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New officer

Elmwood hires Utsinger as school resource officer

By **MOLLY RICHESON**
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood City Council wasted little time finding a new school resource officer.

Just 11 days after Stu Ingersoll retired unexpectedly from the position, the council on Sept. 17 announced the hiring of Dorian Utsinger as the new SRO.



Dorian Utsinger is sworn in at the Sept. 17 Elmwood City Council meeting. Photo by Molly Richeson.

An Elmwood resident, Utsinger is a former U.S. Marine who has served as a school resource officer for the Farmington Police Department and, at the time of his interview, was working at Bradley University.

Utsinger has also met with Elmwood Superintendent Joel Schmieg, who was

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FINAL MASS



More than 130 parishioners attended last Sunday's final Mass at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Farmington. Photo by Tom Conklin.

Farewell to St. Matthew's Farmington Catholic church holds final service

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The pews were full one last time at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church.

Due to a shrinking congregation and a decrease in sacraments, the Diocese of Peoria has decided to close St. Matthew's as part of its Growing Disciples plan.

With that in mind, the St. Mat-

thew's Altar and Rosary group scheduled last Sunday as a chance for parishioners to attend a final Mass and to have a meal at the church. Msgr. Timothy Nolan gave the final homily.

"Father gave a nice sermon about transitions and he related it to his parents leaving their farm and moving to town," said Linda
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Trucking company buys Alcoa plant

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The old Alcoa Building Products facility in Princeville, shuttered for almost a quarter-century, has become an eyesore. But Matt Plumer's plans for it appear to be a sight for sore eyes.

Plumer's transportation-and-logistics company, West Jersey Express, has purchased the 15-acre former Alcoa property. It's to house a West Jersey Express parts-distribution expansion. The trucking firm, which has about 85 employees, is based in West Jersey and also has a facility in Toulon.

A local group, FPM Properties, took possession of the Alcoa property after the Princeville Village Board approved a redevel-

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opment-and-cooperation agreement Aug. 20. West Jersey Express assumed ownership Sept. 16 and began to move in immediately, according to Plumer.

Following a Village Board meeting Plumer attended Sept. 17, he acknowledged the facility at 917 N. Santa Fe Ave. needs cleaning and repairs. But he appears to be bullish about its future.

"I like a challenge," Plumer said. "I like bringing old things to life. And it has a lot of potential. Ob-
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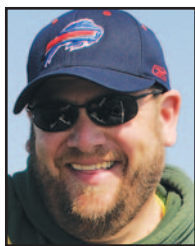
A battle over wind turbines is brewing

When hundreds of people sit in a steamy hall for more than three hours, you know the subject matter is compelling. Or at least you know the crowd feels strongly about the subject.

So it was on Sept. 17 in Brimfield's American Legion hall, where more than 250 gathered for a presentation on the negative aspects of wind turbines.

The event was organized by Dan Heinz of Kickapoo, who has

spearheaded a grassroots group called No To Peoria County Windmills.



Jeff **LAMPE**

Heinz became involved after learning about two wind farms proposed for Peoria County, one of which borders his family farm southwest of Laura. Heinz said his parents still live on the farm and he had at one point hoped to build a home

there. "I'm not going to do that if these things happen," he said.

Rather than just sit back and complain, Heinz and his group have attracted enough financial backing to advertise, create a website, print signs and hire legal representation. About 200 of those signs were snapped up last week. Another 200 will arrive Friday. Those interested in a sign can contact the group via Facebook.

Signs are one thing, but a good lawyer matters more. The group's attorney, Richard Porter of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, of Rockford, was the main speaker
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Dan Heinz of Brimfield holds one of the 200 signs that were distributed last Tuesday during a meeting in Brimfield held in opposition to proposed wind-turbine fields planned for Peoria and Stark counties.

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PLANT: 'More potential than a new facility'

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viously, it's been worn down throughout the years. I think there's a lot of good things that can happen in that place. It's just going to take a little time.

"We were already outgrowing where we're at, so we've got to go somewhere or build a new facility. I think here has a lot more potential than a new facility at this point."

Plumer would not reveal the purchase price. He said it might take a couple of years, at undetermined expense, to renovate the 300,000-square-foot structure. Part of it has a collapsed roof and rotting steel. Plumer also wasn't sure how many jobs the new use might bring to Princeville eventually.

"It's something positive for us," Village President Jeff Troutman said. "Whether Matt adds five jobs or 50 jobs, it's going to be better than zero."

The West Jersey Express decision culminates more than two years of concerted efforts by village officials to repurpose the Alcoa property, according to Troutman. He said he joined trustees and municipal Code Enforcement Officer Dan Sullivan in that endeavor.

"We're finally getting a business in a dilapidated building and we're going to have revenues coming in," Troutman said. "The time came, finally."

Tax-increment-financing help from the village is possible regarding building-renovation expenses West Jersey Express incurs, according to Troutman.

Alcoa closed its Princeville operation in 2001. About 250 people once worked there.

FPM assumed control of the property from the previous owner, Earl Feucht of Princeville, who bought it in 2011. He was using the property

for storage. As part of the agreement with the village, liens against the property were released.

West Jersey Express began business in the late 1980s. According to Plumer, his farming family was looking for additional income during an agriculture-business downturn. The company now transports goods across the country and also is a warehouse and freight broker.

The initial West Jersey Express purpose in Princeville is to house solar-energy equipment and facilitate transport for it, according to Plumer. He said overall demand for freight handling and warehousing is significant. Proximity to Peoria aided the Princeville-expansion cause.

"It's been a long journey working toward this building," Plumer said. "I don't have all the answers everybody wants to hear, but I'm a realist. We feel very positive about it. We're all thankful it's worked out."

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This Week's Hot Picks

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- **Candidate Forum** – Candidates for Peoria County States Attorney, Jodi Hoos and Robert Boucher, are scheduled to attend a League of Women Voters of Greater Peoria candidate forum on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Peoria North Branch Library.

This Week's Events

- **MANNA Meal** – The monthly MANNA meal at Elmwood United Methodist Church, 821 W. Main St., is today, Sept. 26, at noon. Meal is hamloaf or meatloaf, potato, vegetable, salads and desserts. \$8. Bring your own table service.
- **NRA Banquet** – Spoon River Friends of the NRA banquet is today, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall in Galesburg. Call Kurt Kraft at (309) 221-8506.
- **Stuffie Sleepover** – Youngsters can drop off stuffed animals Friday, Sept. 27, from 3-5 p.m. at Morrison & Mary

Wiley Library in Elmwood for a sleepover. Pick up stuffed animals on Saturday, Sept. 28, 9-11 a.m.

- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays, 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4. Classes also on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville's Lillie M. Evans Library.

Future Events

- **Sausage Dinner** – St. Mary's of Kickapoo has its sausage dinner Oct. 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All-you-can-eat buffet or carry out.

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

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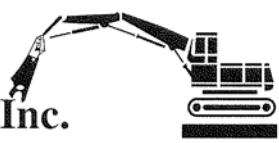
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SCATTERSHOTS



BATTLE: Attorney says approval not assured

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last week. Porter had two clear messages.

- Wind turbines are not the "green" sources of energy that wind-energy businesses want you to believe.

"These are not wind-mills," Porter said. "This is like a coal plant or a nuclear plant. It is literally industry use that is going to be in an agricultural-urban area."

- The Peoria County Board can stop the proposed Four Creeks Wind Farm and the proposed Goldrush Apple Wind Farm.

"This is not a done deal," Porter said several times. "These can be denied."

Specifically, Porter said the county board can vote against special-use permits wind developers need.

To prove his first point, Porter brought a cadre of experts who testified about what they see as negative impacts of wind turbines on property values, sleep cycles, health and quality of living.

"A lot of people were thankful we brought the experts so they could hear the testimonies," Heinz said. "We still find there are a ton of people in the

area that don't know about the project."

The picture painted last Tuesday was not the same often portrayed by folks touting "green energy."

Then again, to some landowners, the "green energy" element in all of this is the money they are paid for leasing land to the wind companies. And certainly, landowners have a right to make money on their property.

Where that right becomes a little less unalienable is when the money-making involves a 700-foot-tall wind turbine that towers over everything else in an otherwise quiet, rural area.

Porter drew plenty of nods from the crowd when he said people who live between Brimfield and Princeville - the part of Peoria County most impacted by the proposed wind farms - probably live there because they enjoy the peace and quiet.

"The overwhelming response is that nobody is in favor of them," Heinz said.

That brings me to the evening's most compelling speaker, Ted Hartke, who along with his wife and two children briefly lived in close proximity to sev-

eral wind turbines south of Champaign.

Before the turbines went up, Hartke said he was in favor of the wind development. He grew up on a hog farm. He knows about making money in ways that don't always please neighbors. He even took his family to an existing wind farm, where they stood, watched and listened. The impact seemed minimal, he recalls.

"See kids, it's no big deal," Hartke told his family.

Only it was.

"As soon as they turned the turbines on, we were having sleep problems," Hartke said. "It's just an unsettling thing. It wakes you up from a deep sleep."

Eventually, the Hartkes moved their beds out of bedrooms and into the living room, where they slept for three months. Hartke's daughter even put on headphones to help her sleep.

"My kids shouldn't have to wear headphones to bed," Hartke said. That was one of several times in his talk he became emotional.

Finally, the Hartkes moved into a trailer before finding another home. It took three years to sell their house in the wind farm - to a woman who was being paid for leases on three wind turbines, Hartke said.

Hartke's emotional testi-

mony was a good balance to the dry science. But Heinz said science will matter more with the county board.

"This is more than just feelings, there's actual science to this and health reasons why houses are being abandoned" near wind farms, Heinz said.

Heinz has already spoken with 16 of 18 board members, two of whom were in attendance on Sept. 17. Members of the grassroots group have started attending meetings of the county board and the Zoning Board of Appeals and plan to continue.

"They are going to gather information and try to make the best educated decision they can," Heinz said of the boards. "We can't say no. They most certainly can."

"If the majority of people in a community aren't in favor of it, that should be a big indicator of how they vote."

That doesn't mean the wind turbines won't be approved. But Heinz is up for the struggle.

"You've got a lot of people who say they don't want (wind turbines), but are you willing to step up and fight?" he asked. "Now's the time. Once they get passed, it's too late."

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GUEST VOICES

'Come now, let us reason together'

It's easy to see why Eligio "Kika" de la Garza was elected to 16 consecutive terms in the House of Representatives (1965 to 1997) and served his final seven (1981-94) as chairman of the wide-sweeping and often unruly House Ag Committee.

"I'm a reasonable person," the south Texan, born just two miles from Mexico, liked to say "I can get along with anyone."

And he mostly did, I once heard him explain to a crowd of farm leaders in a packed Washington, D.C. meeting, because his guiding legislative principle was "from the Good Book itself, Isaiah 1:18: 'Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord.'"

It was a fitting code for the easy-going but tough-as-nails de la Garza. In the last 90 years, there have been 18 Farm Bills written and passed by Congress. Kika had a role in seven and chaired the process on three: the 1981, 1985 and 1990 bills.

He was a legislative plowhorse – he got things done – and, for a Democrat, was decidedly middle of the road, even conservative. For example, while he fought for food stamps, voting rights and sugar price supports, he also favored balanced budgets, free trade and prayer in classrooms.

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Most of these positions would not win any Democrat a House leadership post today.

And yet he went unchallenged as Ag Committee chairman for 14 years and three tough Farm Bill negotiations because he was "reasonable."

Politics, he said at that same farmer meeting, "is the art of the possible. The nation succeeds when politics succeed."

And most everyone – farmers, the nation, Congress – did succeed under his leadership. The New York Times headline for his March 15, 2017, obituary would have met with his approval: "Kika de la Garza, Texas Congressman and Farmers' Ally, Dies at 89."

Few on today's House Ag Committee stand out as "let's-sit-down-and-reason" leaders like Kika. Part of it is the blood-spilling tenor of today's winner-take-all politics; the goal is to win without compromise.

Another key part of it is that most committee members don't know beans from buttermilk when it comes to farm and food policy. Farm visits are for a selfie on a combine or to tout Big Ag fantasies like manure digesters and carbon pipelines.

That means most are easily swayed by special interests pushing special projects and by AgBiz's never-ending lament of too much regulation and too little income support.

The result often is legislation written by the permanent, unelected government – the farm and commodity groups and agbiz lobbyists – and

not the elected government.

In the past five years, noted Karen Perry Stillerman, the deputy director of the Food and Environment Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists, "Agribusiness interests have spent a huge sum of money – \$523 million – lobbying Congress."

And the money has bought what it wanted and what most American eaters and taxpayers don't want: a heavily subsidized, commodity-driven farm policy focused on fading export markets, a slowly drying-up ethanol market and gazillion-dollar carbon schemes that won't save the environment in a million years.

Now Big Ag's big dogs are whimpering again, worried that today's Farm Bill – already extended one-year and facing another extension – will hang fire through November's general election. The delay risks the Republicans losing control of the House and with it, the big dogs their influence on any 2025 Farm Bill.

If so, their failure is emblematic of a Congress that bloviates more than legislates; where committees hold hearings and no one listens; where it can't pass a bill, let alone an annual budget, on time and within its means.

In short, Congress is broken and only goodwill and reasonable people will fix it.

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– Lisa Mack, Dunlap

Time to put MAGA politics behind us

To the Editor:

We, the people, with the simple act of our vote this fall, have the chance to put the last 10 years of MAGA politics behind us.

I believe that if we gave the conservative, Republican Party of Mitt Romney and Liz Chaney some time to heal, it could return to value truth telling, ethical and emphatic behavior, the rule of law and the right of personal freedom. Yes, a democratic form of government has its zits and warts but has proven that democracy best represents the people.

We must beware of a would-be autocrat, in a red hat, who is interested only in his narcissistic desires.

– George Tanner, Yates City

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Akron-Princeville fire to get TIF funding

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Akron-Princeville Fire Protection District building in Princeville is more than 50 years old. It's showing its age, according to fire-department leaders.

The fire district is receiving a measure of rescue, courtesy of village officials.

During its meeting Sept. 17, the Princeville Village Board approved a tax-increment-financing deal with the fire district. The village is to reimburse the district for expenses incurred regarding parking-lot seal-coating, new air conditioning and a refurbished roof, among other things.

The district is to receive about \$25,674 annually for four years. There was an option to receive the \$102,699 total in a lump sum. But Spencer Wilson, the fire-district treasurer, suggested the four-year distribution would help his organization better plan its budget.

All the work has been completed except for the roof, according to Wilson. That job is to begin next week.

"We have water coming down the side of the walls inside the building,

It's bad," Wilson said. "The building has lived its life."

Wilson told the board's TIF Projects Committee that no grants are available for the building repairs. He also said district revenues have been decreasing amid increased expenses for equipment.

"Anything would be helpful," Wilson said about TIF funding.

Following the TIF-committee meeting, the regular meeting began. Before the board approved the TIF agreement, it authorized formal handover of the former Princeville Aquatic Center property to a local not-for-profit group that seeks to reopen it.

The save-the-pool people were near the end of a 60-day period in which they were to determine whether reopening made financial sense. Group leaders contacted Village President Jeff Troutman a few weeks ago and said they planned to proceed.

"I guess we can officially say we are out of the pool business," Troutman said following the board vote.

Citing mounting deficits, the board voted last year to close the swimming facility permanently. The pool-saving group, also called Princeville Aquatic Center, sprouted

shortly thereafter.

Last week, the board also approved erection of stop signs on Main Street at Cottage Grove Avenue. That would create a four-way stop.

Because of traffic congestion, trustees considered banning parking 50 feet from the intersection, 20 feet more than state law requires. Eventually, they agreed on the state standard, augmented by yellow curb paint and flags atop the new stop signs.

"There can be a lot of congestion there, but I think 30 feet will eliminate most of it, especially if people are slowing down and stopping in all directions," Troutman said.

Trustees also voted to clarify possible ambiguity regarding village water rates. The base rate is \$10.41 per month, with additional charges of \$5.69 per 1,000-gallon increment.

Building permits, all for rooftop solar installations, were issued for structures at 604 W. Main St., 511 E. Main St., 121 E. Douglas St., 117 W. Spring St., 114 W. High St. and 318 W. Evans St.



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DEFENDANTS

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Police reports

• **PEORIA** – An Edwards woman appeared to avoid injury from a single-vehicle accident northwest of Peoria.

Elizabeth J. Burtker was behind the wheel of a 2022 Buick Enclave that was turning from westbound Grange Hall Road onto southbound Orange Prairie Road shortly before 2:15 a.m. Sept. 8 when a deer jumped onto the pavement from the west.

Burtker swerved to avoid the deer, but the vehicle struck a stop sign on the south side of the intersection, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. She declined medical attention. The vehicle sustained damage to the front driver's-side headlight and bumper and was towed.

• **PEORIA** – A Kickapoo woman was accused of driving under the influence of cannabis and alcohol in Peoria.

Aliza G. Welker, 20, was behind the wheel of a 2016 Jeep Patriot about 11:30 p.m. Sept. 5 when a Peoria police officer stopped it in the 100 block of NE Washington St. The vehicle was weaving and Welker failed to use a turn signal, according to a police report.

The vehicle interior smelled of cannabis, which Welker admitted smoking. Welker's blood-alcohol content was .091. The legal limit is .08.

Welker was accused of DUI, improper traffic-lane use and improper turn-signal use. She was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **BRIMFIELD** – A Brimfield man was accused of damaging a vehicle windshield at an area residence.

A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy was summoned about 5:30 p.m. Sept. 3 to the 19000 block of U.S. Route 150 regarding earlier trouble with a male, according to a heavily redacted report.

Edwinn D. Strong, 18, was ar-

rested shortly before 7 p.m. Sept. 3 and charged with aggravated assault and criminal damage to government property. Damage to the windshield, on a 2011 Chevrolet sedan, was estimated at \$500.

• **YATES CITY** – Repeated alleged harassment of a Yates City woman resulted in two juveniles being banned from her property.

The incidents in the 400 block of N. Burson St. were reported about 5:15 p.m. Sept. 2. The 51-year-old resident said the boys were riding their bicycles on her property, disturbing her animals and using obscene words and hand gestures, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

A deputy contacted the boys, age 9 and 12, and their parents. The boys were told about the ban. They also were told to write letters of apology to the victim and deliver them to the Yates City Police Department, the report stated.

• **ELMORE** – A Pekin man was accused of domestic battery in connection with an incident at an Elmore residence.

David A. Carson, 44, was arrested about 7:45 a.m. Sept. 1, not long after a Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy arrived at a residence in the 24300 block of W. Spring St.

According to a redacted report, there were at least three witnesses. An ambulance apparently transported someone to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.

• **EDWARDS** – Both drivers declined medical treatment after a two-vehicle wreck north of Edwards.

About 5:30 p.m. Sept. 1, Gayla J. Hickerson of Rock Island was driving a 2001 Mitsubishi Galante south on Kickapoo-Edwards Road and stopped to turn left onto the eastbound entrance ramp of Interstate 74. A southbound 1995 Buick Regal rear-ended her vehicle, per a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The other driver was Braden D. Wagner of Brimfield. He said he looked down, then looked up and didn't have time to stop. Both ve-

hicles sustained bumper damage but were drivable.

• **TRIVOLI** – A head-on, side-swiping vehicle accident east of Trivoli resulted in no apparent injuries.


Matthew J. Bohm of Washington was driving an eastbound 2014 Ford Fusion about 5:30 a.m. Aug. 30 in the 15400 block of Illinois Route 116 when his vehicle crossed the center line and struck a westbound 2014 Volkswagen Passat.

Nicholas L. Grafelman of East Peoria was the other driver, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. Both vehicles stopped on the north edge of the pavement. Both sustained disabling front-end damage and were towed.

• **TRIVOLI** – Michael L. Woods, 42, of Trivoli was arrested at 3:45 a.m. Sept. 15 and accused of two counts of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. Woods also was being held for another law-enforcement agency.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Sept. 1-14: domestic complaint, Laura; road hazard, Williamsfield; stray dog, Yates City; harassment, Elmwood; domestic complaint, Yates City; juvenile trouble, Yates City; ATV complaint, Yates City; traffic control, Elmwood; road hazard, Yates City; driving complaint, Williamsfield; domestic dispute, Williamsfield; burglary, Yates City; burglary, Douglas; theft, Dahinda; abandoned vehicle, Douglas; domestic dispute, Dahinda; two suspicious incidents, Williamsfield; suspicious incident, Galva; suspicious vehicle, Williamsfield; two harassment cases, Dahinda.

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Brimfield OKs co-op through 2027

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The sports co-op – or perhaps it’s a courtship – between Brimfield and Elmwood is to continue through at least the spring of 2027.

The Brimfield School Board voted Sept. 18 to extend the athletic cooperative for two additional academic years beyond the current one. The Elmwood School Board concurred during its meeting Monday night.

Brimfield and Elmwood field joint teams in football, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track and field, baseball and softball. They also share a spirit squad.

“We’re willing to keep dating for two more years,” Brimfield

Superintendent Chad Jones said jokingly.

The co-op arrangement, which has existed for more than three decades, hasn’t always been lovey-dovey.

Baseball in particular has been an issue. Last year, increased numbers overall in the program and a decrease in Elmwood participation helped spark serious discussions regarding the co-op’s fate. At least 60 people attended one such meeting in March 2023 in Elmwood.

Since then, Brimfield and Elmwood have combined in another effort – a co-op committee. It consists of board members and administrators from both schools. They discuss co-op issues and ideas and confront problems.

Brimfield officials praised the committee last week, in front of a board-meeting audience of six.

“I’d say since there aren’t 100 people in here when we’re approving it, (it’s) much improved,” Board Member Mark Bell said about the co-op.

Sports wasn’t the only topic of co-op conversation. The board also authorized the creation of a chess co-op with Princeville, effective for this aca-

demie year and next. The Princeville board approved the arrangement earlier this month. About 10 students are expected to participate this school year.

Among other business, the Brimfield board approved a budget for the 2025 fiscal year, which began July 1. Jones reported an estimated deficit of \$4,347,849 for all funds and one of \$1,904,573 for operating funds. The latter category is based on estimated revenues of \$8,437,607 and expenses of \$10,342,180.

The deficit size is no surprise. Brimfield Grade School is undergoing major renovation. The district also is constructing a new parking area at its athletic complex. Earlier this year, the district issued \$4 million in working-cash bonds to help pay for it all.

“After everything gets done, we’ve got to pay the bills,” Jones said.

A budget hearing held as the regular meeting began lasted about one minute and elicited no public comments.

The board also authorized the high school FFA chapter to attend the national convention Oct. 23-25 in Indianapolis.

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Elmwood schools FY25 deficit eases a bit

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board on Monday passed a Fiscal Year 2025 budget that will be slightly better than originally predicted.

During a budget presentation at last month's meeting, Superintendent Joel Schmieg estimated the deficit at \$540,390. On Monday, during a short budget hearing, Schmieg said the projected deficit will actually be \$430,788, thanks to more state funding than he had originally anticipated. That means the district will have six months of cash reserves, Schmieg said.

Following the hearing, the board unanimously approved a budget showing projected income of \$8,851,598 and expenses of \$9,282,386.

"Due to inflation, most budgets are indeed deficit budgets for schools," Schmieg said.

Another piece of good financial news is that the district will save

\$398,793 in interest after refinancing bonds through Bernardi Securities. Elmwood's bond rate drops from 4.05% to 3.37%, Schmieg said.

In other business, the board welcomed new School Resource Officer Dorian Utsinger, who attended the meeting. Utsinger is working on a one-year contract the board OK'd.

"It's just a bonus, but he actually lives just down the street" from the school, Schmieg said. "I'm most excited about the way Officer Dorian has spoken about his passion to keep our school safe and grow to expand safety in our community for years to come."

Utsinger, 36, said he is training with Elmwood Police Chief Aaron Bean and expects to be in the school on a daily basis very soon.

Also hired were Kelly Blindt as a paraprofessional, America Harmon as a high school girls assistant track coach, Samantha Severns as a long-term substitute teacher and Molly Baldes as Lego League sponsor.

Lauren Sheets was approved for 12

weeks of maternity leave.

The board approved extending the existing sports co-op agreement with Brimfield through 2026-27, a school-wide waiver for Title I funds and posting administrator and teacher salaries on school and ISBE websites.

The board's building committee met earlier this month to discuss ways to use a \$50,000 state matching grant for facility projects.

Board Member Tori Goedeke said the finance committee has had preliminary discussions with Nania Energy Advisors and Ampion about a community solar array. Goedeke said the 10-year contract could save the district \$150,000 in energy expenses.

Finally, Schmieg said auditors are reviewing the district's finances. A report is expected at the Oct. 28 meeting. Schmieg also reported that the school buildings passed an inspection by the Regional Office of Education, with a few minor matters that were addressed in the high school.

COUNCIL: Parking-space changes coming

Continued from Page 1
very happy to have a new officer hired.

"Officer Utsinger comes from a family with a lineage of law enforcement and has experience from servicing as a school SRO, as well as a Bradley University detective," Schmieg said.

As per the previous agreement, Elmwood CUSD 322 will reimburse the city for a portion of Utsinger's salary.

"I want to thank Officer Stu Ingersoll for his service to Elmwood CUSD 322 and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement from law enforce-

ment," Schmieg said. "I'd also like to thank Elmwood Police Chief Aaron Bean for his time spent each day at our campus, ensuring a strong police campus throughout the day in the transition period between full time SROs on our campus. Safety is our top priority."

Following a budget hearing before the main meeting, the council passed a Fiscal Year 2025 budget showing preliminary appropriations of \$7,755,518.

The council also discussed changes that will be coming to some parking spaces around Elmwood to increase visibility and safety in different areas.

Residents should be aware that some restricted parking spaces are being eliminated, no-parking zones are being added in some areas and some diagonal parking will change to parallel parking and vice versa.

Many changes will be on Rose and Main streets. Handicapped parking on Rose Street will also be rearranged and all parking lines will be repainted, although quotes are still being sought.

Earlier this month, the city installed a four-way stop at the intersection of Rose and Main.

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David L. Brown

WILLIAMSFIELD – David L. Brown, 66, of Williamsfield, died at 4:29 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

He was born Oct. 31, 1957, in Galesburg, the son of Arlis and Cheryl (Mahar) Brown. He married Sally J. Sexton on July 11, 1981.



Brown

Survivors include his wife of Williamsfield; two sons, Douglas Brown (Rexanna Munson) of Monmouth and Alan (Tierney) Brown of Williamsfield; a brother, Martin (Chris) Brown of Williamsfield; two sisters, Gretchen Brown of Indiana and Tamara (Gary) Smith of Oak Run; five grandchildren, Josh Brown, Becca Brown, Emma Johnson, Victoria Brown and Ozzie Kimler; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his son Dale.

David graduated from Williamsfield High School in 1975. He worked as a coal miner at Midland Coal Company and also worked at various factories. He was an avid outdoorsman enjoying gardening, hunting and fishing.

Cremation will be accorded and a memorial visitation will be held from 10-10:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at Rux Funeral Home in Williamsfield. Graveside services will follow at 11 a.m. Friday at Williamsfield Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to his family.

Freida M. Caulkins

PEORIA – Freida Mae Caulkins, 98, formerly of Brimfield, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, at her residence in Peoria. She was born May 18, 1926, in rural Elmwood to Frederick and Lois (Miles) Keyser.

She was a 1943 Elmwood High School graduate and went on to attend Dickinson Business School in Peoria, Ill.

Freida worked for R.G. LeTourneau from 1944-48 and later worked for Negley, Jens & Rowe, which was a stocks and bonds firm in Peoria.



Caulkins

Freida married Henry Franklin "Frank" Caulkins on March 20, 1948, at the First Presbyterian Church in Elmwood. He preceded her in death on Dec. 21, 2014, in Farmington, Ill. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, William Keyser and Rick Keyser; and one sister, Grace "Ted" Bossingham.

She is survived by five children, Linda (Roger) Stegall of Chillicothe, Roland (Becky) Caulkins of Brimfield, Scott (Shelly) Caulkins of Morton, Tracy (Lori) Caulkins of Brimfield and Lois (Steve) Seiler of Peoria; two sisters, Joy Patton and Judy Groeper; sister-in-law Robbie Keyser; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

In 1963, Freida and Frank began a Labor Day weekend picnic for their extended family, which was held at their farm in Brimfield. This Caulkins tradition has continued for 61 years. This year, Freida was able to attend and enjoy this tradition, where she visited with many family members and enjoyed a variety of great food.

She and Frank were also very active in square dancing for decades. They danced with a variety of clubs, including the Wheel n Dealers and the Diamond Plus. They greatly enjoyed these moments and the lasting friendships they made.

She also enjoyed quilting, gardening, cooking, crocheting, writing letters and cards, as well as reading

and putting together puzzles. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and friends. She has left them with a legacy of humility, kindness, generosity and Christian values, especially by living a life that followed the Golden Rule of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Matthew 7:12

Cremation rites have been accorded and a private memorial will be held by the family at a later date. Memorials can be made to the Elmwood United Methodist Church Manna Meal.

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

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

Barbara I. Elliott

KEWANEE – Barbara I. Elliott, 88, of Kewanee, died at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Cremation has been accorded and private graveside services will be held at Lehigh Cemetery in Elmwood. A celebration of life was Sept. 21, 2024. Memorials may be directed to the Bradford American Legion Post 445.



Elliott

Barbara was born Sept. 23, 1935, on Center Prairie in Knox County, the daughter of Dale Catton and Nina Cain Meehan. She and her family moved to Elmwood Township in 1938, where she attended a country school, Moore School, for eight years and graduated from Elmwood High School in 1953.

She married Richard D. Elliott on June 8, 1977, in Macomb. He preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 2011.

Surviving are her five children, Debbie Koelling and (Jeff McDon-

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VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE ZONING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board for the Village of Princeville, Peoria County, Illinois, will conduct a public hearing at 7:00p.m. on the 26th day, September 2024, at the Princeville Village Hall, 206 N. Walnut Avenue, Princeville, Illinois, on the Village's petition to amend the Zoning Code for the Village of Princeville to address and regulate the construction of carpports and the roofing material for carpports, to ensure the safe and durable construction and use of carpports in the Village.

A copy of the draft ordinance is on file at the Village Hall for inspection prior to the hearing. All interested persons wishing to speak for or against this proposed amendment to the Village Zoning Code are invited to attend this public meeting and will be heard.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2024.
 Dan Huss, Zoning Chairman
 Village of Princeville
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Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied.

The Judgment amount was \$52,453.36.

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.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR AT-

NOTICE OF SALE of Property Owned by the City of Farmington, IL and Invitation to Bid Thereon 99 E Vernon St., Farmington, IL 61531

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE Mayor and City Council of the City of Farmington, IL will receive sealed bids for the purchase, under the successful bid, of the fee simple interest in the following real property:

Lot 2 of Chapman Reeds Addition, being in the City of Farmington, Fulton County, IL

which property is generally located at 99 E Vernon St., Farmington, IL and is currently a vacant lot.

Bids for the purchase of the aforesaid interest in the above-described property are hereby invited and will be received by the City Administrator through October 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. for the opening of bids. Said proposals shall be addressed to:

City Council
 City of Farmington
 c/o City Administrator
 322 E. Fort St.
 Farmington, IL 61531

and shall bear the legend "PROPOSAL - SALE OF 99 E Vernon St." and the name and address of the bidder.

Property is currently vacant residential lots zoned R-1. All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington at 6:00 p.m. on October 7, 2024.

A contract may be awarded to the highest bidder whose bid is found to be in the best interests of the City. The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The Mayor and City Council further reserve the right to review and study any and all bids and to make a contract award within 30 days after the bids have been opened and publicly read.

Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained at the office of the City Clerk.

/s/ Bettina Bohanan
 City Administrator

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TEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE ASPEN G TRUST, A DELAWARE STATUTORY TRUST, PLAINTIFF, VS. MONICA PATTON; RONALD E DOUGLAS A/K/A RONALD DOUGLAS; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITY OF ELMWOOD will be accepting sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. on October 22, 2024, at City Hall, 201 West Main Street, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, for the sale and purchase of the property described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Numbered Eleven (11), in Block Numbered One (1), in Phelps' Subdivision of Outlots Seven (7) to Seventeen (17), both inclusive, in the Town of Elmwood, as laid out by William J. Phelps, now a Part of the City of Elmwood; situated in the County of Peoria and the State of Illinois;

Parcel Identification No.: 11-07-426-010;

Parcel Address: 313 West Hawthorne Street, Elmwood, Illinois 61529;

which is an unimproved, vacant lot (hereinafter "the Property"). For additional information about the Property or to make an appointment to examine the Property, call City Hall by phone at (309) 742-8000. The sale shall be made on the terms and conditions set forth in the Bid to Purchase forms available at City Hall at the address set forth above, which terms and conditions include, without limitation, the following:

1. Sealed written bids shall set forth the total purchase price and the name and address of the bidder and shall be signed by the bidder.
2. Property is sold "as-is".
3. A minimum down payment of \$1,000.00 in the form of a cashier's check made payable to "Whitney & Potts, Ltd. Client Trust Account" must accompany each bid.
4. The written bids shall be final, and no further bids will be considered after the deadline for acceptance of bids. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Envelopes containing a bid with a cashier's check in the amount of \$1,000.00 shall be clearly marked "Bid for Purchase of City Property" and shall be received at City Hall, 201 West Main Street, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, on or before 4:00 p.m. on October 22, 2024. Sealed Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the CITY OF ELMWOOD scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 22, 2024, at the City Hall.

John D. Hulslander, Mayor
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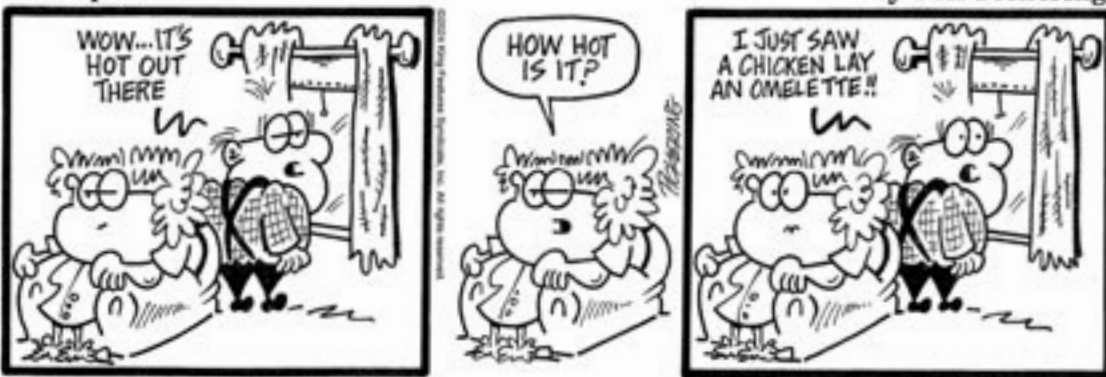
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on July 3, 2024, will on October 28, 2024, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURT-

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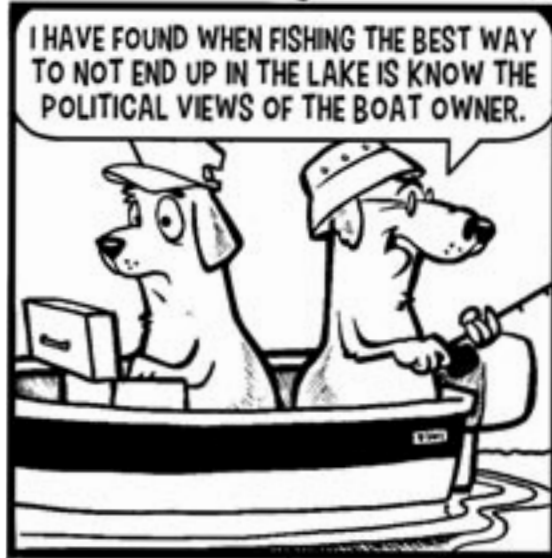
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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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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1. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is The Hawkeye State?
 2. MOVIES: What are the bad guys called in "Transformers"?
 3. MYTHOLOGY: What happens to people when Medusa turns her gaze on them?
 4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of crocodiles in the water called?
 5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in bouillabaisse (stew)?
 6. ASTRONOMY: How old is our Sun?
 7. TELEVISION: Where does Walter White live in "Breaking Bad"?
 8. LITERATURE: The character named Ichabod Crane appears in which 19th-century story?
 9. MEDICAL: What is a common name for onychocryptosis?
 10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Nova Scotia?
- Answers
 1. Iowa.
 2. Decepticons.
 3. They turn to stone.
 4. A float.
 5. Seafood.
 6. About 4.6 billion years old.
 7. Albuquerque, New Mexico.
 8. "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."
 9. Ingrown toenail.
 10. Halifax.
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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13)
 2. Speak No Evil (R)
 3. Am I Racist? (PG-13)
 4. Deadpool & Wolverine (R)
 5. Reagan (PG-13)
 6. The Killer's Game (R)
 7. Alien: Romulus (R)
 8. It Ends with Us (PG-13)
 9. The Forge (PG)
 10. God's Not Dead: In God We Trust (NR)
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E-B sweeps boys races at Dale Donner Invite

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

WALNUT – Elmwood-Brimfield pulled off a sweep of both boys cross country races held last Saturday at the Dale Donner Bureau Valley Invite.

E-B won the 2.5-mile frosh/soph race with 50 points, placing five runners in the top 17. Freshman Kai Nelson was third in 14:58 to lead the Trojans.

Then E-B won the 3-mile varsity race in more impressive fashion, out-scoring runner-up Chillicothe IVC 59 to 102 on a traditionally slow course.

E-B put four finishers in the top 17: junior Aiden Faulkner (6th, 16:49), senior Reed Florey (7th, 16:50), senior Mika Nelson (9th, 16:54) and junior Darwin Herman (17th, 17:30). E-B's No. 5 runner was junior Garrett Webster (33rd, 18:13).

"It was nice to win both races," E-B Coach Gregg Meyers said.

Princeville's boys were fourth in the frosh/soph race and seventh in the varsity race with 210 points. Senior Tucker Sennett placed 16th in 17:29 to lead the Princes, whose other scoring runners were junior Taylor Hess (34th, 18:17), senior Matthew Bowers (42nd, 18:45), senior Luke Graham (66th, 19:36) and senior Austin Carruthers (79th, 20:11).

"We had our team split between the two boys races, but I thought we held our own nicely in each race," Coach Jeremy Melick said.

In the girls race, sophomore Bethany Sennett was the top local finisher, placing 11th in 20:24.

"As she often does, she ran a smart race, going out under control and moving up as the race progressed,"

Melick said.

The E-B girls placed sixth overall with 185 points. Sandwich won with 92 points.

E-B had four freshmen and a sophomore in its top five. Bristol Schmidgall (25th, 21:41) led a pack of three first-year E-B runners that included Mya Hill (26th, 21:42) and Riley Kelly (27th, 21:47). Other scoring runners were sophomore Callie Wight (59th, 24:15) and freshman Ashlyn Bertsch (78th, 25:13).

Elmwood is off until the Prairie-land Conference meet on Oct. 1 at Farmington. Princeville is at the Kewanee Boiler Invite on Saturday.

• **Elsewhere** – ROWVA-Williamsfield was to run Tuesday at Baker Park Golf Course in Kewanee and on Saturday at the Augustana College High School Invite at Saukie Golf Course in Rock Island.

ALL-SPORTS ROUNDUP

Brimfield boys, Elmwood girls win at Maple Lane CC

ELMWOOD – The Brimfield boys golf team topped Elmwood and Illini Bluffs on Monday in a match at Maple Lane Country Club. Brimfield shot a 155 to 198 for Elmwood and 200 for IB.

Kaeden Schatsiek and Westin Smith tied for medalist honors with rounds of 38. Other scoring golfers for Brimfield were Nick Hainline (39) and Dane Fagerburg (40).

Rory Conklin (46) led Elmwood, whose other scorers were Kuper Bolton (48), Karsyn Bolton (51) and Quinton Johns and Logan Howard (53s).

Elmwood's girls shot 210 and were led by Addi Powers (50), Emily Anderson (52), Addi Thrasher (53) and Brielle Putney (55). Illini Bluffs won with a 208.

Brimfield shot 217 behind Sara Finn (45), Annabelle Reimer (49), Camden McCoy (55) and Sophia Gordon (59).

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield:** The Cougars' boys golf team dropped consecutive matches for the first time this year.

On Sept. 19, Illini Bluffs topped R-W, 159-161, on the par-36 front nine at Oak Run Golf Course. Mason Sornberger led the Cougars with a 38, Preston Lafary shot 39, Kaden Dewitt fired a 42 and Evan

Cramer carded a 42 for his best round of the year, capped with an eagle on No. 9.

The R-W boys lost to Geneseo on Sept. 17 at Oak Run, 161-164. Landon Hannam was medalist with a 38, Sornberger shot 41, Lafary 42 and Cramer 43.

The Geneseo girls won 173-215. Bella Dennis led R-W with a 49. Other scorers were Ella Erlacher (53), Lauren Johnson (56) and Addison Courtright (57) and Ava Johnson (57).

• **IESA baseball:** The championship of the Brimfield Class 1A baseball regional will be Saturday,

Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. at the Brimfield Sports Complex.

In the semifinals Wednesday, top-seed Princeville was to face the winner between Peoria St. Vincent de Paul and Galva, while No. 2 seed Brimfield met Peoria Christian.

Elmwood is seeded No.

7 in a Class 2A regional at Green Valley and Williamsfield is a No. 5 at Carthage, where Farmington is seeded No. 7.

• **IESA softball:** Princeville lost to Cambridge, 8-1, on Sept. 17 in an IESA Class 1A regional final held at Brimfield.

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NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Jeffrey Clarke; Cynthia Clarke; Westwood Homeowners Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS

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UNDEFEATEDS: E-B aiming to get better on defensive assignments

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plosive spread offense.

"The physical part is not a problem," Hollis said. "We just need to get better with our assignments. We've got to get some stuff figured out on defense."

One factor that could help the Trojans D prepare for Farmington's aerial attack is that E-B has faced teams with running quarterbacks and passing attacks the past three weeks.

The Farmers also stand to receive a boost from the return of junior Miles Addison, who is expected back after missing two weeks with a knee injury. Addison spent his freshman year at Elmwood before transferring and offers a strong presence at running back and linebacker for the Farmers.

Addison complements Logan Utt, who leads the Farmington rushing attack with 289 yards. The third threat to run is quarterback Lane Wheelwright, who has 173 yards on the ground to go with 1,034 passing yards. Wheelwright has completed 48 of 73 attempts with 14 TDs and four interceptions.

E-B counters with a potent running attack led by seniors Bo



Farmington senior Cole Passmore had a busy last week. In addition to being Homecoming King and riding with Queen Abbie Ackers (above) in the parade, Passmore helped the Farmers hold Bureau Valley to one score in a 54-6 win. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

Windish and Matthew Glenn. Windish has run for 840 yards and 14 scores on 70 carries, good for 12 yards per carry. Glenn has 766 rushing yards and 11 scores on 71 carries for 10.8 ypc.

"It's not very often you have two guys on the field who can break one," Hollis said. "And both of those guys have shown they can run through some tackles and then be gone. They're both 4.6-second-40 guys."

Windish ran for 293 yards and

five touchdowns against St. Teresa and also hauled in a 39-yard touchdown pass from quarterback CJ Ramirez.

"The Windish kid is obviously a really good back, but I think he's an even better defensive player," Vallas said.

Worth noting is that Ramirez is a perfect 9-for-9 passing so far for 131 yards and two scores.

Glenn added 153 yards rushing and scoring runs of 40 and 41 yards against St. Teresa.

E-B had a scary moment in Decatur when senior linebacker JT Good was hurt after colliding with a St. Teresa wideout and teammate Jonnie Lance. Good remained down on the turf field until an ambulance finally arrived 40 minutes after the collision. Though he is in concussion protocol, Good attended school this week in Elmwood.

Hollis said St. Teresa is unable to assure ambulance service during its games.

"It shows you how lucky we are to be here," Hollis said, praising BYE Ambulance service for its attendance at games.

E-B started slowly against St. Teresa, yielding a 35-yard scoring run to quarterback Caiden Kernaghan and a 23-yard TD pass that kept the Bulldogs within 14-13 early in the second quarter. St. Teresa (1-3) finished with 359 total yards.

"I think that is the best team we've played this year," Hollis said. "Offensively they were probably the best. They put you in a bind and spread you out."

That's exactly what Farmington did against Bureau Valley (2-2, 1-1), though the Farmers also gave up an early score.

"We always give our thanks for

playing by giving up a touch-down early," Vallas said. "Then we buckle down a little bit."

Farmington buckled down plenty against Bureau Valley, holding the foes scoreless for the final 40 minutes.

On offense, Wheelwright passed for 215 yards and four touchdowns, one a 60-yard screen pass to Jack Gronewold and another a 38-yard bomb to Jerett Fauser. Gronewold and Fauser also had kick-return TDs and pose skill-position threats E-B has not seen this year.

"I thought the last two weeks we played pretty well, aside from slow starts," Vallas said. "We're playing better every week."

• Elsewhere - Macomb (4-0, 4-0) led 35-6 at halftime of its 48-22 win over West Hancock (0-4, 0-3), which scored twice late. Macomb had 311 yards rushing and passed for 47 yards. West Hancock passed for 236 yards. ... Nolan McClay ran for 175 yards and three scores on 20 carries and Bo Laws ran for 102 yards and two TDs as Knoxville (1-3, 1-2) topped LVC (0-4, 0-3), 49-18. Knoxville led just 14-12 with four minutes left before halftime before a late score made it 21-12 at the break.

PRINCES: R-W laments 'way too many mistakes' in first half

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wasn't sure when. Allen snapped for one play against Knoxville, on a two-point conversion. That helped him acclimate a little to varsity action, he said. But on the opening drive against R-W, a bad snap resulted in a 12-yard Princeville loss.

"After that, I felt a lot more comfortable," Allen said.

So did Williams, who passed for 178 yards.

"I was a little nervous without Logan this week," Williams said about his fellow senior. "He takes a lot off my chest and makes a lot of pass calls. I think Cayden Allen did a great job."

Said Carruthers: "If you can't get the snap, you can't have this offense that we have."

That offense established itself following the first R-W drive, which ended with a lost fumble at the Princeville 16. Williams passed on eight of the ensuing nine plays, including a 6-yard touchdown to Brady Day with 9.1 seconds remaining in the quarter. The drive featured a 41-yard completion to Day.

Another R-W lost fumble, this one at midfield early in the second period, led to another Williams TD pass, this one for 17 yards to Jett Benningfield. With 10.6 seconds left in the half, they connected for another score, from 16 yards.

"We had a bad first half. Way too many mistakes," said R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand, whose team plays Friday (Sept. 27) at South Fulton. "We would have liked to score at least once in the first half. Hats off to them. They made us pay on our mistakes. That touchdown at the end of the half proved pretty costly."

R-W rebounded behind 12 second-half carries from senior Talan Hull. He ran 14 yards midway through the third quarter for the first R-W score, then caught an 11-yard pass from Drake DeJaynes at 9:50 of the fourth to cut the Princeville lead to one touchdown.

But on the next R-W drive, a penalty negated a 40-plus-yard Hull gain, then Princeville defender Hunter Johnson recovered a fumble. Seven plays later, with 3:24 remaining, Williams found Day in the end zone again to put the game out of the Cougars' reach.

Princeville travels Friday to Monmouth United. If Allen's number is called again, he said he'll be ready, although he still was riding high not long after the final horn last week.

"It feels amazing," Allen said. "I was so excited the entire time - my heart's pumping right now. I'm really happy that we won this. This is a huge game, a 3-0 team against a 3-0 team. Somebody's got to

lose." Through four games, Williams has completed 41 of 66 passes for 660 yards, 12 touchdowns and two interceptions. Johnson leads with 13 catches for 273 yards and four scores. Jack Lied is leading rusher, with 211 yards and three scores.

• Elsewhere - Stark County (4-0, 4-0) got three touchdown runs and 145 rushing yards from Nolan Orwig to roll to a 33-13 win at Havana. The Rebels

also got 93 passing yards and a 37-yard scoring strike from quarterback Dillon Steelman to Chris Barnwell. Havana lost two fumbles and tossed two interceptions.

• Rushville-Industry (3-1, 3-1) broke open a tight game with two scores in the fourth quarter and made all its conversion attempts, while Abingdon-Avon missed three in a 40-26 decision. R-I had three runners over 98

yards, Brady Downs (105 yards, two TDs), Ryan Reimolds (104, two TDs) and Jordan McGinnis 98, 1 TD).

• Annawan-Wethersfield (2-2, 2-2) led 35-0 at halftime in its 42-6 win over Monmouth United (0-4, 0-3). Devon Horrie ran for over 100 yards for the Titans, who also got two passing TDs from quarterback Maddox Heitzler.

"We finally played with some violence, trusted our keys and played fast," A-

W Coach Tony Gripp told the Kewanee Voice. "We still have everything to play for. We have to win to make the playoffs and we have to win to give our guys more opportunities to play that got injured early in the year."

• Illini West (1-3) topped South Fulton 44-20 for its first win of the season. Illini West led 30-8 at halftime. South Fulton got 119 rushing yards and three touchdowns from Avery Fawcett on nine carries.

SCOREBOARD

Elmwood-Brimfield 60	Bureau Valley 6 0 0 0 - 6
Decatur St. Teresa 29	Farmington 20 28 6 0 - 54
Elmwood-Brim. 7 27 20 6 - 60	Scoring Summary
Decatur St. Teresa 7 14 8 0 - 29	First Quarter
Scoring Summary	F - Fauser 38 pass from Wheelwright (pass failed)
First Quarter	BV - Hartz 79 run (pass failed)
St.T - Kernaghan 35 run (Sutton kick)	F - Fauser 84 kickoff return (pass good)
EB - Windish 67 run (Grunow kick)	F - Wheelwright 10 run (pass failed)
Second Quarter	Second Quarter
EB - Glenn 40 run (Grunow kick)	F - Wheelwright 37 run (pass good)
St.T - Davis 23 pass from Kernaghan (pass failed)	F - Lambin 40 pass from Wheelwright (pass good)
EB - Windish 5 run (Grunow kick)	F - Gronewold 60 pass from Wheelwright (pass failed)
EB - Windish 70 run (Grunow kick)	F - Gronewold 79 punt return (pass failed)
St.T - Willcut 21 pass from Kernaghan (Kernaghan run)	Third Quarter
EB - Windish 39 pass from Ramirez (kick failed)	F - Fleming 3 pass from Wheelwright (pass failed)
Third Quarter	Team Statistics
EB - Windish 62 run (Grunow kick)	BV F
EB - Windish 36 run (Grunow kick)	First downs 7 11
St.T - Kralik 25 run (Kernaghan run)	Rushes-Yds 37-188 17-133
EB - Glenn 41 run (pass failed)	Yds per carry 5.1 7.8
Fourth Quarter	Comp-Att-Int 3-12-1 11-13-1
EB - Kline 1 run (kick failed)	Passing yds 25 215
Team Statistics	Fumbles-lost 3-3 0-0
EB ST	Individual Statistics
Rushes-Yds 38-399 42-146	Rushing - F: Wheelwright 16-43, Utt 5-47, Fleming 1-3, Smith 1-17, Rook 1-27, Haroldson 3-(minus-4).
Yds per carry 13.1 3.5	Passing - F: L.Wheelwright 10-13-1. 215
Comp-Att-Int 2-2-0 14-26-0	Receiving - F: Gronewold 1-60, Lambin 2-40, Crawford 2-40, Fauser 1-38, Smith 4-19.
Passing yds 52 213	Tackles - F: Fauser 5, Crusen 4.5, J.Martin 4, Passmore 4.
Individual Statistics	Princeville 26
Rushing - EB: Windish 14-293, Glenn 9-153, Ramirez 1-3, Johnson 3-8, Kline 5-8, Alger 2-2, Estes 4-32.	ROWVA-Williamsfield 14
Passing - EB: Ramirez 2-20 52.	Princeville 7 13 0 6 - 26
Receiving: EB: Windish 1-39, J.Burkitt 1-13.	ROWVA-Will. 0 0 7 7 - 14
Tackles - EB: Vazquez 9, Glenn 7, Lance 6, Windish 6, Hampton 6.	

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Macomb 4 0 4 0	Stark County 4 0 4 0
Elmwood-Brim. 4 0 3 0	Princeville 4 0 3 0
Farmington 4 0 3 0	Rushville-Industry 3 1 3 1
Bureau Valley 2 2 1 1	ROWVA-Williamsfld 3 1 2 1
Knoxville 1 3 1 2	Annawan-Weth. 2 2 2 2
Illini West 1 3 0 3	Abingdon-Avon 1 3 1 3
West Hancock 0 4 0 3	Havana 1 3 1 3
LVC 0 4 0 3	United 0 4 0 3
Last Week	South Fulton 0 4 0 3
Elmwood-Brim. 60, St. Teresa 29	Last Week
Farmington 54, Bureau Valley 6	Princeville 26, ROWVA-Will 14
Macomb 48, West Hancock 22	Stark County 33, Havana 13
Illini West 44, South Fulton 20	Annawan-Wethersfield 42, United 8
Friday, Sept. 27	Rushville-Ind. 40, Abingdon-Avon 32
Farmington at Elmwood-Brim, 7 pm	Illini West 44, South Fulton 20
Stark County at W. Hancock, 7 pm	Friday, Sept. 27
Knoxville at Bureau Valley, 7 pm	Princeville at United, 7 pm
Breese Mater Dei at Macomb, 7 pm	Stark County at W. Hancock, 7 pm
Saturday, Sept. 28	Abingdon-A. at Annawan-Weth., 7 pm
Illini West at LVC, 2 pm	ROWVA-Will. at South Fulton, 7 pm
Scoring Summary	Havana at Rushville-Industry, 7 pm
First Quarter	Rushes-yds 21-32 46-103
P - Day 6 pass from Williams (Athen kick)	Yds per carry 1.5 2.5
Second Quarter	Comp-Att-Int 16-24-1 5-11-0
P - Benningfield 17 pass from Williams (Athen kick)	Passing yds 178 67
P - Benningfield 16 pass from Williams (kick blocked)	Individual Statistics
Third Quarter	Rushing - P: Christianson 7-21, Geiger 8-18, Williams 6-(minus-7). R-W: Hull 16-75, Cordle 17-74, Schroeder 1-1, Traphagan 1-(minus-4), DeJaynes 11-(minus-43).
R-W - Hull 14 run (Miller kick)	Passing - P: Williams 16-24-1 178.
Fourth Quarter	R-W: DeJaynes 5-10-0 67, Hull 0-1-0 0.
R-W - Hull 11 pass from DeJaynes (Miller kick)	Receiving - P: Day 3-53, Blunier 5-49, Benningfield 5-41, Johnson 3-35.
P - Day 6 pass from Williams (pass failed)	R-W: Traphagan 1-28, Hull 3-27, Cordle 1-12.
Team Statistics	Tackles - P: Sarnes 13.
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ROWVA-Williamsfield second at own volleyball tournament

By PHIL JOHNSON

For The Weekly Post

After placing second at its own tournament on Saturday, the ROWVA-Williamsfield volleyball team dropped a match to Kewanee Wethersfield on Monday.

R-W (8-5) lost 25-21, 25-16 to its Lincoln Trail Conference foe on Monday at home. Sawyer Secrist recorded three kills, two blocks and five digs. Riley Smith tallied three kills. McKenzie Jones served two aces. Tori Trotter assisted on eight scores.

R-W went 3-1 at its tourney, opening with a three-set win over Stark County. This was followed by a three-set win over Farmington then a three-set victory over Quad Cities Christian of Moline.

Mendon Unity then swept the hosts. Secrist scored 36 kills in the tourney. Smith tallied four aces and Olivia Cokel blocked four. Trotter collected 23 digs and 80 assists in the tournament.

The Lady Cougars picked up a comeback 19-25, 25-22, 25-20 LTC win at West Central on Sept. 18. Secrist had a strong evening, with 15 kills and 12 aces. Addison Byrd defended with three blocks. Ella Rigg led in digs and Trotter led in assists, with 18.

R-W beat Elmwood on Sept. 16, 21-25, 25-14, 25-20. Secrist tallied 13 kills and three blocks. Rigg came up with eight digs. Trotter collected five digs and three aces. Haven Manning added five digs.

The Lady Cougars are at LTC foe Stark County today.

• **Brimfield** – Brimfield (13-1) went to Prairieland rival Farmington on Monday for a 20-25, 25-21, 25-21 win.

The Lady Indians swept Kewanee Wethersfield 25-19, 25-22 at home last Thursday. Chloe Fabry

was key in the win with 12 kills, eight digs and two aces. Ava Heinz blocked three and also had two ace serves. Kylie Frail racked up 13 assists in the win.

Brimfield is at Illini Bluffs today, Sept. 26, for an ICAC matchup.

• **Elmwood** – The Lady Trojans (7-15) came up just short in two close sets to Havana. Cheyenne Burge scored nine kills. Gianna Ramirez picked up four kills in the effort.

“It was an off night for us. Monday games are not our best,” Coach Chelsea Brown said.

The Lady Trojans went to South Fulton on Sept. 17 for a comeback win 21-25, 25-13, 25-13.

Burge scored on 12 kills. Ramirez added five kills. Wren Kellenberger served four aces. Payge Ryan had three aces and led the team in assists.

“With a few close losses, we are glad to get another win under our belt,” Brown said. “The girls continue to work and we are getting better with our coverage.”

Elmwood fell to R-W 25-21, 14-25, 20-25 Sept. 16 on the road. Sami Centers and Burge were ace leaders. Burge also led the team in kills with 10. Ramirez and Kellenberger each scored on four kills.

EHS is home today vs. North Fulton.

• **Farmington** – The upset-minded Lady Farmers (10-9) took the first set from red hot Brimfield, 25-20, on Monday but lost the next two, 25-21, 25-21.

Alayna Keefer had a big

night for the Lady Farmers with nine kills, three aces, six assists and 10 digs. Kayleigh Toombs had 10 blocks.

FHS won three of four matches at the ROWVA-Williamsfield Invite on Saturday. Sweeps over Quad City Christian and Annawan to go with a three-set advantage over Stark County were the wins. The loss was in three sets versus the hosts.

Izzy Lynn and Keefer led the team in kills with 14 apiece. Claire Hanlin paced Farmington with seven ace serves. Toombs recorded eight blocks. Keefer collected 31 assists. Hanlin had 17 digs.

The Lady Farmers lost at Macomb 25-13, 25-9 on Sept. 17. Keefer tallied four kills and two assists. Hanlin dug six and recorded two assists. Lynsey Shriber and Ava Essex each collected one ace.

Next up for Farmington is a Prairieland trip to South Fulton today.

• **Princeville** – The Lady Princes (6-13) got the best of Abingdon-Avon 25-16, 25-20 on the road on Monday.

Sahara Streitmatter recorded six kills. Harper Francis blocked two. Mazie Streitmatter assisted on 18 scores.

PHS went 2-2 at the ROWVA-Williamsfield Invite on Saturday. Losses were to Annawan in two sets and to Mendon Unity in three sets. Wins came over Galva and Stark County.

Francis had nine kills and three blocks in the opening match. Against

Mendon, Jameson McGinn scored on eight kills. Mazie Streitmatter served four aces against Galva. McGinn came back with eight kills versus Stark County.

“Mazie Streitmatter was outstanding, with 59 assists in the four matches,” Coach Ashley Lauber said.

The Lady Princes lost to Hartsburg-Emden 25-17, 25-18 on the road last Thursday. McGinn and Claire Sutherland scored on three kills. Carly Cox also collected three kills to go with three ace serves.

Francis blocked three and dug out five in the contest.

Princeville came up short at Henry 25-20, 25-19 in a nonconference contest on Sept. 17. Francis tallied four kills, three blocks and

two aces. Sahara Streitmatter served for two aces. Mazie Streitmatter had two aces and 12 assists.

PHS is next at Galva for a Lincoln Trail meeting on Monday.

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Battle of unbeatens

Farmington has won 8 in a row vs. E-B

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

As with any rivalry, every meeting does not produce a classic. This one looks like it could be, though.

Friday's 7 p.m. showdown at Whitney Field in Elmwood pits undefeated Farmington and Elmwood-Brimfield football teams separated by just seven miles, but much more in offensive playing styles.

Both teams won easily last week, E-B outscoring Decatur St. Teresa 60-29 and Farmington celebrating homecoming with a 54-6 rout of Bureau Valley.

Both teams are 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the Lincoln-Land Conference large division. Farmington is ranked No. 2 in Class 2A while E-B last week received votes in the 3A poll.

And after a decidedly one-sided run of Farmington success in recent seasons, last year's contest

was an exciting one, with the Farmers forced to rally to win, 30-26.

The game being that close last year was unexpected. Not this time.

While the Farmers have won eight straight dating back to 2016, Friday's clash has more of the feel of epics like the 77-64 E-B win in 2015 or the 2013 and 2016 seasons, when the Farmers followed tight regular-season wins with playoff victories.

There is a buzz in both communities this week, and not just because the Illinois Route 78 viaduct has reopened.

"I think it's going to be exciting, yeah," E-B Coach Todd Hollis said. "It's great for small schools and great for the atmosphere."

"I think it's going to be a good game," Farmington Coach Toby Vallas said.

"These two groups of guys are really good friends. And I think that makes for a healthy rivalry. If there's

Did you know?

Farmington is 11-4 against Elmwood-Brimfield since the teams resumed their rivalry in 2010-11.



Elmwood-Brimfield running back Bo Windish has run for 840 yards and 14 touchdowns on 70 carries. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

two people you never want to beat you, it's your worst enemy and your best friend."

So who will win?

Comparing scores shows the squads have performed similarly against like foes. E-B actually averages

more points per game (53.5 vs. 47.3) but is also yielding more (26.3 vs. 13). And the Trojans have given up big-play scores in every contest, something that could be a problem against Farmington's ex-

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Princeville makes R-W pay for errors

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

ONEIDA – When opportunity knocked, Cayden Allen answered. So did his Princeville football teammates.

The Princes took full advantage of ROWVA-Williamsfield mistakes Sept. 20 to beat the hosts 26-14 in a showdown of undefeated teams. Princeville (4-0) went to 3-0 in the LincolnLand Conference small-school division to take sole possession of second place, one game behind Stark County.

Quarterback Jake Williams passed for four touchdowns, including three to cap drives that resulted from R-W turnovers.

The final one, a fumble at the R-W 42-yard line, came with about five minutes left in the game as the Cougars (3-1, 2-1) trailed 20-14 and were trying to extend second-half momentum.

"Coming over here and pulling out a win like this, this is a statement game for our kids," said Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers, whose team led 20-0 at intermission.

"I knew at halftime it was going to end up being a close game," he said. "(R-W) did a good job making some adjustments. It was some adversity our team hasn't faced. They stepped up for it."

In his first varsity start at center, sophomore Allen was among those stepper-uppers. Usual starter Logan Olshawsky sustained a knee injury the previous week toward the end of the Princes' 48-19 victory over Knoxville. Olshawsky is expected to return, although Carruthers

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