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A SHORT STORY ON CORN

Efforts continue for shorter corn

By **RON DIETER**
For The Weekly Post

Mention the state of Iowa and images of vast fields of corn reaching for the summer sun come to mind. Like Illinois, Iowa is synonymous with corn.

Both Iowa’s official and unofficial state songs mention corn. The unofficial but way-more-popular song is “The Iowa Corn Song,” which repeats in every refrain, “We’re from I-O-way, I-O-way. That’s where the tall corn grows.”

Fields of tall corn in Iowa and here in our own Prairie State soon may be a rare sight as crop scientists work to shorten the distance from root to tassel. They aim to strengthen the crop against weather’s havoc and increase yield in the process. The effects of Iowa’s



Seed companies are working to develop shorter varieties of corn to help avoid damage to plants during wind events. Photo by Bayer Crop Science.

fierce windstorm of 2020 illustrated the need for stronger corn plants. The fast-moving storm caused \$8 billion in crop losses, not to mention the fertilizer and chemicals that were wasted.

Corn plants that are well-fed and watered grow rapidly. If a severe windstorm comes along before rapidly growing cells toughen up, the plants can be snapped or broken off, a condition known as green snap, corn snap or brittle snap.

Of course, taller plants are more

susceptible to wind damage but even plants just knee high can be corn-snap victims.

If the stalk breaks above the node that produces the primary ear, the plant may still yield an ear. But all may be lost if the break is between the ear-producing node and the ground. It’s interesting to note that strong-rooted plants are more likely to snap because they have less “give” than shallow-rooted plants, according to researchers.

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New cop in town Farmington hires new full-time officer

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post
FARMINGTON – Jeremiah Ulm will be Farmington’s newest full-time police officer after being sworn into office at Monday’s City Council meeting.

Ulm, 39, is a Macomb native who now lives near London Mills and since March 2023 has worked as a part-time officer in Avon. He has previously worked in pest control, with the Housing Authority of McDonough County and as a firefighter in the London Mills Fire Protection District.

“He can start work right away with us,” Farmington Police Chief Chris

Darsham told the council. Ulm will need to attend transition training later this summer.

The council took no action on another police matter: the possible purchase of Flock license-reading cameras.

At issue for several council members is the amount of time data from the cameras is stored online and who can access that information.

A Flock representative said Farmington can tailor storage and usage to its own needs. A decision on the purchase is expected at the next council meeting on Feb. 19.

Chris Helle, the Fulton County ESDA director, *Continued on Page 2*



Ulm

New Princeville deputy returning to small-town roots

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The definition of a small town might be relative, but it appears Adam Bickett knows his way around them.

He grew up in one. He has worked in them. And now, Bickett is working in one again.

Bickett is the new Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputy assigned to Princeville. The 33-year-old succeeded Vince Cogdall, who after about a year on duty in Princeville resigned from

the force in late December. Bickett was one of two applicants for the open position, according to Sheriff Chris Watkins.

“They really liked Vince,” he said about Princeville village officials. “It’s unfortunate to see him leave. But I think Adam will be the same. It’ll be good.”

Bickett is dedicated to patrol Princeville 40 hours a week, in keeping with the sheriff’s-office contract with the village.

In the 17 or so months he’s been with the sheriff’s office, Bickett has specialized in pursu-

ing and curbing illegal drugs and guns, mostly in Peoria. He had the same task when he was a deputy in Massac County, at the southern tip of Illinois.

But most of Bickett’s policing background lies in less-violent pursuits in much-smaller jurisdictions.

A Princeton native, Bickett has worked for law-enforcement agencies in communities even smaller than his hometown, which has about 8,000 residents. He has been a police officer in Sheffield, Walnut and Wyanet.

Those places are comparable in size to Princeville, population about 1,650.

“Going to Princeville is kind of getting back to my roots,” Bickett said. “Those small communities really grew me into the police officer that I am. Those days of hanging out with people and talking to them on the curb – you don’t get that anywhere in Peoria. I’m excited to come back to that.”

Bickett also was an officer in Creve Coeur and Peoria Heights, *Continued on Page 8*



Adam Bickett is the new Peoria County Sheriff’s deputy assigned to patrol Princeville.

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FARMINGTON: Council approves 2 house demos

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 spoke on behalf of Flock cameras. He said he had previously been on the fence about the cameras, but a situation last month convinced him of their value.

Helle said a young woman who lived alone in a rural area of Fulton County noticed a car on her cameras at home. She called the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and the dispatcher logged into the

Flock online feed and located the car.

Helle said the driver, who was apprehended, was stalking the young woman and had a firearm in his car. Helle said that sold him on the value of the cameras.

In other business, the council approved a TIF agreement with Farmington Forward LLC to pay \$7,387.50 toward the demolition of a home at 99 E. Vernon St.

The council also approved a CEDC recommendation to pay \$10,000 to David Nichols for the demolition of a house and shed at the northwest corner of Central and Apple streets.

Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam noted that the city offers a three-year holiday on real-estate taxes after a demolition to allow owners to "reinvest money into that lot to get it back onto our tax rolls."

After brief discussion, the council voted to accept a bid of \$8,640 from Premier Epoxy to refinish floors in three bathrooms in the municipal building. As part of the process, tile will be removed, concrete will be ground down and

a colored epoxy coating will be applied.

Premier's bid was about half of the bid submitted by Miracle Method of Central Illinois.

Also approved was the purchase of a \$4,300 salt spreader from Davis Ford of Canton.

Darsham reported the following activity for the Police Department in January: 4,105 building checks, 451 business checks, three crashes handled, two property crimes, 27 ordinance violations, five crimes against people, 49 traffic stops, 13 miscellaneous, five arrests, 25 reports completed, 313 calls and 26 assists to other police departments.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week's Hot Picks

- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2 p.m., including today, Feb. 8.
- **Soup Supper** – Fairview Reformed Church has a chili and broccolli cheese soup supper Saturday, Feb. 10, from 4-7 p.m. \$5 all you can eat.
- **Harvest Home** – Fundraiser dinner for the annual Harvest Home festival is Feb. 15, 4:30-7 p.m. at Yates City Community Center. Grilled ham, baked potatoes, baked beans, roll, dessert and drink for \$13. Dine in or carry out.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
60 43 S 20 mph	59 33 SW 14 mph	45 28 WNW 13 mph	41 26 NW 9 mph	43 28 WNW 11 mph	41 26 WNW 12 mph



This Week's Events

- **Dyslexia Program** – Brimfield Public Library has a free dyslexia awareness/wellness program Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Speaker is Stacy Carroll of the Dyslexia Awareness Network. Ages 18 and up.

Club. Hot dogs for kids.

- **Fish Fry** – Lenten catfish fry Feb. 16 and March 1 at St. Mary of the Woods in Princeville, 4:30-7 p.m. Shrimp offered.
- **SWCD Meeting** – Peoria County SWCD has its 83rd annual meeting Feb. 17 at 8 a.m. at Brimfield American Legion. Cost \$8, includes breakfast. Call Karla by Feb. 9 at (309) 671-7040, Ext. 3 for tickets.

Future Events

- **Fish Fry** – Fish fry Feb. 16, March 15 and March 29 at Kickapoo Sportsman's

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GUEST VOICES



America's love-hate relationship with China

There's a joke about my fellow Baby Boomers making the rounds that goes something like this: In the 1960s, Boomers didn't trust anyone over 30 but as soon as they reached their 60s, they didn't trust anyone under 30.

American farmers and ranchers have nearly the same dynamic with China: As long as its people and companies buy our soybeans, beef, pork and corn, we love each and every one of them and their dollar-stuffed wallets.

When Chinese companies or citizens start buying our farmland, technology and businesses, however, our farm leaders and politicians call them every name under the sun except "customer" or "investor."

American farmers and ranchers aren't alone in their sometimes-sunny, oftentimes-dark view of China and its political – and possibly nefarious – role in international markets.

New York University business professor and popular podcaster Scott Galloway sees TikTok, the popular, China-based social media platform used by nearly 145 million Americans, as "the ultimate propaganda tool."

Galloway, who has often described TikTok as the most addictive social media platform he's ever seen, adds that China "would be dumb 'not to put their finger on the scales'" to make "the West look

bad."

Over 30 U.S. states have that same concern; 10 have banned state employees from loading the app on state-owned electronic devices and 20-plus (the number keeps growing) are considering legislation to do so. India, the world's most populous country, banned TikTok after its user numbers nationwide hit 190 million.

Many in U.S. agriculture see China's growing presence in our business and political arenas as even more sinister. For example, in 2023, 10 states enacted "restrictions on the ability of land purchases by foreign nationals," according to MultiState, a lobbying firm that operates throughout the U.S.

While only one of those states, Alabama, enacted its law against China specifically, five other states did direct their new laws against American "adversaries such as China, North Korea, Russia and Iran."

Presently, 19 states have introduced some form of foreign land-ownership ban in their statehouses.

While all this worrying and banning has been going on, China spent most of 2023 learning one of capitalism's biggest lessons: Economic growth isn't an endless ride upward. Even though the Chinese economy did, in fact, grow last year, its rise was the smallest since 1990, noted The Wall Street Journal.

Leading the slowdown was real estate. Sales as measured by square footage were down a calamitous 23% in 2023.

Worse, in mid-January a Chinese court ordered Evergrande, one of China's largest real estate devel-

opers, to liquidate its crumbling \$300 billion "debt mountain."

Additionally, more signs of coming weakness – deflation, falling stock markets (as U.S. stock indices hit record highs) and flagging consumer spending – suggest China is well on the path to becoming the next Japan, a global powerhouse that's about to stumble for years as it juggles too much debt, a declining population and flagging exports.

While those deepening signs of trouble suggest Xi Jinping, China's 70 year-old president, will surely spend more time on domestic politics to maintain power and order, other experienced China watchers think Xi will work even harder to lower tensions between his nation and the U.S.

In fact, noted The Washington Post, relations between the world's two superpowers have taken a decidedly positive turn – probably because of China's worsening economic outlook.

"Much of the shift ... stems from Beijing's recognition that its own economy has been foundering while the United States' is booming," the Post reported Jan. 27.

That only proves the age-old axiom that there's nothing like a good customer – China for our ag exports and America for China's manufactured and digital goods – to move people from pounding their fists at the negotiating table to picking up forks at the dinner table.

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GUEST VOICES

‘Car guy’ says EVs are getting a bad rap

To The Editor:

After reading Ron Dieter’s EV hit piece in your Feb. 1 edition, there is one thing for certain: He has never owned an EV. But that obviously didn’t stop him from writing a column about their quality.

I would wager to guess he has never test driven an EV, either. I’m a long way from an EV expert, but I am a bit of a “car guy.” I’ve owned about 31 vehicles. Of those, 26 have been gasoline, four have been diesel (three half-ton pickups and one SUV) and I now own a Rivian R1T (my only EV experience).

I didn’t buy my Rivian to save the planet but because I was interested and wanted to give it a try. I had driven to Bloomington to test-drive various Tesla models, but none of them fit what I wanted. Ultimately I put in an order for all three electric pickups (Lightning, Cybertruck and Rivian) coming to market in the fall of 2020 and decided I would get whichever one was first available. My R1T arrived July 1, 2022.

I would like to address a few of Dieter’s misconceptions.

1. EV subsidies originated out of George W. Bush’s famous, “We are addicted to oil” speech, not as part of the Green New Deal. I agree the subsidies are ridiculous, but so are subsidized crop insurance for millionaires and ethanol mandates – not to mention corporate tax credits for the S&P 500 now exceed the total tax paid in by individuals annually.

Every corporate tax credit is a direct subsidy.

2. Cold weather and blizzards are hard on all types of vehicles. Leave your gas or diesel pickup out all night in 30-below wind chills and the odds it starts in the morning is not over 50/50.

If EVs are so bad in the winter, why does Norway have the highest percentage of EV ownership in the world?

Many of the cold-weather problems Mr. Dieter refers to happened in Chicago. Why didn’t Minneapolis, Buffalo, etc., experience the same issues (watch Kyle Connors’ YouTube video), and why are there EVs in Alaska?

3. EV sales are increasing, not decreasing. Total 2023 EV sales were up 62% over 2022. You might look up “internal combustion engine vehicle sales growth” to compare it. Auto inventory is up across the board from a year ago; not just EVs. The problem Ford, GM, etc have in their EV sales is their model offerings pale in quality when compared to the Tesla competitor.

Nissan recently quit making one of its pickups. Is all pickup demand declining?

4. According to Consumer Reports, the Rivian R1T pickup has the second-highest customer satisfaction of



any vehicle (behind the Chevy Corvette), and the Rivian SUV (R1S) is the now the best selling vehicle over \$70,000.

5. There is a learning curve to EV ownership. For example, when the vehicle is left outside in frigid temperatures, the battery becomes “cold soaked.” That means the vehicle will not let the public charger charge quickly. The charger must thaw the battery first. When this happens the charger is not broken, the vehicle is limiting the amount of power it will accept. It generally takes about 20 minutes.

If you charge at home this won’t happen. It only happens if you use a fast public charger (home charging is already slow enough to not hurt the battery).

Battery temperature is the key to winter driving. Lithium-based batteries generally like to live in 60- to 90-degree states. I pre-condition every night to be at 75-degree battery temp at 7:20 a.m., along with a warmed cabin and steering wheel. You can do the same thing with at least Ford and Tesla EVs. That way I don’t get range/efficiency loss while the vehicle warms the battery itself.

My Rivian R1T has been the best ownership experience of any vehicle I have owned. I never go to a gas station, have a 175,000-mile battery and drivetrain warranty, a 60,000-mile bumper-to-bumper warranty and the first non-tire rotation service is at 112,500 miles.

I’ve owned it 19 months and have almost 57,000 miles on it because we drive it everywhere in all weather conditions. Do I wish public charging was more readily available in central Illinois? Yes, but that is coming.

I never have to worry about the price of gas and I was able to lock in my electrical-supply cost for two years at 7.25 cents. When I add the Ameren and tax charges I get an all-in price of 11.4 cents/kWh. The Rivian gets around 2.5 miles per kWh so I’m driving for about 4.5 cents/mile. Smaller EVs are much more efficient and the new Kia EV9 SUV gets just short of three miles per kWh, so you can definitely drive for even less.

Dieter is right about one thing. Choice is the best route. If you want to consider an EV, I would encourage you to do some background research via YouTube (Out of Spec & TFL are two of my favorites) and take a test drive.

– Mike Sherman, Brimfield

Illinois Pipe Trades back proposed pipeline

To The Editor:

When President Biden expressed his commitment to reducing America’s CO2 emission levels through Carbon Capture and Storage, unions across the nation stood ready to get to work to build this innovative clean-energy technology for their communities. Labor unions helped elect President Biden, and it was reassuring to see his administration immediately work towards initiatives that could provide skilled jobs for our members.

The Illinois Pipe Trades Association is a collaboration of 21 local unions, 26,000 members and 1,500 union contractors in Illinois as well as parts of Iowa and Indiana. Our members fear we may lose out on well-paying jobs if opposing parties continue to mischaracterize CCS projects like the Mount Simon Hub, which aims to reduce carbon emissions and bring jobs, tax dollars and an economic boom to Illinois.

What many folks do not realize is that CO2 pipelines have operated safely in the U.S. for decades thanks to strict state and federal oversight, as well as the quality construction standards practiced by our premier union craftspeople. The Mount Simon Hub – a CCS project that will span parts of Iowa and Illinois – will be constructed by skilled union workers who will meet or exceed all applicable safety regulations and standards.

Our members are some of the highest-trained craftspeople in the industry, having gone through a rigorous five-year U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeship program that requires a minimum 1,100 hours of classroom training and 7,500 hours of on-the-job experience.

Our local union apprenticeship programs in Illinois alone spend over \$40 million annually to ensure our members have the most up-to-date and state-of-the-art training in the world.

The Illinois Pipe Trades Association hopes the Mount Simon Hub will receive fair and honest consideration for development, citing current laws and regulations. Our members are eager to get to work.

– Rick Terven Jr., Springfield
Legislative and political director,
Illinois Pipe Trades Association

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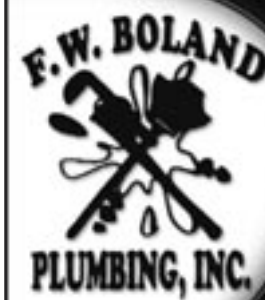
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CORN: Shorter varieties handle storms better

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Plant breeders at major seed companies are working overtime to develop shorter corn hybrids that can stand up against strong winds. But there's more to it than just reducing the height of the plant. For instance, if the ear-producing node is too close to the ground, the crop may not be compatible with harvesting equipment. And leaf size cannot be reduced without affecting yield.

Cutting corn plants down to size can lead to increased yields. Shorter corn plants tend to have smaller tassels and more upright leaves, allowing sunlight to penetrate deeper into the rows. That means they can be planted closer together. And more plants per acre can mean more bushels per acre. To make this work, however, the increased yield must justify a sizable investment in equip-

ment designed for closer rows.

According to Successful Farming magazine, northern Illinois farmer Darron Judd slowly adopted short corn and has been growing it for several years. Pleased with short-corn performance, he has switched to 15-inch rows and now plants 100% short-corn varieties.

"As far as drawbacks go, there's been absolutely none," Judd said.

Judd has worked closely with Stine Seed company, which has sold short-corn varieties for almost 10 years. Stine's hybrids, about one-third shorter than conventional varieties, are the result of traditional breeding rather than genetic engineering.

Myron Stine, company president, says short varieties need to be planted at higher populations to get increased yield.

Breeding shortness into a corn vari-

ety using conventional methods takes at least five years. To speed things up, another seed company, Bayer, is developing seed through both conventional breeding and genetic engineering.

Corteva, the parent company of Pioneer International, hopes to have conventionally bred short corn available within the next few years.

Short corn can lower some production costs. It allows conventional ground spray rigs to pass over the crop to apply fungicides and insecticides mid-season and later, minimizing the need for aerial applications. That can save money and it's good news for those living nearby.

If corn farmers fully embrace short-corn hybrids, we'll be saying goodbye to corn as high as an elephant's eye. And it'll be harder to get lost in a corn maze.

DEPUTY: Seeks open communication with residents

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although police work wasn't always his calling. He studied theater engineering — sound systems, scenery, lighting — at Northern Illinois University and worked in that field. He also worked in construction and retail sales.

Personal tragedies helped change Bickett's path. Younger brother Noah Bickett was a heart-transplant recipient who died at 24. Older brother Brandon Bickett committed suicide.

"Brandon passes away, and it was like this light turned on," Adam Bickett said. "I was tired of feeling

helpless. I was feeling like I couldn't help people. Funny thing was I probably needed the most help of all."

Bickett received help from Todd Marquez, the Wyanet police chief, who hired him for free on a trial basis. Bickett never returned to the stage.

So far, things on the Princeville beat have gone well, according to Bickett, who is married and has four children. Bickett said he seeks open communication with residents. That doesn't surprise the sheriff.

"He's not somebody that's just going to sit in a corner all night,"

Watkins said. "He'll be out stopping cars and interacting with people in a positive way."

Bickett appears positive his return to small-town life will be beneficial — for him and for the people he's pledged to serve and protect.

"When I hear about Princeville, I always hear a sense of community," Bickett said. "I always hear they've got each other's backs. I always hear they're looking out for one another, always willing to help another neighbor out.

"If all of those things are true, I'm proud to be part of any of it."



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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Cordilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-04760. I3237170
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FLAT BRANCH MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF,

VS.
JARED ARTHUR; SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 23 FC 000062
2606 WEST MARIAN COURT PEORIA, IL 61614

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 6, 2023, Sheriff of Peoria County will on March 11, 2024, in

ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-19-132-018
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2606 West Marian Court Peoria, IL 61614

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is brick. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied.

The Judgment amount was \$171,925.72.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CASONDRA SMITH, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CASONDRA SMITH; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-

RECORD CLAIMANTS; SHACOREYA HARRIS; SLYRECIA HOLLINS; AMONIA MOORE; ALLONTE SMITH, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 22 FC 0000118
1721 WEST AYRES AVENUE PEORIA, IL 61606

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 24, 2024, Sheriff of Peoria County will on March 11, 2024, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular,

the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 18-08-104-027
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1721 West Ayres Avenue Peoria, IL 61606

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family.

The Judgment amount was \$124,023.23.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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Brimfield church nominated as historic place

By MOLLY RICHESON

For The Weekly Post

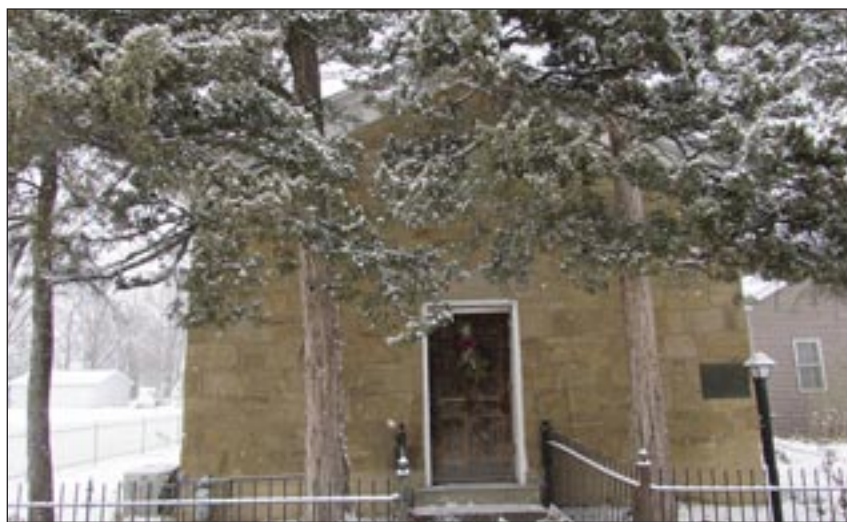
BRIMFIELD – The Village Board heard Monday that Brimfield’s Zion Episcopal Church is nominated for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places by the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council.

The small church at 205 E. Van Buren St. was built in 1845 by Bishop Philander Chase, the founder of Kenyon and Jubilee colleges, and was restored in 1945 through donations.

“I respect history and the building is wonderful. I’m glad it is here in Brimfield,” Village President Dan Fishel said.

The nomination could result in preservation benefits for the church, though zoning laws regarding the building would remain unchanged.

Each board member signed a letter to the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council indicating their approval for



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the nomination to move forward.

In other business, Trajectory Energy Partners asked for permission to move a fence it is installing at a new solar array east of the high school to an area designated as a utility right of way. None of the initial

drawings provided to the board by Trajectory showed this fence or that it was necessary to install it in the utility right of way. The board agreed to maintain its initial position and insist that the utility right of way stays clear for this project.

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Police reports

• **FARMINGTON** – A vehicle chase that exceeded 100 mph between Farmington and Trivoli resulted in the arrest of a Peoria man for multiple crimes, according to authorities.

About 6:30 p.m. Jan. 28, a Farmington police officer detected a 2015 Ford Escape traveling at 50 mph in a 35-mph zone in the 600 block of E. Fort St. The officer initiated a traffic stop in front of County Market, 1090 E. Fort St., but when he approached the vehicle, it accelerated.

The driver didn't obey a stop sign at Fort Street and Lightfoot Road and headed east out of Farmington on Illinois Route 116, according to a police report. The officer's vehicle reached 130 mph in pursuit.

Near Route 116 and Stone School Road, the Escape driver – later identified as Tyrell A. Washington, 20 – lost control of the vehicle. It traversed a ditch, became airborne and landed in a field about 100 yards from the road. The driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The officer lost sight of him.

Shortly before 10 p.m. a man who matched Washington's description was found walking along Route 116 near Holiday Lane west of Trivoli. A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy detained Washington, who was wearing an ankle monitor, and transported him to Farmington.

Washington denied driving the vehicle, the report stated. He was accused of aggravated fleeing/eluding more than 21 mph over the speed limit, driving with a suspended license, speeding over the statutory limit and disobeying a stop sign. Washington was transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

• **PEORIA** – A suspect in a gun-related crime was accused of threatening a Peoria County Circuit Court judge.

The threat Taiwand Hughes made against Judge Mark Gilles took place during a telephone call from jail following a court hearing Jan. 29, according to the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office.

"(I) can't wait to catch the judge walking out of the courthouse. I'm a fire his (expletive) up," the 18-year-

old Peorian said, the state's attorney's office stated in a news release. The call was recorded.

Hughes had been arrested for firing a gun into a house. During the hearing, Gilles ordered Hughes to remain in custody until trial, on grounds he was a danger to the public.

"There is simply no place in our criminal-justice system for threats to a judge," State's Attorney Jodi Hoos said in the release. "A public official's job is to keep people safe, and when an inmate threatens a judge for doing that, my job is to make sure that inmate stays right where he is."

Hughes was charged with threatening a public official. Hoos' office intends to request the possible sentence for this charge be served after a possible sentence for the original charge, aggravated discharge of a firearm.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Few details were available regarding an apparent domestic dispute that resulted in the arrest of a Princeville man.

Javier Juarez, 36, was detained following the incident, which happened about 11:45 p.m. Jan. 26 in the 100 block of W. Douglas St. in Princeville.

A heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report indicated two victims – a 34-year-old woman and a 33-year-old man, both from Peoria. Juarez was accused of disorderly conduct and domestic battery/physical contact. An investigation is continuing, according to the sheriff's office.

• **BARTONVILLE** – No injuries were reported in a two-vehicle accident in Bartonville that involved drivers from Hanna City and Trivoli.

Brandon S. Marold of Hanna City was driving an eastbound 2016 Ram pickup truck that was pulling a trailer about 3:45 p.m. Jan. 18 on Smithville Road at Tiara Strip. The truck briefly entered the westbound lane as Marold was making a wide right turn at a driveway, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

As the truck was crossing back into the eastbound lane, a 2015 Hyundai Santa Fe behind the truck crashed into it. The other driver, Hailey G. McCoy, said she thought the truck was slowing to turn left, so she accelerated. Both vehicles were

damaged but drivable, according to the report.

• **BELLEVUE** – A Princeville man was involved in a two-vehicle collision in Bellevue.

Shortly after 8:45 p.m. Jan. 18, Isaac E. McCorkle was driving a 2014 Ford F-150 pickup truck west on Illinois Route 116 when a 2019 Nissan Sentra headed north on Anna Avenue smashed into it, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Tanasia M. Foster of Peoria was the Sentra driver.

Foster said her brakes locked on the snow-covered pavement and she was unable to stop at the intersection. Both drivers declined medical treatment. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed. Foster was cited for operating a motor vehicle without insurance.

• **DUNLAP** – An Edelstein driver appeared to avoid injury when a vehicle slid into hers on snow and ice near Dunlap.

Cyara R. Irions was behind the wheel of a southbound 2015 Dodge Charger shortly before 6:30 p.m. Jan. 18 in the 12300 block of Brentfield Drive when it collided with a 2021 Jeep Gladiator that was exiting a parking lot, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The other driver, Jimmy R. Dellinger of Dunlap, said he couldn't stop his vehicle. About 2 inches of snow was on the ground, with ice under it. No injuries to Dellinger were reported. Both vehicles sustained minor damage, although the front driver's-side door of the Charger was bent and could not be closed.

• **ELMWOOD** – Noah D. Sorensen, 26, of Elmwood was arrested shortly before 1 p.m. Feb. 1 and accused of driving under the influence of alcohol, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **BRIMFIELD** – Susan A. Weldon, 56, of Brimfield was arrested about 12:30 a.m. Jan. 27 and accused of driving under the influence of alcohol, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, improper traffic-lane use and improper use of an electronic communication device, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Jan. 21-27: animal complaint, Dahinda.

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Resident objects to Billtown solar

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – An apple orchard someday might keep a solar array away, at least as one Williamsfield resident sees it.

The solar-energy installation proposed for 20 acres of village-owned land at the north edge of Billtown might be an improper use, Rick Smith told the Williamsfield Village Board when it met Monday night.

Smith said the property was part of a 70-acre bequeathment that stipulated it be used for parks eventually, save 15 acres that were subdivided for housing. Doubet-Benjamin Park was established in the 1990s on 16 acres. Most of the rest has been farmed.

“Corn and beans is what it was in for 100-some years,” Smith said following the meeting. “That was to be left there until they transitioned to park. To transition to (solar) and say ‘We’re just continuing the thing,’ that’s disingenuous.”

Pollinator plants probably would be part of the solar farm, which Florida-based Bow Renewables wants to develop at a cost of about \$7 million. A lease of up to 40 years would pay the village at least \$40,000 annually. The proposed site is south of Park Road and west of Illinois Route 180.

Smith, who has planted trees and established a butterfly garden in the park, believes an apple orchard can be as lucrative as a solar installation. He bases that on information from University of Illinois Extension. Smith also believes an orchard would be true to the bequeathment.

“A park is a park,” Smith said. “I’ve seen a lot of parks. I’ve never seen one that’s covered with solar arrays. ... If you understand wills and estates and probate, you’re not left with a choice here.”

Smith intends to make a

more-detailed presentation to the board during its meeting March 4.

Village President Robert Johnson appears to favor solar. So does Galva City Administrator David Dyer, who addressed the board Monday. Joining him was Mike Musso, a Bow associate developer. Bow is overseeing three solar-farm developments on city-owned land in Galva.

“We want to work with you guys as much as possible and be there for every step, not just sign a lease and we disappear,” Musso said.

Galva officials are delighted with Bow, Dyer said. He cited the company’s dealings with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on the city’s behalf, among other things.

“We did our due diligence,” Dyer said. “I think what you really want to know is what our relationship has been like with Bow, and it’s just been superb.”

Johnson said he’s contacted at least two other

solar firms, but none expressed interest in a Williamsfield project because it’s too small. The village attorney is to review a proposed lease with Bow.

Regarding action items, the board authorized a garbage-collection contract extension with Bouchez Trash Hauling of Williamsfield. Monthly rates are to be \$11.50 per customer this year and rise 50 cents annually through 2027. An annual clean-up day has been eliminated.

The board also approved an agreement with Heartland Payment Systems Inc. of Oklahoma City to implement online options for water-bill payment. Bills paid with credit or debit cards would be subject to a fee to be determined. Bills paid by electronic check have no extra charge.

A link to the online bill-payment portal is to be included on the revamped village website, which is under development. In the interim, the village is to refer water customers to a Heartland website that can accept payments.

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Raccoon roundup raises \$6,043 for local school

ELMWOOD – Hunters weighed in 535 raccoons on Feb. 3 for the second Raccoon Roundup, which raised \$6,043 for Elmwood High School FFA and the Elmwood school trap team, according to event organizer Andrew Huber.

First place in the thermal division went to Hunter Moreland, Dalton Moreland, Cody Waldon and Brayden Phillips with 55 raccoons.

First place in the spotlight division went to Drake Chandlee, Brandon Yelm, Justin Graham and Kaleb Wagenbach with 34 raccoons.

Peoria Co. Farm Bureau offers land-stewardship event

PEORIA – The Peoria County Farm Bureau is hosting a land-stewardship meeting on Feb. 13 at the Farm Bureau Building, 1716 N. University St.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and concludes with a lunch. Two farmers with experience using conservation practices will speak.

The David Isermann family of Streator was recognized for land stewardship with the 2022 LaSalle

County Soil and Water District Conservation Farm Family of the Year. Isermann, Livingston County Farm Bureau president, will give insights into successfully operating a fifth-generation farm.

He and his family raise corn, soybeans and hay and also have a crossbred cattle operation. They have experience with slow-release fertilizers, in-season application of fertilizers, deep-soil sampling, tissue sampling, a variety of cover-crop mixes and rates, pollinator habitats and conservation-based programs through the USDA.

Gary Asay has farmed near Osco with his family

College honors

• **Greta Inskeep** of Elmwood was named to Elmhurst University's Fall 2023 Dean's list (3.75 gpa or better).

• **Dax Newkirk** of Elmwood was named to the Aurora University Dean's list (3.6 gpa or better) for the fall 2023 semester. Newkirk is majoring in nursing.

4-H Clover Clinic Feb. 17 in Canton

CANTON – A one-day 4-H Clover Clinic will be held Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Spoon River College and is open to youngsters age 8-18. You need not be a 4-H member to attend.

Participants can choose four workshops to attend with a wide variety of options ranging from building spinnerbaits for bass fishing, leathercraft, glass etching, rabbit-showing basics, scrapbooking, photography, birdhouse building, jewelry building and more.

Cost is \$20. Register online at go.illinois.edu/4-HCloverClinic.

Et cetera

• **ELMWOOD** – Thanks to recent donations, Elmwood's Morrison & Mary Wiley Library has a large supply of jigsaw puzzles. With that in mind, the library is holding a family puzzle night today, Feb. 8, starting at 6 p.m.

since 1976. He has used cover crops since 2010 and for seven years has been "planting green" – planting corn or soybeans directly into a live cover crop planted the previous fall. The goal is to control erosion, build organic matter, control weeds, manage soil moisture and to build a car-

bon intensity score. For reservations, contact the Peoria County Farm Bureau at (309) 686-7070, email office@peoria-countyfarmbureau.org or visit www.peoriacounty-farmbureau.org. There is no charge for Farm Bureau members and \$15 for non-members.



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What a fabulous event!! Thanks to all who came to the Whitney's Walk for Life Chili Cook-off! We had a great time hosting our 15th annual event. Due to your wonderful generosity we raised over **\$22,800** to help fund mental health and suicide prevention programs through the Hult Center for Healthy Living. These funds continue to support programs including Q.P.R. (Question, Persuade, Refer), Youth Mental Health Matters and Mental Health Screenings available through www.hulthealthy.org.

We would like to thank all 16 of our contestants for taking the time to create their specialty chili—without you this wonderful event wouldn't have been such a great success. Also big thanks to our judges: Austin Miller, Joe Wolford, Holly Johnson & Les Newton for doing a great job. The winners were: Best Tasting-Mild *Kriste Eden*, Best Tasting-Hot *Brice Fourdyce*, Best Tasting-Non-traditional *Megan Clayes*, Most Original Name – "*Meg's Meat Sweats*", *Megan Clayes*, and People's Choice *Sarah Jones*. We also thank Burnzees Bar & Grille for hosting our event, and our many volunteers for their valued assistance.

We would also like to thank all those who donated silent & live auction items: The Alley in Wyoming, Anders CPA + Advisors, Avanti's, Absolute Wellness/Dr. Rob Kelch, Micalena Armstrong Photography, Bank of Farmington, Blue Jay Lane, Blue Dot Photography, Bob the Barber, Branded Country Wear, Brewer's Distributing, Tony Bridson, Brimfield School District, Brimfield PTO, Brimfield Boosters, Brimfield FFA/Ag Dept, Brimfield Hardware, Brimfield Insurance, Brimfield Area Men's Club, Brimfield High School Alumni Association, Bubba Dump/G&O Disposal, Burnzee's Bar, Caterpillar Visitor's Center, Chuck & Karen Christy, Club Car Wash, Christian Center, Jen Coalwell, Corner Inn, Cruise Planners/Cindy Reissig, Culver's, Randy Cushman/Bremer Jewelry, Dairy Queen, Duchess Desserts, Cheryl Dunker, Elevate Trampoline Park, Elmwood Tap, Elmwood Place, Enercon, F & M Bank, Faithful Friends Preschool, FonduLac Park District, The Fox Pub, Friar Tuck, Molly Gilles Mary Kay, Earl Grotts & Karen Grotts, Roger & Paula Hack, Pat Hanley, Mike Hanley, Dan & Kaley Heinz, Heinz Brothers Trucking, Cheryl Higgs, Brad Hlanenka, Bev Hopkins, HyVee, Jones Brothers Jewelers, Hair by Devon/Devon Jones of Sola Salons, Jubilee Café, Kartville, Kelch Hemp-Kickapoo Grown, Landmark Recreation Center, LuLaRoe/Kim Caldwell, Martin & Sullivan Equipment, Maui Jim, McDonald's Restaurants, Miller Trucking, Monical's Pizza, Monarch Salon/Margaret Dickerson, Bill & Holly More, My Place, Nothing Bundt Cakes, One More @ Oak Hill, Palace Theatre, The Pancake House, Paper Pie Books/Alicia Sparks, The PIPCO Companies, PAR-A-DICE, Prochazka's Baskets, Peoria Chiefs & Dozer Park, Peoria Riverfront Museum, Peoria Park District, Peterson Hotels @ Grand Prairie, Pizza 150, Pop of the Morning, Pottstown Meat & Deli, The Pour House, Princeville State Bank, Rabers Packing Company, Reliable Carpet Cleaning, Refreshed Nest Salon/Baeleigh McCreedy, Rookies Sports Grille, Shauntel Roueche, Senara Health, Dave & Kathy Shipley, Sherman's Pharmacy, Sherman's TV & Appliance, Tom Shissler, Skin Dimensions & Day Spa, Lola Stevens @ Uptown Cafe, Stonewall Kitchens, Studio 3426/Nicole Shuster, Thrivent, TLC Massage, Steven Tyrner, Uptown Café, Walter Brothers Harley Davidson, Weaver's Fresh Food & Drink, The Weekly Post, Wieland's Lawn Mower Hospital, Wildlife Prairie Park, Williams Winery, Debra Windish, Windshield Specialists, Nicole Wright/Avon, Wyoming Monument Co. and YMCA/RiverPlex.

The Whitney's Walk for Life Chili Cook-off Committee

Princeville board welcomes deputy

By **BOB GRIMSON**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Peoria County Sheriff's Deputy Adam Bickett was officially introduced to the Princeville Village Board at its meeting Monday as the village's new community policing officer.

"He gets it, he knows what to do," Sheriff Chris Watkins said about Bickett, noting he has experience working in smaller area communities.

The board also heard from Joe Messmore, who along with his wife is the new owner of the Princeville Washtub laundromat.

He said they're working

on sprucing up the area around the building at 210 S. Walnut Ave. and would probably rebrand, with a gaming lounge a possibility. Messmore said that could draw customers from nearby communities.

In other action, the board:

- Approved a building

permit for a 30-by-36 garage at 609 Spring St. and a payment of approximately \$1,500 for demolition costs for a garage at 215 W. Main St.

• Learned a revamp of village codes is in progress with hopes it can be implemented in the spring.



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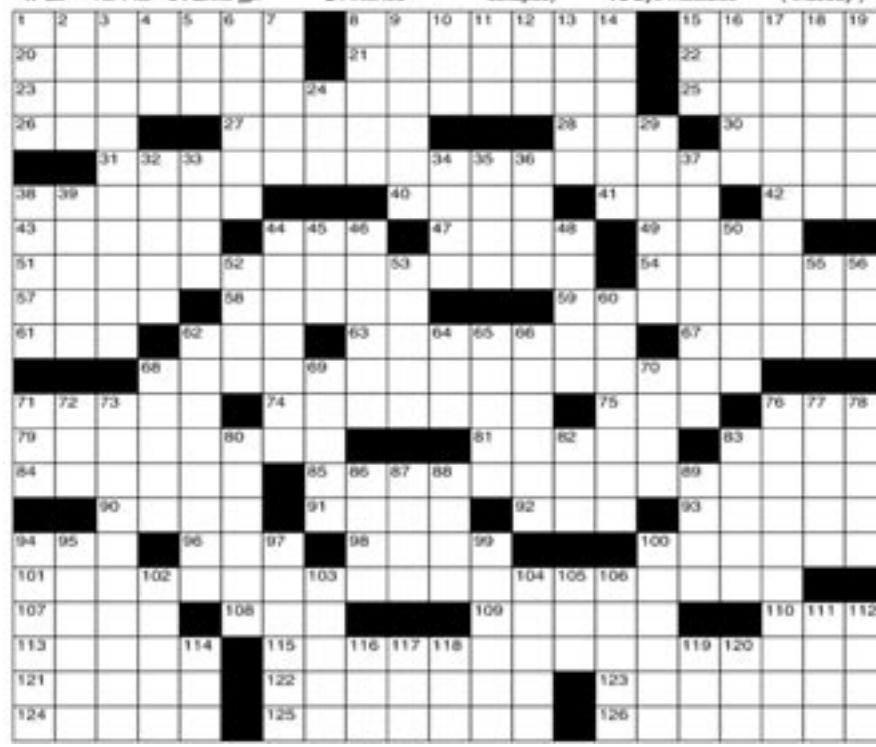
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Answers on Page 14

Super Crossword

STORYBOOK SENTIMENT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Auxiliary professor
 - 8 Nickname for baseball great Ruth
 - 15 Cultural value system
 - 20 High-fashion clothing
 - 21 Knows someone at the company, say
 - 22 Reluctant (to)
 - 23 "Wait, my rent isn't finished ..."
 - 25 Private, as desires
 - 26 Agnus — (lamb figure)
 - 27 "Cool beans!"
 - 28 Down dinner
 - 30 Look lewdly
 - 31 2018 war documentary directed by Peter Jackson
 - 38 Composer — Sebastian Bach
 - 40 Hamilton/Burr confrontation
 - 41 Era upon era
 - 42 Turned down
 - 43 Stat — (America, in Italian)
 - 44 Stage design
 - 47 La — Tar Pits
 - 49 Gp. opposed to leather
 - 51 Made a habit of taking risks
 - 54 Actress — Cuthbert
 - 57 French for "summers"
 - 58 Bible book after Micah
 - 59 Dwell at
 - 61 —Ops (CIA mind games)
 - 62 Coffee holder
 - 63 In love
 - 67 Big name in candy wafers
 - 68 2011-13 Fran Drescher sitcom
 - 71 Give it — (try)
 - 74 Paris' Champs —
 - 75 Certain scanning device; Abbr.
 - 76 St. crosses
 - 79 First book section
 - 81 Former U.N. chief Boutros Boutros —
 - 83 Stool or pew
 - 84 Milk container
 - 85 Just a tiny bit
 - 90 Op-ed writer Maureen
 - 91 Art of Enri
 - 92 Once existed
 - 93 Elchich
 - 94 Links gp.
 - 96 Canon camera brand
 - 98 — part (role-play)
 - 100 1996-2002 sports sitcom
 - 101 Song phrase following "See you later, alligator"
 - 107 Amazes
 - 108 Daddy's boy
 - 109 Prague citizen
 - 110 Victor's hand gesture
 - 113 Prefix with type or plasm
 - 115 What's spelled out by the starts of six answers in this puzzle
 - 121 Lot units
 - 122 Countering an attack by missile, e.g.
 - 123 Pundit
 - 124 Hocking feints
 - 125 Fill with more inventory
 - 126 Like soon-to-be-unveiled tech
 - 3 She won a Tony for "Burllybury"
 - 4 Stage actress Hagen
 - 5 Pious sister
 - 6 Actor Hume of "Cocoon"
 - 7 Heads, to Henriette
 - 8 Lots preceder
 - 9 Novelist Robbins
 - 10 N.Y. hours
 - 11 Cranky cry
 - 12 Singer DiFranco
 - 13 Stanford — test
 - 14 Occupy
 - 15 — Lily & Co.
 - 16 Unst this time
 - 17 "Just one moment"
 - 18 Verdi opera
 - 19 Tears to bits
 - 24 "Told ya so!"
 - 29 Recurring themes
 - 32 Defests
 - 33 Author Byron
 - 34 Oil, informally
 - 35 Dweeb's kin
 - 36 Cassini's 20-Across
 - 37 Quick quip
 - 38 Minty Kentucky Derby drink
 - 39 — last legs (about to collapse)
 - 44 Biting turtle
 - 45 Ordinal suffix
 - 46 Like so, informally
 - 48 Corneo — (Spanish animal)
 - 50 — over (satisfied for the moment)
 - 52 "Movin' —" (sitcom theme song)
 - 53 Tube prizes
 - 55 Brand of fruit drinks
 - 56 Year, in Brazil
 - 60 Signs up
 - 62 Multilevel structure for Fluffy
 - 64 Suffix with chlor- or fluor-
 - 65 Model Cheryl
 - 66 "ER" or "CSI"
 - 68 Get a move on
 - 69 Lead-in to "So sue me!"
 - 70 Caesar's 202
 - 71 N.C. State's NCAA div.
 - 72 "— Na Na"
 - 73 Toiling away
 - 76 Fetching
 - 77 Certain surrealist paintings
 - 78 Eye maladies ("Indeedy")
 - 80 Funds
 - 82 Sly — fox
 - 83 Tortoise's top
 - 86 Calf product
 - 87 Caesar's "Behold!"
 - 88 Campus mt. program
 - 89 Singer Halliwell
 - 94 Underside of a dog's foot
 - 95 Liftoff stress
 - 97 Hebrew horn
 - 99 With 106-Down, North Pole surounder
 - 100 Cling (to)
 - 102 Perfumer Lauder
 - 103 Absurd! — Missouri's — Mountains
 - 105 Toon pic
 - 106 See 99-Down
 - 111 Kin of -ette
 - 112 Novelist Jennifer
 - 114 Pre-USA gp.
 - 116 "— a gift"
 - 117 Fabric dye brand
 - 118 Retired NBAer Ming
 - 119 Vote down
 - 120 "True —"



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by Linda Thistle

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

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, "May the odds be ever in your favor?"
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country possesses Baffin Island?
- AD SLOGANS: Which company's slogan is, "You're in good hands?"
- LANGUAGE: What is a common saying for the Latin phrase "lapsus linguae"?
- MUSIC: What country was home to reggae singer Bob Marley?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is an example of a macropod?
- TELEVISION: Gordon, Percy, James, Toby and Emily are characters on which children's show?
- MATH: What is 1/60 of a degree?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the book series "The Chronicles of Narnia"?
- ACRONYMS: What does the acronym SPF stand for?

Answers

- "The Hunger Games."
- Canada.
- Allstate.
- A slip of the tongue.
- Jamaica.
- Kangaroo.
- "Thomas the Tank Engine."
- A minute.
- C.S. Lewis.
- Sun Protection Factor.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Mean Girls (PG-13)
- The Beekeeper (R)
- Wonka (PG)
- Migration (PG)
- Anyone But You (R)
- Poor Things (R)
- Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom (PG-13)
- Godzilla Minus One (PG-13)
- American Fiction (R)
- Night Swim (PG-13)

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OBITUARIES

Donald H. Nott

MAQUON – Donald H. “Don” Nott, 90, of Galesburg, formerly of Maquon, Ill., died 9:25 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, at Allure of Knox County, Galesburg.

He was born Oct. 10, 1933, in Abingdon, Ill., the son of Harvey and Irene (Peck) Nott. He married Betty Duggins on March 2, 1957, in Elmwood, Ill.



Surviving is his wife of almost 67 years, Betty Nott of Galesburg; a son, Douglas (and Ruthie) Nott of Maquon; two daughters, Lois Grohmann of Lincoln, Ill., and Karen McCormick of Maquon; a brother, Fred (and Linda) Nott of Tennessee; three grandchildren, Michelle (and Ryan) Goetz, Elizabeth (and David) Matchefts and Randy Grohmann; and three great-granddaughters, Ade-lynnne, Madison and Emersyn Goetz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Robert Nott, Charles Nott and Harold Nott; and two sisters, Dorothy Howell and Shirley McCormick.

Don lived in Maquon most of his life. He attended Fruithill and Maquon schools. From 1955-57 he

served his country in the U.S. Navy. He was a farmer in the Maquon area his whole life. He was also a salesman for Vigortone Feed Company and was a mechanic for the Burlington Truck Lines in Galesburg for 21 years.

Don loved his family and worked very hard to support them.

As Don requested, cremation will be accorded. A graveside service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 4, 2024, at Haynes Cemetery, near Delong, Ill. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or the American Heart Association. Hin-cliff-Pearson-West Funeral Direc-tors and Cremation Service Abingdon Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.h-p-w.com.

Connie E. Richards

BRIMFIELD – Connie E. Rich-ards, 63, died Jan. 22, 2024, at 1:35 a.m. She was born Dec. 2, 1960, in Canton, Ill., a daughter of Harris and Thelma Rich-ards of Elmwood.



Connie is sur- vived by her life partner, Ken Joos; her daughter, Misty (Justin) Stodgel;

two grandsons, Byron (Sierra) Stod- gel and Gavin Haw; granddaughter Natilie Clifton; two great-grandsons, Emmett and Sullivan; two sisters, Cindy Richards and Kathy (Leroy) Richards; and many nieces and nephews, whom she loved, along with many friends.

Connie liked helping people and going on trips with Kenny to the mountains while stopping at casinos along the way. She will be missed.

Online condolences can be left at Schmidt-Haller Burial and Crema- tion Services’ website www.schmid- thaller.com.

A private graveside service will be at a later date.

Donald G. Cecil

MAQUON – Donald G. Cecil passed away in Rogers, Ark., on Jan. 29, 2024. He was born July 18, 1941, in Galesburg to Kenneth and Marga- ret (Martin) Cecil. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother James Cecil.

He is survived by his sister Roberta (Roger) Wilson, and his children from his marriage to Judy Kay Cecil (deceased), including sons Kurtis Cecil (Yulien) of Bella Vista, Ark., Kyle Cecil (Staci) of Maquon and daughter Julie Fleming (Robert) of Des Moines, Iowa. He had three grandsons, two granddaughters and six great-grandchildren.

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Don was raised and lived almost his entire life in Maquon, where he farmed corn and soybeans and worked as a bulldozer operator.

Following cremation, Don will be buried in his Illinois hometown at a later date.

Lowell D. Landon

ELMWOOD – Lowell Dean Landon, 77, of Elmwood, Ill., passed away on Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, at 10:36 a.m. at his home. He was born on Nov. 6, 1946, to Joseph and Elsie (Catron) Landon.

He is survived by two children, Andrea Stanley and Steven Landon; five grandchildren; and one brother, William “Bill” Landon.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Rodney and Joseph Landon Jr.; and one sister, Elsie Jane Landon.

Cremation rites will be accorded. Burial of ashes will be held at Smithville Cemetery at a later date.

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

Rodney J. Motz

GALESBURG – Rodney J. “Rod” Motz, 64, of Galesburg, father of a Dahinda woman, died Jan. 30, 2024, at his home.

Rodney was born on April 13, 1959, in Galesburg. He married Catherine Fahlund at Grace Lutheran Church in 1986. Surviving Rodney are his daughter, Mallory (Robert Pfeffer) Motz of Dahinda; siblings Daniel (Lisa) Motz of Knoxville,

Linda Sue (Jack) Swanson of Kentucky, Donald “Gus” (Toni) Motz of Wataga and Jason (Jackie) Motz of Wataga; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, nephew Travis Swanson and uncles Johnny Joe Motz and Charlie Motz.

A graveside service was to be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, at Wataga Cemetery. A celebration of life was to follow at 2 p.m. at Motzee’s in Wataga.

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David L. Smith

BRIMFIELD – David L. Smith, 84, of Brimfield, passed away peacefully in his home on Friday, Jan. 26, 2024. He was born on Sept. 9, 1939, in Peoria, to Charles and Mary (Kleppe) Smith. He married Barbara C. Polonus on Sept. 19, 1959, at St. Mark Catholic Church in Peoria. She preceded him in death on March 27, 2023, after 63 years of marriage.

Surviving are two sons, David “Scott” (Julie) Smith of Glen Carbon and Dr. Mark (Angie) Smith of Washington; one daughter, Anne (Stuart) Smith-Ingersoll of Elmwood; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by one brother, Gerald (Lucille) Smith of Middleburg, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, four brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial Mass will be

celebrated by Fr. John Verrier on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Brimfield at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow. The family will receive relatives and friends one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will be at Resurrection Mausoleum in Peoria, at a later date.

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Katherine E. Wheeler

HANNA CITY – Katherine E. Wheeler, 51, of Hanna City, passed away on Jan. 31, 2024, at her residence. She was born on Feb. 23, 1972, in Gallipolis, Ohio, a daughter of John Thomas and Dorothy (Ketterer) Griffin III.

She married Nathan Wheeler on Oct. 20, 2007, in Peoria. He survives.

Also surviving are her mother, Dorothy (David) Yeager of Hanna City; son, Griffin D. Wheeler at home; brother, John Thomas (Molly) Griffin IV of Novato, Calif., stepmother, Marilynn Griffin of Gaylord, Mich.; father-in-law, Lawrence Wheeler of Farmington, brother-in-law, Brett (Jennifer) Wheeler of Farmington; and sister-in-law, Crystal (Jeremiah) Seymour of Farmington.

Preceding Katherine in death was her father, John Thomas Griffin III.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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 3. From Genesis 2:24, what phrase describes the marriage of a man and a woman? Holy matrimony, God's reward, One flesh, Today forever

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4. Which insect is mentioned in the book of James as an eater of garments? Gnat, Hornet, Ant, Moth
 5. What king of Bashan had an iron bed thirteen and a half feet long? Edrei, Og, Argob, Senir
 6. On which day of creation was the sun made? First, Second, Third, Fourth
 ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Amorites, 3) One flesh, 4) Moth, 5) Og, 6) Fourth.
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GIRLS: Elmwood's Herman out with fracture; Brodie tops 1,000 points

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Regional at 7:30 p.m. vs. Saturday's winner between Galva and Monmouth United. A win propels the Lady Indians to a likely rematch vs. No. 2 seed Annawan (22-5) on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Annawan beat Brimfield earlier this year, 60-41, and won a meeting in last year's regional final.

"It just really stinks that this subsectional is ridiculously loaded," McKown said.

Four of the top six seeds have 20 wins and No. 1 West Central (18-7) is ranked No. 7 in the state and has two wins over Annawan.

Elmwood – Freshmen don't usually start for Coach Gregg Meyers, but he said he had little choice Monday with two starters and a key reserve lost for the season to injuries and stomach flu rampant in the Elmwood schools.

"Normally we dress 15 girls for

varsity and seven of them were here tonight," Meyers said.

Even so, Elmwood beat visiting Midwest Central, 45-22, behind 15 points from Tinley Lemmerman, 10 from Lauren Rushing and seven from freshman Gianna Ramirez.

In home games last week, the Lady Trojans (20-7) beat Ridgewood 43-25 on Feb. 3 and fell to Lewistown 40-31 on Feb. 1. The Lewistown game was the first Elmwood played after learning leading scorer Mae Herman was lost for the season due to a stress fracture.

"We knew we were short some girls and people try to do too much," Meyers said. "When you try to do too much, you start forcing things, mistakes just start happening and it snowballs."

Andrea Glenn was top scorer against Lewistown, with nine,

while Lemmerman and Brooke Allen scored seven apiece.

Meyers said Elmwood was much better against Ridgewood as Rushing led with 14 points, Glenn tallied 10, Lemmerman scored nine and Allen had seven.

No. 5 seed Elmwood opens regional play at Princeville on Saturday at 1 p.m. vs. No. 12 Stark County. With a win, the Lady Trojans advance to face No. 4 Kewanee Wethersfield (22-4) Monday at 7:30 p.m. Elmwood won earlier this year, 50-30.

Princeville – The Lady Princes went 2-2 in a busy week, capped by senior Brianna Brodie topping 1,000 points in a 44-20 win over Monmouth United last Saturday.

Brodie had 22 points Monday in a 50-44 home loss to Wethersfield. Kinley McGinn and Paisley Schock scored 10 apiece.

Brodie has 1,035 points and 741

rebounds.

"She's had a really good season," Coach John Gross said. "And she's not been getting many calls."

Gross said Wethersfield was called for just two fouls all game. "We've played well the last few games, we just can't seem to finish out games," Gross said.

The Lady Princes beat Bureau Valley on Feb. 1, 74-41, as Brodie scored 27, Schock had 24 and McGinn scored eight.

And Princeville lost at Annawan Jan. 31, 67-57, despite leading 45-44 after three quarters. Brodie scored 30, Schock had 10 and Sahara Streitmatter had nine.

No. 7 seed Princeville hosts a regional and faces No. 6 Abingdon-Avon Saturday at 3 p.m. The winner plays No. 1 West Central on Monday at 6 p.m.

ROWVA-Williamsfield – The

Lady Cougars lost at home to Monmouth United Monday, 51-24. Previously, R-W lost to A-Town on Feb. 3, 53-30, and to Midwest Central Feb. 1, 57-47.

No. 10 seed R-W faces No. 9 Woodhull Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Annawan Regional for the right to play the home team Monday at 6.

Farmington – The Lady Farmers lost Monday to Lewistown, 63-31, after falling to Monmouth-Roseville on Saturday, 57-29, and to Knoxville on Feb. 1, 65-17. Madilyn Hanlin scored nine against Knoxville and Lewistown and Abbie Ackers tallied nine vs. Lewistown.

Farmington is seeded No. 11 and faces No. 8 Kewanee Saturday at 6 p.m. for the right to play No. 1-seeded and No. 1-ranked Peoria Notre Dame Monday at 6.

BOYS: Princeville 2nd, R-W 8th at LTC; Farmington going younger

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three possessions and showed a little fire," Sennett said about the third quarter. "I thought we were going to be making a little run. Then they made a little run themselves.

"The whole second half was a matter of will and which team wanted to win more. We both wanted to win, so it ended up pretty even."

Tayshaun Kieser had 17 points and Josh Hunt scored 11 for Princeville, which after making four trips to Mercer County last week headed there again Tuesday for a regular-season LTC game. Sennett suggested his contingent might have learned a few things from the title-game meeting.

"I know my kids are eager to get back at them," he said.

Princeville reached the

title game by defeating Wethersfield 71-38 in the semifinals Feb. 1. Tucker Sennett had 18 points, Hunt had 13 and Jake Williams had 11.

On Jan. 30 in the pool-play portion of the tournament, Hunt had 12 points and 11 rebounds in three quarters as Princeville beat Ridgewood 53-28. Hunt didn't play in the fourth quarter. Williams scored 10.

In between tournament games, Princeville defeated West Central 66-33 in a regular-season LTC game moved to Jan. 31 because of inclement weather. Hunt had 16 points and Kieser and Parker Melick evenly split 26 as the Princes went to 7-0 in the league. Princeville plays host Friday night to Annawan.

Hours before Princeville played for the LTC tournament title, ROWVA-Wil-

liamsfield lost 49-46 to Ridgewood for seventh place. Riley Danner had 19 points, 18 rebounds and seven blocks for R-W (12-14).

On Feb. 1, R-W lost 48-38 to Abingdon-Avon in a tournament game that matched pool-play placers. Danner had a team-high 14 points.

"We did some nice things defensively but struggled mightily on the offensive end," R-W Assistant Coach Jeff Hannam stated.

In its final pool-play game, R-W lost 60-42 on Jan. 30 to Mercer County. Talan Hull scored 12 to lead the Cougars.

R-W was to play Tuesday in a regular-season LTC game at Galva. The Cougars are host Friday night at Oneida to West Central, then travel Saturday night to Illini Bluffs.

Farmington – Boston

Smith had a game-high 17 points Feb. 2 for Farmington (13-11) in its 65-35 home victory over Midwest Central. Smith had 15 points in the first half, eight off offensive rebounds, and was among three sophomores who started, Farmington Coach Marty Lozier said.

"Went back and watched a lot of (junior-varsity) video, and every time we needed energy in a game, Boston brought it big time," he stated. "He might be the spark we're looking for."

Another Farmington sophomore, Jack Gronewold, had 11 points. Senior Russell Poor came off the bench to score 12, all after the first period.

Without Gronewold because of flu, Farmington lost 51-47 on Jan. 30 to visiting Orion. The third quarter was decisive. Orion led by one at halftime but by 10 heading into the fourth. Barnes had 12 points, Smith 11.

Farmington was to play Tuesday at Illini Bluffs, then is host Friday night to Peoria Christian.

Elmwood – Bo Windish had 19 points Feb. 2 and Sirius Nims scored 18, all

in the first half, as Elmwood (12-12) went to 2-0 in the Prairieland North by beating Lewistown 52-36. Nims had nine first-quarter points and Windish had eight as the visiting Trojans led 23-11.

Nims had 11 points Jan. 30, when Elmwood traveled to Astoria to beat South Fulton 56-46. Jackson Magee scored nine in the third quarter to help Elmwood increase a four-point lead to 12. He finished with 19 points. Teammate Garrett Webster scored 10.

Elmwood played host Wednesday to Brimfield, then travels Friday night to North Fulton.

Brimfield – A 70-mile ride Feb. 3 to the outskirts of Macomb was worthwhile for Brimfield (11-13), which beat host West Prairie 58-45. Drew Kieser

had 20 points for the Indians, who led 21-12 after a quarter and 34-21 at intermission. Connor Doe had 15 points, Brady Johnson 11.

Brimfield's 50-mile trip the previous night to Delavan wasn't as fruitful. The Indians lost an ICAC game 53-39 as Delavan expanded a four-point halftime lead. Kieser had a team-high 11 points for Brimfield, which fell to 1-3 in the conference.

On Jan. 30, Illini Bluffs visited Brimfield and won an ICAC game 50-38. Although Brimfield led early, it trailed by 12 at halftime. Doe had 11 points and Kieser scored 10, including eight in the first quarter.

Following its visit Wednesday to Elmwood, Brimfield plays at home Friday against Peoria Heights.



Brimfield's 8th grade team won a regional title on Feb. 1 at home, beating Elmwood, 42-40. Team members pictured above are, Front row (left to right): Kyler Schatsiek and Westin Smith. Second row (l to r): Keegan Forney, Brady Kappes, Cadence Metz, PJ McFadden and Max Ott. Third row (l to r): Coach Willie Williams, Jay Webb, Adam Rust, Silas Gilles, Cole Cox, Griffin Hougham, Kai Nelson, Liam Newman and Coach Trent Trotter. Not pictured is Will Loer.

Brimfield 7th grade loses at IESA state

MACON – The Brimfield 7th grade boys basketball team lost to Waverly, 23-22, last Saturday in the first round of the IESA 7-2A tournament at Meridian High School.

Brimfield (23-5) led 20-18 after three quarters but was outscored 5-2 in the

fourth. Keegan Forney led Brimfield with 12 points, while Brady Kappes added six, Kyler Schatsiek scored three and Danny Ellen had one. The Indians shot 4-for-10 on free throws.

Waverly (20-8) lost to Effingham St. Anthony in the semifinals, 40-18.

• **8th grade** – Brimfield upset top-seed Elmwood last Thursday, 42-40, to win an 8-2A regional on its home floor.

The Indians (19-9) lost to Peoria St. Philomena (23-5) on Monday, 53-42, in sectional action at Peoria Christian Middle School.

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Brimfield top area girls seed

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Last Thursday afternoon, the Brimfield girls basketball team was flying high. The Lady Indians were fresh off a win over rival Elmwood and learned they were the No. 3 seed in a very competitive sub-sectional – the highest seed of any team in The Weekly Post area.

But the reality of the road brought the Lady Indians back to earth in three road losses to 20-win teams. And Brimfield (19-10) has to hope a rugged end to the season will help once postseason play opens Saturday.

Brimfield lost Monday at Monmouth-Roseville (20-11) 51-46 despite 14 points from Olivia Kappes, 12 points by CJ Troxell, 11 from Ava Heinz and nine from Kylee Vaughn.

“We got beat on the glass and went 7-for-15 from the free-throw line,” Coach Josh McKown said. “But we played well in a hostile environment. Good preparation for next week.”

McKown’s message was simi-



Princeville senior Brianna Brodie, center, topped the 1,000-point plateau for her basketball career last Saturday in a 44-20 win over Monmouth United. Brodie is pictured with senior teammates Sydney Kratzer (left) and Kinley McGinn (right).

lar last Saturday after a 43-33 loss at Eureka (20-7) and last Thursday after a 45-33 loss at 10th-ranked Illini Bluffs (23-4).

“Both those games were really closer than the final score,” he said. “Just free throws down the stretch set the difference. Even though we lost those games, we’re playing really well.”

McKown said Eureka shot 8-for-8 from the line down the stretch to break open what had been a 35-33 game with 1:30

left. Against IB, the Lady Indians were within one after three quarters but were outscored 16-5 in the fourth quarter.

Kappes led with 14 points against IB and Heinz had seven. Heinz led with 10 points against Eureka, while Vaughn scored nine.

Brimfield has a regular-season finale Thursday at Havana (18-10). Then Brimfield plays Monday in the Class 1A Annawan

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Princes’ streak ends

Princeville falls to Mercer Co. in LTC title game

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

An 18-game Princeville boys basketball winning streak is over. Not quite over, as of earlier this week, was the Princes’ series of 150-mile round trips to Aledo.

Host Mercer County defeated Princeville 56-44 on Feb. 3 in the title game of the Lincoln Trail Conference Tournament. The Princes (23-3) hadn’t lost since Illini Bluffs beat them Dec. 8.

Mercer County beat them by neutralizing their strengths, according to Princeville Coach Tait

Sennett.

“We wanted to get out and run,” he said. “We’re kind of a finesse-style team, and we like to get up and down the court as quick as possible and pressure defense. They had basically turned that into a slugfest. They slowed us down on offense and defensively, their sets just ate us up.”

Lucas Collison had a game-high 19 points for Mercer County (21-6). It never trailed and led by 11 at halftime.

“We scored on the first two or

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6 wrestlers make sectional

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – For the fourth time in his prep career, senior Keygan Jennings is a regional champ.

Jennings was one of two regional winners for Farmington at last weekend’s Class 1A Knoxville Regional and is one of four Farmers advancing to sectionals held Friday and Saturday at Olympia High School in Stanford.



Jennings

Jennings (38-3) took first at 132 pounds with a 9-1 major decision in his final match.

Farmington sophomore Caleb Showalter (26-13) also won at 126 pounds, while freshman Parker Zerfass (22-12) was third at 106 pounds and sophomore Bradlee Ellis (33-9) placed third at 138 pounds.

ROWVA-Williamsfield advanced two wrestlers to the sectional out of Knoxville. Junior Preston Schroeder (19-10) was second at 165 pounds for R-W and senior Gage Aldred (12-10) was third at 215 pounds.

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