responds to its IB loss.

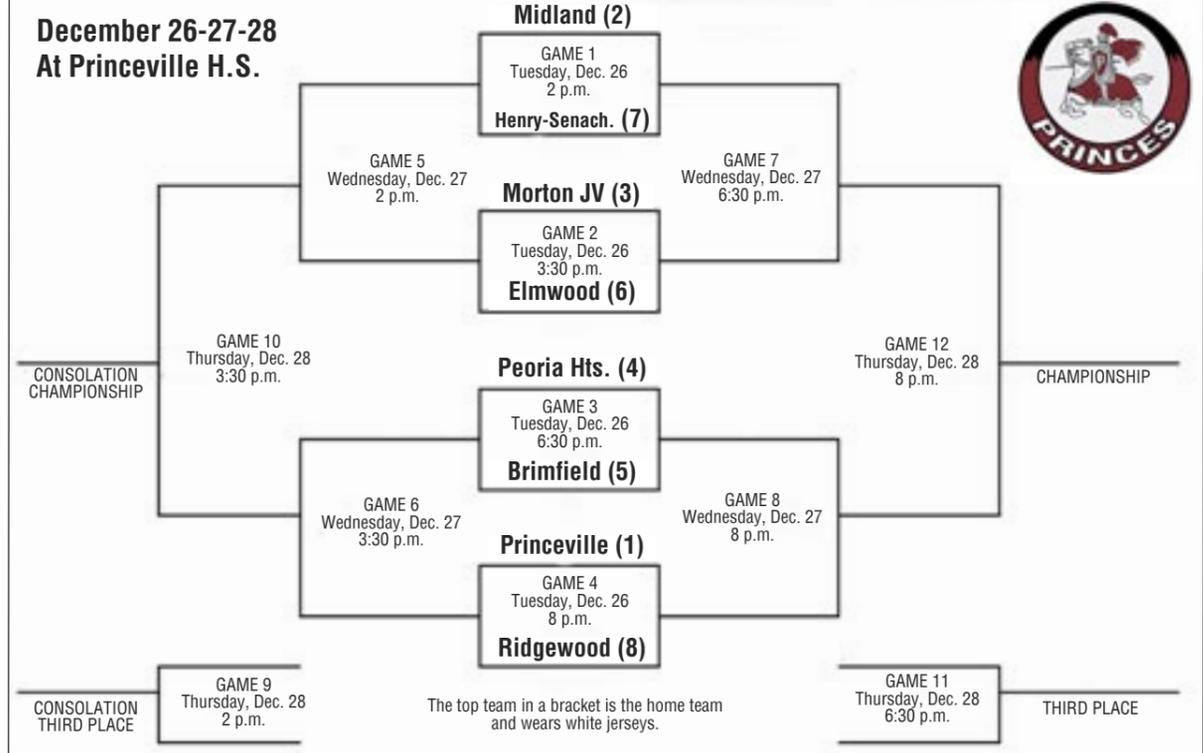
"We've been talking about ball reversal and running the offense, but sometimes until you have reality slap you in the face, it doesn't drive home the point," Meyers said. "Hopefully that's a game we can learn from."

The Lady Trojans face IB again on Jan. 10. Before then, though, comes the Lee Westerman Tournament Dec. 26-28 at Princeville. Elmwood opens Dec. 26 at noon against Galva and then faces a possible showdown with Midland in the semifinals.

"Midland is like IB; long and aggressive on defense," Meyers said.

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95th ANNUAL PRINCEVILLE HOLIDAY BOYS TOURNAMENT



Princeville top seed at 95th annual tourney

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The hosts of the Princeville boys basketball holiday tournament might not be quite as welcoming this season. Not on the court, at least.

Princeville is top seed in the 95th annual event, which begins Dec. 26. The Princes (9-2) had won four in a

row heading into a home game Tuesday night against Midwest Central. Included in that streak was a 72-56 victory Dec. 12 at Midland, the tournament's second seed.

"We've all been kind of beating up on each other and playing tougher-caliber teams to start the season," Princeville Coach Tait Sennett said about the tournament field. "Record-

wise doesn't mean anything in this tournament."

That said, Sennett acknowledged his team is off to a nice start. He cited a 56-43 victory Dec. 16 at Delavan in which 10 of his players scored, but none had more than nine points.

"That's really hard to defend, when you've got multiple different

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