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Trump favored by 59% of Weekly Post voters in Peoria County

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

Peoria County voters in The Weekly Post circulation area cast their ballots in favor of Donald Trump during the Nov. 5 general election.

In the 18 precincts where The Weekly Post is significantly circulated, voters favored Trump over Vice President Kamala Harris by a 5,753-3,995 margin. So Trump received 59% of the votes cast for one of the two main candidates for the presidency.

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There were also hundreds of ballots that included no vote for president, as well as votes for other candidates, most notably Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Official results with precinct

breakdowns were not yet available online for Knox and Fulton counties. Peoria County results by precinct can be found at peoriaelections.gov under the Elections & Voting tab at the top of the page. The official precinct results for Peoria County were uploaded on Nov. 19.

The closest race among area precincts was in Elmwood Township 2, which includes that portion of the City of Elmwood west of Magnolia Street and north of West Main Street until it

meets the Brimfield Township 1 precinct.

In that Elmwood precinct, Trump topped Harris by only 197-165 votes, winning 53.53% of the votes cast.

The next closest vote was in Limestone Township 1, where Trump received 53.87% to 44.14% for Harris.

The largest margin of victory for Trump was in Akron Township 1, where he received 73.96% of the vote. Akron 1 is east of North Mendenhall Road

to North Hakes Road and from West Hicks Hollow Road north to the county line.

The next largest margin for Trump was in Jubilee Township 1, where he earned 72.12% of the ballots cast. That precinct is from Maher Road west to Mendenhall Road and roughly from Brimfield-Jubilee Road north to just north of Parks School Road, except for a portion from North Shane Road east to Jubilee College State Park and north of U.S. 150.

72-year sentence

Packed court sees Artis sent to prison for murdering Princeville woman

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

PEORIA – Walter Artis Jr. claimed he always was around for the two children he had with Alexis Boland before he shot her to death.

Now, after several delays in sentencing, Artis probably never again will see his kids in any setting other than a penitentiary.

Artis received a 72-year state-prison sentence Nov. 20 for the April 2023 murder of Boland, 22, of Princeville. Artis, 28, of Peoria pleaded guilty in September to forcing his way into a Dunlap-area apartment and shooting



Artis

Boland at least twice with a handgun. He was arrested later that day in Morton.

The sentencing by Peoria County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Gorman culminated a 45-minute hearing in a packed courtroom. The hearing was streamed on video to another room, to accommodate an overflow crowd of Boland supporters. A row or two of Artis family members also attended.

Artis had no prior criminal convictions in Peoria County, but Gorman showed him little mercy. The maximum sentence was 75 years. Artis is not eligible for parole. He can appeal his sentence.

"Every single person sitting in this room has been adversely affected by Mr. Artis' conduct on April 10
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NEW PARK



Walnut trees, honeysuckle bushes and multiflora rose bushes can be found in abundance in a 13.6 acres of timber the City of Elmwood is buying in hopes of creating a walking trail.

Elmwood buying timber

By **MOLLY RICHESON**
and **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The City of Elmwood has agreed to purchase nearly 14 acres of timber for a new park.

During its Nov. 19 meeting, the Elmwood City Council voted 3-1 to approve a purchase agreement with Harry McFall

III for timber ground located north of Maple Lane Country Club, bounded by Illinois Route 78 on the west and Illinois Route 8 on the north.

Walnut trees, honeysuckle and multiflora rose are abundant in the parcel.

"We'd like to cut trails in there for walking and hiking or even
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Levy rising

Brimfield school levy may rise 9.32% over last year

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Increased property values are leading to increased Brimfield School District property-tax revenues. They're also leading to increased taxes for district property owners.

The district's proposed property-tax levy is \$6,052,347, an increase of 9.32% over the previous year. That is expected to add \$195 to the tax bill for a house valued at \$150,000, according to Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones.

A state-mandated truth-in-taxation hearing is to be held when the Brimfield School Board meets Dec. 18. Any levy increase of 5% or greater triggers the hearing.

During a board meeting Nov. 20, Jones said the tentative levy is designed to maximize revenues, based on an increase in the district's estimated equalized assessed valuation. The estimated EAV for this year is \$153,259,569, a rise of 8½%, according to
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TIMBER: City tax levy will increase 4.8% for 2024

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biking and leave it a natural area," Elmwood Mayor JD Hulslander said.

Hulslander said the purchase agreement is either for \$200,000 and an allowance for owner McFall to harvest \$25,000 worth of timber, or for \$225,000 and the city retains rights to the timber.

Aldermen Andrew Almasi, Kenny Blum and Nathan Brunnelson voted in favor of the purchase. Bob Paige was the lone no vote. Aldermen Adam Duvall and Walt Avery were not at the meeting.

Any previous discussion of the land acquisition had



The City of Elmwood is purchasing nearly 14 acres of timber for a new park. In the picture above, the timber is to the left of Maple Lane Country Club.

been in closed session. Hulslander said he had a discussion with the state about Elmwood leasing or

buying an adjoining state right of way located along Route 8. Years ago, there was a roadside table on the state ground, which is now overgrown.

Hulslander said if the state is amenable, he would like to use that parcel for parking to access the trail. Hulslander said the city would handle maintenance of trails in the new timber land but gave no timetable for when trails will be developed.

Hulslander said the recently passed 2024-25 Elmwood city budget included a \$400,000 line item for the purchase of real estate.

He said the property could complement a walking path at the proposed

Community Wellness Center being planned across Route 8.

In other business, the council approved a 4.88% increase in the tax levy for 2024. This does not mean taxes are increasing by 4.88%, but that the amount of money the city will receive via property taxes has increased by 4.88% due mainly to a 3.05% increase in equalized assessed value of homes in the city and corresponding increases of 7.8% in TIF District 1 (Fairground Acres) and 11.1% in TIF 2 (downtown businesses).

The city is also making slight levy-rate increases for its liability insurance, IMRF and Social Security funds.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week's Hot Picks

- **Tree Lighting** – The Princeville Civic Association has its tree lighting and holiday stroll on Sunday, Dec. 1, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Stevens Square Park and downtown Princeville. Tree lighting is 4:30-5 p.m. and carol sing starts at 4:30 p.m. in Stevens Square Park. Several local businesses open for the event.
- **Open Houses** – Farmington CUSD 265 is holding open houses in the High School Research Center to discuss possible school enhancement projects on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m.

This Week's Events

- **Blood Drive** – The Apostolic Christian Church of Princeville has a blood drive on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 12:30-6 p.m. For appointments, call Denise Kieser at (309) 238-0769 or go online to redcrossblood.org.
- **Dog Show** – Peoria Obedience Training Club showcases its freestyle dog-team demonstrations at Brimfield Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.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

- **Christmas Concert** – Choral Dynamics has a North Pole Shenanigans concert to benefit the Williamsfield Area Food Pantry on Dec. 6-7 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at Galesburg's Orpheum Theatre.
- **Solemn Evensong** – Celebrate the season at a solemn evensong service Dec. 7 at 1 and 3 p.m. at the Jubilee College Chapel, 11817 W. Jubilee College Road,

Brimfield. Organist is Jonathan Giblin.

- **Craft Show** – Christmas holiday craft and gift show Dec. 7 at Millbrook Township Center in Laura.
- **Christmas Walk** – The Village of Brimfield has its annual Christmas walk on Dec. 7 from 5-7 p.m. Soup-and-sandwich supper at firehouse, live animals, wagon rides, email kraiborn@ring3.com to enter village-wide decorating contest. ... Elmwood's Christmas walk is Dec. 7, 3:45-6:45 p.m. downtown. Horse-drawn wagon rides, Christmas market for local artisans, holiday treats, businesses open and a free movie at The Palace Theatre.
- **Inflatable Fun** – Elmwood Kiwanis Club offers inflatables for kids and snacks at the Elmwood Township Community Center on Dec. 7, 4-7 p.m.
- **Community Luncheon** – The Union Church of Brimfield has a community luncheon on Dec. 10 at noon, serving meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, desserts and a drink. Cost \$7.
- **Cookie Walk** – The Union Church of Brimfield has a cookie walk on Dec. 14, 8:30-11 a.m. Cookies \$7, candy \$8.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Sunny	Sunny	Partly Sunny	Sunny	Cloudy
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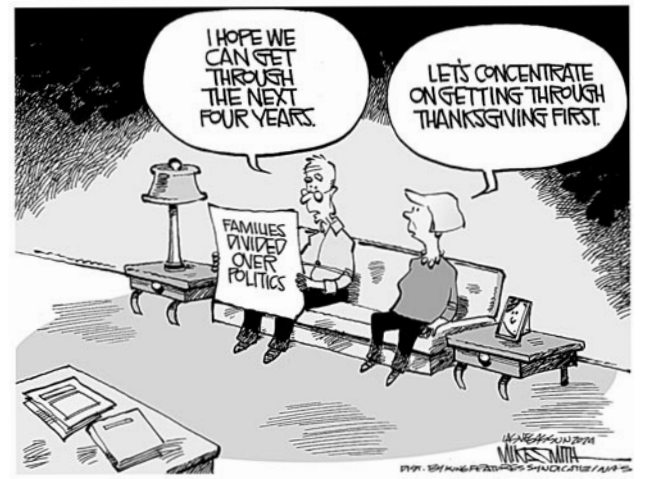
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GUEST VOICES



Donald Trump ready for his second act

Every pre-election poll for the U.S. presidential race saw it as a too-close-to-call nail biter. Not one predicted the sweeping victory posted by former and future President Donald J. Trump. How did all miss the coming rout?

And rout it was. Trump swept all seven of the swing states, a feat no candidate had pulled off in the six presidential elections this century. Also, few national candidates this side of Franklin Roosevelt dominated the rural vote like Trump. He crushed challenger Vice President Kamala Harris by a bruising 63-to-36%.



Alan GUEBERT

Given the size of the win and its deep roots in rural America, the second act of a President Trump – if he carries through on his campaign's incendiary promises – will deliver much uncertainty, even chaos, to U.S. agriculture.

That's especially true for two of his promises: deportation of undocumented immigrants and steep tariffs on imported goods. Both are as anti-Big Agbiz as anything any politician, Democrat or Republican, has ever suggested.

First, deportation. It is estimated that 70% of all food served in American homes and restaurants passes through undocumented migrant hands somewhere on its way from American farms or ranches to our

plates. According to immigration experts, a massive deportation program on the order suggested by the president-elect would be a logistical tarpit: too few officers to locate the undocumented laborers, too little transportation to move detainees and too much money to implement.

Current estimates suggest the most effective White House plan would deport "1 million undocumented immigrants ... per year ... at a cost of more than \$96 billion." At that rate, it would take over 10 years and \$1 trillion to carry out the Trump plan.

Meanwhile, a government-caused labor shortage in agriculture, construction and other service industries would cut U.S. economic growth by an estimated 4.2 to 6.8% over the next decade while tax collections would drop by \$940 billion.

Next up, tariffs: President-elect Trump has been adamant that his "beautiful" tariffs will be paid by the exporting country (they won't), will grow U.S. employment (they never have) and not fuel retaliation by aggrieved trading partners (they will).

The last Trump tariff fight with China, for example, was extremely costly. U.S. farmers received "\$23 billion in trade payments to offset lost food and ag exports during the Sino-U.S. fight that ended in 2020," notes FERN.

If there is even a slim chance that farmers and ranchers could dodge another White House tariff program, it likely rests on whomever the re-elected president chooses as trade representative and as secretary of ag-

riculture. A trade rep or secretary with direct ties to agriculture might slow the Trump tariff train. A rock-ribbed political supporter, like Texan Ag Commissioner Sid Miller or Nebraskan Charles Herbster, however, could clear the tracks for more tariffs and more "market indemnification payments."

And, almost certainly, fuel today's already-sinking ag exports, a vital element in U.S. farm policy and key driver of farm income.

Also, a Trump-fueled Congress has the political horsepower to pass the stalled GOP Farm Bill, its \$30 billion in food assistance cuts and higher, more costly crop insurance reference prices. If Senate Democrats continue to hold out during any lame-duck session, the Republicans can simply wait until January to pass it without them.

So, too, the recently discussed, \$20 billion emergency farm-payments scheme. If Congress wants it, Congress can soon deliver it.

The opposite is also true: If the GOP-led Congress chooses to kill the Biden Administration's multi-billion-dollar climate-change plan, it's as dead as Caesar.

So is the idea that there are no second acts in American politics.

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BRIMFIELD: Board approves 5-year bus lease

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ing to district documents. The increase the previous year was 5¼%.

“In my short time here, I realized last year and this year we weren’t capturing all the dollars available to us because we weren’t maxing out the various (budget) funds with the rate we had,” said Jones, who began work in Brimfield in July 2023.

Jones said the district might have been leaving as much as \$265,000 on the table each year by not requesting the full levy amount available.

Mark Bell was the only board member present who voted against the tentative levy.

“My preference would be to kind of do what we’ve been doing and not raise it,” Bell said. “Everything we’ve wanted to do, we’ve been able to do and able to afford.”

In other business, the board authorized a five-year lease with Central

States Bus Sales, Inc., of Oswego for eight new 71-passenger buses and one 2023 24-passenger lift bus. Total annual cost is \$239,463.46.

The district’s current bus provider, Midwest Transit Equipment of Kankakee, proposed to charge about as much, according to Jones. But additional features on the Central States buses, including outside luggage storage, made them preferable.

“Sports teams take three bags per person, and it fills up a 70-passenger bus pretty full,” said Matt Cox, the district transportation coordinator.

Either option was more expensive than the current deal, according to Jones. Bus delivery is expected in June or July.

Next month, Jones is expected to provide details regarding the proposed construction of a bus barn east of the high school. Currently, the dis-

trict leases space to store its buses.

The board also affirmed a \$136,260 one-year renewal with Unland Insurance & Benefits of Pekin for various coverages, including workers’ compensation. The new contract is about \$3,500 cheaper than the previous one.

Also approved was a \$37,118.76 lease-to-buy arrangement with Bradford’s Inc. of Peoria for 28 laptop computers.

Regarding personnel, the board OK’d hiring Charles Sams as a high school boys basketball volunteer coach and Kenzie Sims as a high school girls basketball volunteer

coach. The board also authorized Jones to hire a maintenance worker/groundskeeper.

Board members were informed the grade school and high school received exemplary ratings on the Illinois State Board of Education 2024 report card. That rating, which both schools achieved for the second year in a row, is bestowed upon schools that perform in the top 10% academically statewide.

“To have that recognition is something that’s very hard to get,” Jones said. “To have it two years in a row, I can’t say enough about what we’re doing.”

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Competition for Princeville president position

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE — As Rick Pope sees it, a little competition isn't a bad thing.

A Princeville Village Board member, Pope is running against Village President Jeff Troutman in the 2025 municipal election. Both men filed petitions for that office, which will be on the ballot for the election April 1. Troutman will be seeking his third four-year term.

Pope said his decision to run against Troutman is nothing personal. But he suggested Princeville voters should be offered more than one option for village president.

"Sometimes, change is good — new ideas, new methods," Pope said following the board meeting Nov. 19. "Sometimes, different ideas are good. Jeff's done a good job, but I figure there should be two choices."

Troutman was unopposed in his previous two races. In 2021, only 62 votes were cast in the village president race, a 7% turnout. In the same election, Pope won a four-year term on the board. In all, he has served on the board about six years.

If he wins in April, Pope said one of his goals would be to adjust contracts with the Peoria County Sheriff's Office regarding police protec-

tion in the village.

The Princeville School District and the village split the cost of a sheriff-supplied school-resource officer, something Pope said isn't common.

Usually, the school district pays the full cost. The Princeville school-resource officer can be available in town if needed.

Pope also said he would like to see a regular sheriff's-office presence in Princeville six days a week instead of five, as is the case currently.

"I'm not in it to rock the boat," Pope said. "I've known Jeff for 30 years. No hard feelings either way. Whoever wins, wins."

Pope's decision leaves no incumbent for one of three board seats available in 2025. Trustees Teresa Gilroy and Steve Potter have filed petitions to run, as have non-incumbents Branden Curtis and Spencer Wilson, accord-

ing to Village Treasurer Julie Delbridge. Village Clerk Sarah Cordis is unopposed.

The board meeting featured a light agenda and lasted only 12 minutes.

Approved were the 2025 board-meeting schedule and a resolution to close Illinois Route 91 between North and Spring streets between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1, for the Stevens Square Park tree lighting and holiday stroll.

Discussed without a vote was the 2025 tentative property-tax levy. The levy is to increase 4.9% from the previous year, according to Troutman. That is just below the 5% threshold that would necessitate a state-

required truth-in-taxation hearing.

The village budget is in line with the proposed levy, Troutman said. The levy is to be approved when the board meets Monday, Dec. 2.

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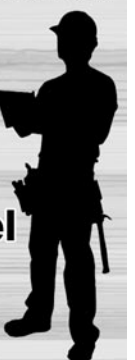
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New Billtown super plans to listen and learn

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post
WILLIAMSFIELD – David Mills admits he likes to talk. But during his initial year as Williamsfield School District superintendent, he said he intends to listen.

“I don’t know anything yet,” Mills said. “I need to learn as much as I can about this district, the people that work here, the students that attend here and the community that supports it. Once I know that, as day by day that gets stronger and stronger, I will be better able to lead this district.”

“I feel like I’m ready to go right now and completely capable. At the same time, the information, that’s the gap.”

Not much of a gap appears to be between Mills and the Williamsfield School Board, which on Monday night authorized his hire, effective July 1.

The 43-year-old Mills signed a three-year contract. The deal can be extended by up to five years, by mutual agreement. Mills is to be paid

\$146,000 in his first year. Future salaries are to be negotiated with the board.

Mills is in his second academic year as principal of Morrison High School. He spent five years as an elementary-school principal in Silvis and 11 years as a teacher and administrator in the Woodhull-based Al-Wood district.

The Billtown board interviewed three candidates in its second search for a full-time superintendent. Negotiations fell through with a candidate to replace Tim Farquer, who departed five months ago, so the board hired Rolf Sivertsen as an interim superintendent. His job ends June 30.

Board President Chad Goff said his colleagues and a stakeholders group of teachers, parents and residents came to the same conclusion regarding Mills. Goff cited Mills’ drive and communication skills as key factors.

“It was close, but we thought his personality fit our school better,” Goff said about what separated Mills from the other final-

ist. “We thought the community would probably respond better with him.”

“He’s a motivated individual, absolutely. I think we got a guy that’s going to be here for a while and that’s going to do a great job for the community.”

Mills resided in Galesburg while working at Al-Wood, so he said he was well aware of Williamsfield. One of his mentors, former AlWood Superintendent Shannon Bumann, suggested he apply.

“He was very positive about the district, the prospects here and my fit as well,” Mills said. “To come here, it just feels like the right thing to do within my career, short term and long term.”

“I would love to retire as the superintendent at Williamsfield. What that would mean is that we’ve been incredibly successful individually and collectively as a district, and that I’ve been successful here as well.”

A native of Lincoln, Mills graduated in 2005 from Illinois Wesleyan University, where he played football for a few years. He also received a bachelor’s degree from Illinois State University and administrative certification from Western Illinois University.

Mills and his wife, Angie, have four children – two in high school, one in seventh grade and one in fifth.

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II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$7,661,059. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$8,418,326 this represents a 9.88% increase from the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 were \$1,097,500. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 are \$1,096,250. The percentage decrease is 0.011%

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• **KICKAPOO** – An employee of a Kickapoo-area gasoline station was accused of stealing \$190 in Illinois Lottery tickets from it.

Matthew D. Ayers, 29, of Pekin was arrested regarding an incident that took place sometime before 9:30 a.m. Nov. 14 at Freedom Oil, 7200 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. Missing were \$100 in Cashfall instant tickets and \$90 in Super Bonus instant tickets, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Ayers was charged with two counts of theft and transported to the Peoria County Jail. In a separate case, he also was accused of failure to register as a sex offender.

• **EDELSTEIN** – A vehicle-train collision southwest of Edelstein resulted in two people transported to a hospital.

The crash occurred about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday on Illinois Route 90 near Anderson Road, according to the Illinois State Police. Injuries the vehicle driver and passenger sustained appeared to be non-life threatening, according to Peoria County Sheriff Chris Watkins.

Route 90 in that area was expected to be closed for at least two hours.

• **KICKAPOO** – A Princeville woman required a hospital visit following a single-vehicle accident north of Kickapoo.

Shortly before 10:15 a.m. Nov. 12, Stacy R. Mueller was driving a 2012 Chevrolet Traverse sport-utility vehicle south on Princeville-Jubilee Road at Beauview Drive when she lost control of the SUV on gravel.

Mueller overcorrected and the vehicle slid into a ditch and flipped, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. Mueller didn't note possible injuries, but an ambulance transported her to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria for evaluation. The vehicle sustained significant damage and was towed.

• **TRIVOLI** – A 16-year-old Galesburg girl was accused of drunken driving following a single-vehicle wreck south of Trivoli. She did not have a driver's license.

Shortly after 7:15 a.m. Nov. 7, the girl was driving a 2018 Ford Taurus west in the 16900 block of W. Smithville Rd. when the vehicle left the pavement to the north, hit a grassy embankment, became airborne and landed in a ditch, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

A witness said she did not see the accident but did see the girl asleep in the driver's seat afterward. The witness knocked on the window and the girl awakened. The girl admitted to drinking alcohol, the report stated. The lack of a driver's license is considered a petty offense.

The girl sustained a right-forearm bruise, a forehead hematoma and

abrasions from her shoulder to her stomach. An ambulance transported her to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. The vehicle sustained major damage to its front and rear and was towed.

• **DOUGLAS** – A man brandishing a large, pirate-style sword outside his Douglas residence was to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

The incident happened about 10:15 a.m. Nov. 4 in the 400 block of Third St., according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. A relative notified the sheriff's office after she had been unable to reach the 28-year-old man by telephone.

After deputies and the relative arrived, the man swung the sword forcefully against a metal handrail outside the residence. A small dent in the front bumper of the man's Chevrolet Blazer was attributed to a minor traffic accident the previous night in Oak Hill.

BYE Ambulance transported the man to an unspecified Peoria hospital. The Illinois State Police affirmed a clear-and-present-danger restriction against the man.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – A Dahinda-area man stopped for speeding south of Williamsfield also had a revoked driver's license, according to authorities.

Shortly before 8:15 a.m. Nov. 4, Joseph C. Smith, 35, was driving an eastbound 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck that was traveling 70 mph in a 55-mph zone in the 2200 block of U.S. Route 150, a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated.

After a deputy gave chase, the pickup truck stopped on the shoulder and Smith moved to the back seat. The front-seat passenger, a 42-year-old Dahinda-area man, moved to the driver's seat. Smith said they changed seats because he knew it was a felony to drive on a revoked license, the report stated.

Smith is to appear Wednesday, Dec. 4, in Knox County Circuit Court in Galesburg regarding the revoked-license charge. He also was cited for careless driving and transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man who was kicked out of a local tavern also had an outstanding arrest warrant. Shortly after 8 p.m. Oct. 31, Farmington police responded to The Nickel Plate, 18 W. Fort St., regarding an intoxicated man beating on the back door to be let in after he had been expelled, according to a report.

A check revealed the man, 41-year-old Robert J. Rook, was wanted in Fulton County for failure to appear in court, on payable bond of \$2,500. Rook was transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown, where his blood-alcohol content was measured at .352. The legal limit is .08.

Rook then was transported to Graham Hospital in Canton for medical evaluation after jail personnel refused to accept him. Following the

evaluation, Rook was returned to jail.

• **PEORIA HEIGHTS** – An Elmwood man was arrested about two weeks after he apparently was involved in a domestic dispute in Peoria Heights.

A woman who resides in the 4000 block of N. Illinois Ave. said 27-year-old Christopher R. Coulter confronted her about 7:30 a.m. Oct. 31 in the parking lot of her apartment building. The woman had filed an order of protection against Coulter, per a Heights Police Department report.

Coulter banged on the woman's door when she went inside and threw something at a window, then drove away, according to the report. A Heights officer followed Coulter as he weaved through the north side of Peoria at high speed. Eventually, the officer lost sight of the vehicle.

According to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office, Coulter was taken into custody about 10:45 a.m. Nov. 13 at an unspecified location. He was accused of fleeing/attempting to elude an officer, reckless driving and violating an order of protection.

• **ELMWOOD** – Shortly before 11:45 p.m. Oct. 31, a 17-year-old Fairview boy was driving a southbound 2011 Ford F-250 pickup truck on Illinois Route 78 west of Elmwood when the vehicle struck a deer. Neither the driver nor his passenger, 49-year-old Randall J. Hartstirn of Fairview, was injured, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle was damaged beyond drivability and was towed. The impact killed the deer.

• **OAK RUN** – Shortly after 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29, Dane M. Hennenfent, 19, of Gilson was driving a 2005 Jeep Laredo north in the 1400 block of Knox Highway 12 south of Oak Run when the vehicle struck a deer. No injuries were listed on a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained disabling damage to its left front end.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Sonya S. Schrader, 47, of Princeville was arrested shortly before 10:15 p.m. Nov. 18 and accused of domestic battery/bodily harm, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – Chief James Robertson reported the following Williamsfield Police Department activity for October: one driving complaint and one speeding citation.

• **YATES CITY** – Chief Randy Benson reported the following Yates City Police Department activity for October: 11 reports, six traffic stops, one citation, six warnings and two open doors.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Nov. 3-9: domestic dispute, Dahinda; suspicious incident, Galva; animal in roadway, Williamsfield; automobile theft, Dahinda; fraud, Dahinda; custody dispute, Dahinda; suspicious incident, Dahinda.

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ARTIS: Prosecutor: 'He was himself that day'

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 14th of 2023, and the only person to blame for that is Mr. Artis," Gorman said in court.

"Mr. Artis went to the apartment he shared with Miss Boland with a gun," the judge said. "He hunted her ... shot her in the back and shot her again. And there's just no taking that back, Mr. Artis. There is nothing – nothing – that anyone, most certainly Lexi, could have done to deserve that. Period."

During the hearing, prosecutors said Artis abused Boland verbally and physically in the months and days before he shot her. They also accused Artis of plotting a post-shooting getaway, including fake identification and a flight departing from the Bloom-

ington-Normal airport.

Boland's father, brother and two sisters read victim-impact statements in court. Artis' sister and a family friend testified on Artis' behalf. But among the last to address the court publicly was Artis himself, who wore bright-orange, standard-issue Peoria County Jail clothing.

"As for the Bolands, I have no hatred in my heart," he said. "I love my kids. I was there for my kids. I was always there. I would never hurt my children. They mean the world to me. And I would die for my children."

Artis did not express regret, contrition or a motive for what he did to Boland. The 2019 Princeville High School graduate was attending Illinois Central College and working in a Peoria dental office.

"I'm free from my sins," Artis said. "You've got to forgive to be forgiven."

In their teary-eyed statements, Boland's closest relatives emphasized the need for justice, among other things. They also detailed their inner devastation. They said Boland's children, aged 4 and 5, awaken often in the night and cry for their mother.

"Each and every day, we wake up to the same nightmare, over and over again," sister Kaitlyn Boland said.

Boland's father, Fred Boland, referenced the multiple postponements Artis' defense received to review evidence. Among the postponements was Artis' sentencing, which was to take place Nov. 7.

"The emotional and financial toll this has taken on our family since Walter pulled the trigger has been

exhausting," said Fred Boland, who operates a Princeville plumbing business. "It has cost our family and his family hundreds of thousands of dollars while he sits there in jail.

"What Walter did is not fair to anyone. He has ruined so many lives."

Artis' sister Lakora Lloyd, who resides in Georgia, told the court there was occasional tension between her brother and Boland. But Lloyd said Artis was not in his right mind before the shooting.

Lloyd and Artis had spoken then by telephone, and she said he sounded joyful after he had been out all night with friends. When they spoke again a few hours later, Lloyd said Artis' demeanor had flipped. Artis was making animal noises and talking gibberish.

"He would have not done that to Lex," Lloyd said. "Even when they would get into it, he was not that type of person at all."

Prosecuting attorney Brian FitzSimons disputed that. In the days before Boland was killed, she requested an order of protection against Artis. FitzSimons said Artis cursed Boland, choked her and slammed her against a wall. Some of those actions took place in front of their children.

"This notion that his kids were the light of his life is nonsense," FitzSimons said. "This notion that he was just out of character that day is not true. His character is this: He is abusive. He is violent. He is homicidal. His attitude is, 'This lady's going to leave me? She's going to die.'"

"I'll disagree with his sister: He was himself that day."

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The event is centered around Stevens Square Park and the downtown to provide a social event for area residents and to support local businesses.

Local churches will lead a carol sing starting at 4:30 p.m. Santa will arrive at 5 p.m., just in time for the tree lighting. Once the trees are lit, participants will be encouraged to stroll through the lights in the square and in the downtown area.

The LME Library is open as a warming center and for restroom facilities. Library-goers can also visit the Fiber Arts Show going on until Dec. 14.

During the stroll, the Princeville Lions Club will be hosting a food stand featuring pork chops, pork burgers and hotdogs. The Masons will be selling donut holes, hot cider and coffee. Santa will be strolling through the square and will be available for photo ops.

Trail Life Troop will sell wreaths and will serve hot chocolate. The PCA will hold an ornament hunt with prize drawings including children's bicycles donated by Seneca Foods. Completed ornament-hunt forms can be returned at the LME Library until 6:30 p.m.

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Richard M. Bower

BRIMFIELD – Richard M. “Rick” Bower, 69, of Brimfield, passed away at 12:25 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria, Ill., surrounded by his loving family.

Richard was born March 19, 1955, in Monmouth, Ill., to Elwyn and Alice (Kinsey) Bower.

Richard married Karen Rickey on Oct. 15, 1976, at the United Methodist Church in Roseville. She survives.

Richard is also survived by two children, Michael Bower of Brimfield and Mindy (Justin) Lipes of Keokuk, Iowa; four brothers, Robert (Cindy) Bower, Ronald Bower, Randy (Selena) Young and Shane (Cindy) Young; one sister, Linda Wesley; three grandchildren, Parker, Paisley and Paxton; and many nieces and nephews. He had many friends who he loved to hang out with who were also an awesome support system.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter, Michelle Bower.

Richard had a few nicknames through the years, “Bristles,” “Bowie” and “Ricky.” Richard was a former President of the Jaycee’s in Brimfield. Over the years, Rick enjoyed coaching his son’s baseball team, riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and restoring his ’73 Cuda.

Rick spent many years working at Jim’s IGA in Roseville and Brimfield and most recently owned his own construction company. Rick never met a stranger and always made you smile with his jokes and humor.

A visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. Cremation rites will then be accorded. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to his grandkids’s college fund.

To view Rick’s video tribute or to leave online condolences, please visit oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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



Bower

Debra S. Morse

ELMWOOD – Debra S. Morse, 69, of Elmwood, Ill., passed away early on Nov. 18, 2024, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

She was born Feb. 10, 1955, in Peoria, Ill., to Keith and Betty (Maher) Morse. She graduated with honors from Elmwood High School in 1973 and from Southern Illinois University in 1976.

Debra worked at Arthur Andersen after college. She left there and worked for the post office in Hanna City, Elmwood and Canton until retiring in late 2020.

Debra always had a love for animals, especially horses and cats. She even owned a horse that she stabled in the family garage for a period of time.

She always had a thirst for knowledge and was an avid reader.

Debra is survived by her siblings, Raymond (Sally) Morse of Rochester, Minn., Arlan (Ronna) Morse of Ashburn, Va., Brian (Kate) Morse of Peoria and Tammy (Patrick) McCoy of Elmwood; 11 nieces and nephews; and several other relatives.

Memorials may be given to BYE Ambulance.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

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



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Edward S. Wyss

ROCKFORD – Edward Samuel Wyss, 92, formerly of Princeville and Watseka, passed away Nov. 16, 2024, at Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center in Rockford, surrounded by his daughters.

Ed was born on Oct. 12, 1932, in Princeville, Ill., to John and Minnie (Spahr) Wyss. He married Marilyn Peterson on Nov. 27, 1955, at the Presbyterian Church of Princeville. She passed away on April 22, 2024.

Surviving are two daughters, Kimberly (David) Deetjen of Naper-



Wyss

ville and Karen (Steven) Ippen of Madison, Wis.; four grandchildren, Marc Deetjen, Grace Walder, Kevin Ippen and Erin Ziebarth; six great-grandchildren, Luke Deetjen, Micah Deetjen, Rebekah Walder, Benjamin Ippen, Owen Ippen and Zoey Ziebarth; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife, Marilyn, he was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Richard, Kenneth and John (Jack); and one sister, Mardell Martin.

Ed graduated in 1950 from Wyoming (Ill.) Community High School. Ed and Marilyn were inseparable partners in all aspects and stages of life. Ed farmed most of his life, initially in Wyoming and for over 40 years near Watseka. Farming gave Ed incredible satisfaction involving his family and being part of “neighbors helping neighbors.”

He enjoyed working on his John Deere tractors and equipment. During seasonal slow periods, he worked in carpentry and at McDonald’s in the lobby, where he enjoyed talking to customers. After retiring to Princeville, he worked part time for German-Bliss Equipment, Inc., delivering parts to farmers and other customers. He loved farming and loved to talk with them about it.

Ed committed his life to Jesus at a Billy Graham crusade in 1971 and since then lived as a witness for Christ, reading his Bible regularly, listening to and praying for those who were hurting, and sharing his faith in Christ with his family and friends. He served in various church positions at several churches where he worshipped.

As a father, he was very involved with his daughters. In addition to his love of Christ, Ed instilled the love of sports and a dedication to hard work into his children with a motto of “never give up.” He loved gardening and was ready to share his expertise with anyone who was interested, and he delighted in sharing his vegetables with neighbors, passing the passion for gardening on to a daughter and granddaughter.

He loved talking about sports, especially the “Cubbies,” Cardinals, Illini and Princeville’s baseball team (he and Marilyn often watched from their back yard). Ed loved his sweets, saying “Never too many desserts!” as he took a piece of each, and then seconds of his favorite.

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disease, leading him to several different levels of care and facilities. Although his health declined, he remained a patient, kind man who was loved by all and will be truly missed. Even when he didn't have anything to give, his caregivers said he always "gave his smile."

The family is appreciative of all of the loving caregivers who helped Ed, especially Shanda and Sheila, in the Peoria area and Rockford and the wonderful staff at Health Care Center at Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center of Rockford.

Private burial was in the Princeville Township Cemetery. A celebration of life for relatives and friends will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at the Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center in Rockford.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions may be made at the memorial service or online to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (billygraham.org) or Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center (fairhaven.cc). Please note that if you make them online, the family may not be notified of your gift.

Vickie L. Johnson

PRINCEVILLE – Vickie Lynn Johnson, 70, of Princeville, passed away on Nov. 19, 2024, at Carle

Health Proctor Hospital in Peoria. She was born in Peoria on Nov. 30, 1953, the daughter of the late J. and Doris "Jeanie" (Barthell) Parker. On Jan. 15, 1999, she married Tommy D. Johnson. He preceded her in death on July 13, 2023.

Surviving Vickie is a daughter, Jennifer (Jon) Miller of Mackinaw; a brother, Doug (Judee) Parker of Canton; and a sister, Debbie (A.J.) May of Peoria. She was also preceded in death by a son, Christopher Floyd.

Following her naval career, Vickie worked as a nurse for many years.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Thomas L. Kennedy

FARMINGTON – Thomas Lee Kennedy, 85, passed away on Nov. 17, 2024, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, surrounded by family.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1939, in Peoria to Charles and Mildred (Athen) Kennedy. He married Betsy Hilton in Peoria on Dec. 28, 1962, and she passed away on Feb. 4, 1996.

Thomas was also preceded by his parents.

He is survived by his family, Charles Kennedy, Thomas Kennedy, Sean Kennedy and Dixie Miller; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thomas served in the United States Navy from November 1957 to March 1962. He worked for Caterpillar, Inc. as a foreman until his retirement in 1994.

To honor Thomas's wishes, a private graveside service will be held.

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Rodney Murk

EDELSTEIN – Rodney "Rod" Murk, 71, of Edelstein, died on Nov. 18, 2024, at his home.

He was born on April 25, 1953, to Edwin H. and Florence R. (Zuck) Murk in Galesburg. He married Julia Vollmar on May 4, 1991, in Galesburg.

Surviving are his wife of 33 years, Julia Murk of Edelstein; his daughter, Amelia Rose Murk of Edelstein; his son, Daniel Otto Murk of Dunlap; a sister, Rebecca Goss of Galesburg; and a brother-in-law, Don Adams of North Henderson. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Barbara Adams; and a brother-in-law, Jerry Goss.

Cremation will be accorded. Services were Nov. 24, 2024. A private committal service will be at a later date in Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens in Galesburg.

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1. Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word "thanksgiving" the most times at eight? Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah
2. In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? Adulterers, Sun worshippers, Renegades, Unthankful people
3. From Psalms 106:1: "O give thanks unto the Lord; for his _____ endureth for ever." Love, Good, Mercy, Spirit
4. From 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the _____ of God." Power, Will, Gratitude, Travail
5. From Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant
6. Where was Jonah when he prayed with the voice of thanksgiving? Fish's belly, Aboard ship, In the wilderness, Mountaintop
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Sun Worship: 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood
Reverend Marla B. Bauler
201 W. Evergreen Elmwood
(309) 742-2631
firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org
Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sun. School: 9:30 a.m.
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
802 W. Main St. Elmwood
(309) 742-4921
Sat. Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.
Tues. Mass: 8 a.m.
Tues. Confession: After mass.
United Methodist Church of Elmwood
Pastor James Pernell Sr.
821 W. Main St. Elmwood
(309) 742-7221
elmwoodumc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Youth Sunday School: 10 a.m.
FARMINGTON
Farmington Bible Church
Pastor Tony Severine
497 N. Elmwood Rd.
Farmington
(309) 245-9870
Sunday School: 9:30
Worship Service: 10:30
Farmington Methodist Church
Pastor Rick Atchley
187 W. Fulton St.
Farmington
(309) 245-4310

farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
Pastor Cindy Bean
83 N. Cone Street Farmington
(309) 245-2914
firstpresfarmington.com
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Live on Facebook also
Fellowship: 11:30 a.m.
New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God
Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
Farmington
(309) 231-8076
Sun. Worship: 10 a.m.
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.
PRINCEVILLE
Princeville United Methodist Church
Pastor David Pyell
420 E. Woertz Princeville
(309) 385-4487
princevilleumc@mediacombb.net
Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
Father Corey Kregiel
119 Saint Mary St. Princeville
(309) 385-2578
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.
Sun. Confession: 8-8:45 a.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.
Tues. Thurs. Sat. daily Mass: 8 a.m.
TRIVOLI
Brunswick Community Church
4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli

Pastor Terry England
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
(309) 403-4626
Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)
18015 W. Smithville Rd., Trivoli
Pastor Mark Schoenhals
Pastor Jay Johnson
(309) 696-1300
zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com
Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of month Worship: 8 a.m. with communion
WILLIAMSFIELD
St. James Catholic Church
Father Deogratias Mpewo
Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N
Williamsfield
(309) 446-3275
stjameswilliamsfield.org
Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 a.m.
Sun. Mass: 8:30 a.m., Still Open!
Williamsfield United Methodist Church
Pastor Zoila Marty
430 N. Chicago Ave.
Williamsfield
(309) 639-2389
Sun. School: during worship
Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 a.m.
Sun. Worship: 11 a.m.
YATES CITY
Faith United Presbyterian Church
Reverend Marla B. Bauler
107 W. Bishop St. Yates City
(309) 358-1170
Worship: 9 a.m.
Sun. School: 10:15 a.m.

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PRINCEVILLE CUSD 326 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS

SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually.
Individuals wanting to review this form should contact:

Princeville CUSD 326 **909 N Town Ave Princeville, IL 61559 7536** **309-385-2213** **8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
School District/Joint Agreement Name Address Telephone Office Hours

Also by January 15 annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2024

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	5,277,408	573,204	1,095,955	229,099	298,550	43,593	58,247	365,980	57,456
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	1,988,167	0	0	390,172	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	756,808	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		8,022,383	573,204	1,095,955	619,271	298,550	43,593	58,247	365,980	57,456
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		7,516,800	691,457	1,096,228	597,471	297,564	0	0	270,500	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2023		4,424,429	475,714	147,866	234,882	428,143	177,815	2,017,099	179,101	101,335
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2024		4,930,012	357,461	147,593	256,682	429,129	221,408	2,075,346	274,581	158,791
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2024		5,157,356	357,461	147,593	256,682	429,129	221,408	2,075,346	274,581	158,791

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000

Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999

(CONT.) Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999

Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999

(CONT.) Salary Range: \$90,000 and Over

Salary Range: Less than \$25,000
Arnett, John
Beutel, Kari
Bigger, Michael
Blunier, Carol J
Bohanan, Kacey
Bonomo, Like Yeng M
Bouton, Teresa L
Bridson, Devan
Brown, Clark
Davis, Diana J.
Emerick, Kayla
Fredell, June
Gardner, Becky S.

Givens, Erik E.
Haste, Jessica
House, Joseph C.
Kestner, Belle
Kielion, Jennifer J
McNeeley, Karyl A
Phelps, William R
Risinger, Morgan
Stoller, Luann
Streitmatter, Cynthia K.
Sullivan, Daniel P.
Vaughan, Kathleen
Waldis, Zachary.

Elsasser, Faith
Gammon, Ashley
Lynch, Natalie
Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999
Alvarado, Jessi
Barber, Lexie
Bauman, Jodee L.
Crose, Jada
Delbridge, Christopher S
Dial, Amy L
Dickinson, Lori
Ely, Breanna
Headley, Sonja M.
Huber, Jamie M.
Huss, Jennifer

Kestner, Maxwell
Klein, Elizabeth A
Koller, Lindsay
Lowery, Laura D.
Metz, Kahlia
Miller, Sara
Nordstrom, Devin A
Rich, Donald
Schoedel, Mary E
Simmons, Emily
Stahl, Samantha
Sudzynski, Shmouni
Urbanc, Roseanne
Williams, Bret
Zadrzynski, Malley

Blunier, Cody
Bosch, Anne E
Bosch, Stephen M.
Bushman, Sara L.
Campbell, Dawn M
Carruthers, Catherine A.
Carruthers, Jonathan C
Cox, Molly A
Dismang, Carol M.
Friedman, Kimberly N.
Grant, Monica L.
Kratzer, Barbara J.
Kratzer, Jeffrey L.
Lowery, Jake
Melick, Hilary K.
Melick, Jeremy D.

Mercer, Susan L.
Pipkins, Stacie M.
Sennett, Tait
Strebel, Tracy L.
Sutherland, Shannon
Twidwell, Lisa L.
Walcott, Laura
Walles, Erik H.
Williams, Susan L.
Salary Range:
\$90,000 and Over
Bayless, Julie L
Johnson, Anthony R
Shinall, Anthony
Thole, Richard P.

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000

(CONT.) Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999

Salary Range: Less than \$25,000
Arnett, Andrew
Baker, Kenneth L
Ballard, Matthew
Barrett, Debbie
Bayless, James
Baysingar, Hannah
Bird, Kimberly K
Bliss, Jessica
Bliss, Karen J.
Bowermaster, Rachel
Bowers, Carrie
Braker, Karen
Brumley, Lindsay
Cafferty, Dillon
Carter, Wendy
Casey, William
Caswell, Keyser
Catton, Julie
Coats, Callie Jo
Coats, Claude E.
Coats, Wren

Cobbs, Jesse
Connolly, Timothy P
Cowser, Aaron
Dallinger, Ashley
Dallinger, Brian B.
Dallinger, Michele
Delbridge, Amber
Dinkins, Jamie
Dominguez, Aliyah
Dye, Jacob
Edgington, Destiny
Ehnle, Kaitlyn A
Elsasser, Jean Michel
Feddericke, Brynne
Ford, Shona
Friedman, Eric
Fritzenmeier, Pamela
Fritzenmeier, Ted
Garcia, Lilianna
Gardner, Chad L
Geiger, Neleh
Greenway, Emma
Gross, John D

Guevara Koehl, Mirna
Hankins, James L.
Harmon, Rylan
Hartz, Christine M.
Herrmann, Raquel
Hohenbery, Kathy A.
Holt, Brian S
Horton-Meza, Jisela
Huss, Aidan
Janson, Ami D
Keyster, Geneva
Kirman, Cassandra
Knowles, George R
Koller, Angela
Krey, Tanna J
LaCorte, Jennifer
Lauber, Ashley
Lauber, Christopher
Lawson, Amanda
Lied, Heather
Long, Sara L.
Lopez, Dulce S
Lorentz, Aaron
Maher, Annie

Maher, Veronica
Martin, Craig C.
Martin, Tiffany
Menchaca, Denisse
Monahan, Ashley
Murphy, David L
Nauman, Janet K
Painter, Jacob
Peterson, Donald L
Pilon, Mark
Potter, Maeghen
Pulst, Erin
Rahn, Kamryn
Raine, Catherine H.
Reed, Ashley
Rice, Nathaniel A
Rice, Summer
Robbins, Andrew
Robbins, Cynthia
Rodriguez, Yolanda
Shibley, Rebecca
Sibley, Michelle
Smith, Brittany
Stahl, Kayli N

Stahl, Kennedy
Stahl, Robin
Stahl, Sierra
Trees, Kelly L
Trees, Lauren
Updyke, Sarah
Urbanc, Gregory
Venegas, Alyssa
Waldis, Mishona
Warren, Carolyn A.
Waters, Shereen M
Welker, Bruce E.
Willi, Dana A.
Wonders, Brian
Younglove, Stephanie
Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999
Brown, Randi
Clark, Breckon
Coats, Morgan
Givens, Deborah J
Hernandez, Alexis
Horton-Meza, Jesenia
Johnson, Tonya M

King, Linda
Picelli, Maresca
Rodriguez, Jennifer
Roger, Rudy R.
Shimmin, Melinda
Snyder, Elizabeth
Stahl, Angela C
Taylor, Leamond
Thole, Tracy
Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999
Baer, Carol A.
Baysingar, Stephanie L
Boland, Michelle
Brodine, Douglas L
Elwell, Kelly R.
Haste, Michele L.
Horton-Meza, Maria Luisa
Huffman, Daryll L.
Hunt, Katherine
Jenkins, Kelly A
Schierer, Wilbur

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
ACCIDENT FUND INS CO	32,782	EFTPS-CHICAGO	736,698	IXL LEARNING	10,921	PRINCEVILLE STATE BANK	107,075
Aeroseal Of Peoria	34,222	Emergencykits.com	4,679	JC DILLON	23,770	PUDEA	37,936
AG-LAND FS, INC.	64,529	EMS LIHQ INC	7,589	JESSI ALVARADO	2,820	Pure Fitness Innovations	25,620
AMEREN ILLINOIS	26,510	FIVE STAR WATER	2,753	KnowBe4	2,780	Realityworks	4,149
AMERICAN PEST CONTROL INC	3,240	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS	3,001	KNOX COMPANY	6,692	RIDDELL /ALL AMERICAN	11,562
Arrowhead Country Club	3,945	FRONTIER	20,146	KOHL WHOLESALE	94,761	ROE #17	2,550
AXA EQUITABLE LIFE INS.	108,905	GERMAN-BLISS EQUIP, INC	3,032	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATRLS	4,225	ROE 48 PEORIA	2,760
Axiom Human Resource Sol	4,520	GETZ FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	9,687	LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEM	26,762	SAM'S CLUB BUSINESS CREDIT	16,047
Barnes & Noble, Inc	4,056	GORDON FOOD SERVICE, INC	60,859	LIMESTONE HIGH SCHOOL	15,500	SANTANDER LEASING, LLC	203,081
BARTONVILLE SCHOOL	15,445	GORENZ AND ASSOCIATES LTD	20,830	LOCKER ROOM SPORTING GOOD	10,013	SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOC	468,798
BELL TECHLOGIX, Inc	5,538	HAPPY NUMBERS, INC	2,900	MATRIX TRUST COMPANY	9,450	TALLEY TECHNICAL SERVICES	40,350
BEVCHEM SOLUTIONS LLC	3,236	Heart East Peoria	16,684	MENARDS - PEORIA	5,465	TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE	60,586
Bob Lindsay Honda	39,427	HEART OF ILLINOIS	3,487	Midcenter Communications	7,235	TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	391,343
BRAINPOP LLC	4,841	HEART TECHNOLOGIES, INC	15,099	MILLER HALL & TRIGGS, LLC	37,506	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	58,235
BREEDLOVES SPORTING GOODS	3,075	HILARY MELICK	2,825	MOLLECK ELECTRIC CONTRACTORS	4,237	THOMPSON ELECTRONICS CO.	5,079
CARD SERVICE CENTER	76,719	Hollis Consolidated School District #328	19,151	NCS PEARSON, INC.	4,801	UMB Bank	695,963
CDW-G GOVERNMENT, INC.	73,035	HORACE MANN LIFE INSURANCE	14,088	OBERLANDER ELECTRIC	16,800	Unland Insurance & Benefits	102,929
CENTRAL IL EDUCATOR TRUST	972,285	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing	28,927	OFFICE DEPOT	4,842	Verizon	4,600
CENTRAL IL ELECTRICAL	5,145	IASB	11,466	Open Up Resources	2,850	VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE	23,681
CHASE	293,189	IDEAL ENVIRONMENTAL	3,150	PAPER 101	7,136	WARNER PLUMBING, INC.	4,225
COMMON GOAL SYSTEMS, INC	17,925	IL CENTRAL COLLEGE	19,243	PEORIA CO REGIONAL OFFICE	2,965	Wilson Language Training Corp	12,930
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY - GAS DIVISION	99,699	IL DEPT OF REVENUE	246,291	PEORIA COUNTY SHERIFF	46,817	XELLO INC	4,200
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC	20,348	IL MUNICIPAL RET. FUND	166,618	PEORIA HEIGHTS CUSD 325	14,100		
CORE Construction	141,455	ILLINI PLUMBING INC	24,395	PLS 3RD LEARNING	3,005		
D Joseph Construction	4,900	ILLINOIS SCHOOL OF THE DEAF	12,602	PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	19,594		
DIGITAL COPY SYSTEMS, LLC	39,507	IMPREST FUND-ADMIN OFFICE	4,081	PRINCEVILLE AUTOMOTIVE	4,785		
EB BUILDINGS & LUMBER CO	9,354	IMPREST FUND-HIGH SCHOOL	40,857	PRINCEVILLE CUSD #326	18,339		
		Itsavvy LLC	7,546	Princeville Prints	5,949		

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BRIMFIELD CUSD 309 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS

BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #309 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Brimfield Community School District No. 309 323 East Clinton St. Brimfield, IL 61517 309-446-3378 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. School District/Joint Agreement Name Address Telephone Office Hours

Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net. SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2024

Table with 11 columns: Local Sources, Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District, State Sources, Federal Sources, Total Direct Receipts/Revenues, Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures, Other Sources/Uses of Funds, Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2023, Other Changes in Fund Balances, Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2024, Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2024. Rows include Educational, Operations & Maintenance, Debt Services, Transportation, Municipal Retirement/Social Security, Capital Projects, Working Cash, Tort, and Fire Prevention & Safety.

Table with 6 columns: PERSONNEL, (CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000, (CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000, (CONT.) Salary Range: \$40,000.00 - \$59,999.99, (CONT.) Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999, (CONT.) Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999. Lists names of personnel such as HENSEL, ARELENE K, ZEMAN, NATALIE, HOSTERT, KELSEY D, DOUBET, JEANNETTE M., etc.

Table with 6 columns: CERTIFIED PERSONNEL, (CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000, (CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000, (CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000, (CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000, Salary Range: \$40,000.00 - \$59,999.99. Lists names of certified personnel such as FABRY, CAMRON, MENOLD, MALLORIE, SIMMONS, BRANDY N, etc.

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

Table with 8 columns: Person, Firm, or Corporation, Aggregate Amount, Person, Firm, or Corporation, Aggregate Amount, Person, Firm, or Corporation, Aggregate Amount, Person, Firm, or Corporation, Aggregate Amount. Lists various vendors and their payment amounts, such as 4IMPRINT, INC (\$3,382), EXPERTPAY (\$7,795), KELLY GLASS, INC. (\$21,678), etc.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-3
AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY OF
TAXES FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,
2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025,
OF THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE
SANITARY DISTRICT,
KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That, whereas, there was passed by the Board of Trustees of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, on August 19, 2024, and published in The Weekly Post, a newspaper of general circulation in said sanitary district on August 29, 2024, the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is in words and figures as follows:

See Attached Exhibit "A"
THEREFORE, there is hereby levied and assessed upon all property within the corporate limits of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, Knox County, Illinois, subject to taxation, as the same is assessed and equalized for the year, 2024, the sum of Four Hundred five thousand, and no/100 Dollars (\$405,000.00) for the following purposes.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND INVESTMENT BALANCES

Part I
GENERAL FUND

Anticipated cash balance	
7/1/24	\$1,295,490.00
Anticipated Taxes	405,000.00
Anticipated Sewer	
Use Fees	252,000.00
Loans and Grants	
Special Assessments	
Other income	65,000.00
Total estimated receipts for	
General Fund and	
Beginning Balance for	
General Fund	\$2,017,490.00

Part II

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
(Constituting the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025,
as provided in SECTION 3 of this Ordinance):

GENERAL FUND

A. Administration

1. Salaries	
a. Trustees	\$ 7,200.00
b. Operator	78,000.00
c. Payroll Taxes	29,000.00
d. Health Insurance	-
e. Accountant	28,000.00
f. Audit	-
g. Services Purchases	3,550.00
h. Legal Services	8,250.00
i. Contingency Fund	-
2. Insurance	13,500.00
3. Bonds	500.00
4. Misc. Administrative Expenses	6,750.00
Subtotal	\$174,750.00

B. Operational Supplies

1. Power (Electricity)	21,000.00
2. Materials & Supplies	9,000.00
3. Plant and Grounds	
Maintenance	61,150.00
4. Telephone	2,100.00
5. New Equipment	25,000.00
6. IEPA Fees	2,500.00
7. Contingency Fund	25,000.00
8. Interest Expense	11,500.00
9. Loan Payments	113,100.00
Subtotal	\$270,350.00

C. Engineering and Development Expenses

1. Exiting System	75,000.00
2. Future Improvements	1,497,390.00
Subtotal	\$1,572,390.00

Total

	\$2,017,490.00
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SECTION 2. That the Clerk of this said THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT be and he is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of Knox County, Illinois, on or before the last Tuesday in December, 2024, a copy of this Ordinance, duly certified by said Clerk.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage. PASSED The 18th day of November, 2024. APPROVED The 18th day of November, 2024.

/s/ Gerald Lichyer
President of the Board of Trustees of
The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District

ATTEST:
/s/ Daniel E. Dunn
Clerk of the Board of Trustees of The
Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District and
Chief Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK OF
THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE

SANITARY DISTRICT
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF KNOX
I, DANIEL E. DUNN, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed qualified and acting Clerk of the Board of Trustees of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, Knox County, Illinois, and as such Clerk, I am the keeper of the records and files of the said SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT;

I do further certify that the foregoing and attached Ordinance No. 2024-25 is a full, true correct copy of said Ordinance of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, Knox County, Illinois, duly passed and adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT at a meeting held on the 18th day of November, 2024, as the same appears in the office records in my care and custody and that said Ordinance is now in full force and effect.

/s/ Daniel E. Dunn
Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the
Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District and
Chief Fiscal Officer

**CERTIFICATE OF PRESIDING OFFICER
OF THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE
SANITARY DISTRICT**

The undersigned hereby certifies that he is the presiding officer of The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District; and, as such presiding officer, he hereby further certifies that the Levy Ordinance of The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, a certified copy of which is appended hereto, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with, the provisions of Section 4 through 7 of the Act known as the: "Truth in Taxation Act."

The notice and hearing requirements of Section 6 of the Act are inapplicable.

The notice requirement of Section 7 is inapplicable.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2024.

/s/ Daniel E. Dunn
Presiding Officer
"Exhibit A"

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-2

AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

WHEREAS, there has been prepared in tentative form an Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, located in the County of Knox and State of Illinois, and the Clerk of said The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District has made said tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance conveniently available to the public for inspection for at least ten (10) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held as to such Amended Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 18th day of November, 2024, notice of which hearing was given at least ten (10) days prior thereto by publishing in The Weekly Post, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, and by posting said notice in Three (3) of the most public places within said sanitary district, at least ten (10) days prior to the time of said hearing, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the fiscal year of this, The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, be and the same hereby is declared to be from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, both inclusive.

SECTION 2. That the following budget, containing in Part I an estimate of receipts and containing in Part II an estimate of expenditures, be and the same is hereby adopted as the amended budget of this, The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the law:

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
AND INVESTMENT BALANCES**

Part I
GENERAL FUND

Anticipated cash balance	
7/1/24	\$1,295,490.00
Anticipated Taxes	405,000.00
Anticipated Sewer	
Use Fees	252,000.00
Bank interest	-
Certificate of deposit interest	-
Loans and Grants	-
Special Assessments	-
Other income	65,000.00
Total estimated receipts	
for General Fund and	
Beginning Balance for	
General Fund	\$2,017,490.00

Part II

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
(Constituting the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025,
as provided in SECTION 3 of this Ordinance):

GENERAL FUND

A. Administration

1. Salaries	
a. Trustees	\$ 7,200.00
b. Operator	78,000.00
c. Payroll Taxes	29,000.00
d. Health Insurance	-
e. Accountant	28,000.00
f. Audit	-
g. Services Purchases	3,550.00
h. Legal Services	8,250.00
i. Contingency Fund	-
2. Insurance	13,500.00
3. Bonds	500.00
4. Misc. Administrative Expenses	6,750.00
Subtotal	\$174,750.00

B. Operational Supplies

1. Power (Electricity)	21,000.00
2. Materials & Supplies	9,000.00
3. Plant and Grounds	
Maintenance	61,150.00
4. Telephone	2,100.00
5. New Equipment	25,000.00
6. IEPA Fees	2,500.00
7. Contingency Fund	25,000.00
8. Interest Expense	11,500.00
9. Loan Payments	113,100.00
Subtotal	\$270,350.00

C. Engineering and Development Expenses

1. Exiting System	75,000.00
2. Future Improvements	1,497,390.00
Subtotal	\$1,572,390.00

Total

	\$2,017,490.00
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SECTION 3. That there is hereby appropriated for the use of this, The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, for the said fiscal year the total sum of Two Million, Seventeen Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,017,490.00) which includes the sum of \$405,000.00 raised through taxation, such total sum being divided amongst the several objects and purposes specified and enumerated and in the particular amounts stated for each object and purpose respectively in Part II of Section 2 hereof, entitled "Part II ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (constituting the Appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as provided in Section 3, of this Ordinance.)", is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this SECTION 3 with the same effect as if said statement was repeated in its entirety, and that this SECTION 3 shall be and is the annual appropriation ordinance of this, The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, passed by the Board of Trustees thereof as required by law, and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the law.

PASSED by the Board of Directors of The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District and approved this 18th day of November, 2024.

/s/ Gerald Lichyer
President of the Board of Trustees of
The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District

ATTEST:

/s/ Daniel E. Dunn
Clerk of the Board of Trustees of The
Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District and
Chief Fiscal Officer

**CERTIFICATE OF AMENDED BUDGET AND
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF KNOX**

The undersigned, being the clerk of the taxing district hereinafter named, does hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the amended budget and appropriation ordinance or resolution of said district for its 2024-2025 fiscal year, adopted November 18, 2024.

The undersigned, being the chief fiscal officer of the taxing district hereinafter named, does hereby certify that the estimate of revenue, by source, anticipated to be received by said taxing district, either set forth in said ordinance as "Estimated Receipts and Investment Balances" or attached hereto by separate document, is a true statement of said estimate.

This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirements of the Revenue Act, as amended, Chap. 102, Par. 643, (now 35 ILCS 200/18-50) and on behalf of the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, Knox County, Illinois.

Dated: November 18, 2024.

/s/ Daniel E. Dunn
Clerk

/s/ Daniel E. Dunn
Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer

Published 11/28/24

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY - IN PROBATE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TYRONE R. FIELDS, DECEASED 2024-PR-0000291

NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of TYRONE R. FIELDS. Letters of office were issued on November 6, 2024, to JENNIFER FIELDS of 1910 El Camino Drive, Pekin, IL 61554, as Independent Executor, whose Attorney of record is Ronald Weber, Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP, 167 West Elm Street, Canton, Illinois 61520, Phone #309/647-6317, Fax #309/647-6350.

Administration of this estate will be without court supervision, unless an interested party requests supervised administration pursuant to a petition filed under 755 ILCS 5/28-4.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Peoria County Circuit Clerk, 324 Main Street, Room G-22, Peoria, Illinois 61602, or with the Representative, or both, on or before May 28, 2025, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/18-3), the date stated in that notice. Filing with the Clerk is to be in accordance with Illinois Supreme Court Rule 9, which makes electronic filing mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions.

Any claim not filed on or before the above referenced date is barred. Within 10 days after filing a claim with the Clerk, the Claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Representative and to the Representative's Attorney of Record and file with the Clerk a proof of mailing or delivery of said copy.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2024.
JENNIFER FIELDS, as Independent Executor
of the Estate of TYRONE R. FIELDS, deceased

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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 5th day, December 2024, at the Princeville Village Hall, 206 N. Walnut Avenue, Princeville, Illinois, on the Village's Petition to add a new Chapter 17.56 of the Zoning Code to address and regulate wind energy systems located within the Village's jurisdiction.

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 7th day of November, 2024.
Dan Huss,
Zoning Chairman, Village of Princeville
Published 11/14, 11/21, 11/28/24

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/24**

Revenue Summary:

Sewer User Fees	\$260,229	Interest Income	\$29,795
Property Tax	\$337,262	Replacement Taxes	\$593
Total Revenues:	\$627,879		

Compensation Summary:

Tanner Anderson	\$26,618	James Frakes	\$57,720	Dan Dunn	\$3,000
David Groeber	\$3,000	James Carter	\$3,500	Gerald Lichter	\$3,000
Total Compensation: \$96,838					

Expenditure Summary:

Corn Belt Energy	\$20,621	Blake Law Office	\$7,520	Blucker, Kneer & Assoc. Ltd.	\$29,409	Internal Revenue Service	\$6,997
Bruner Cooper & Zuck	\$75,861	IL EPA	\$124,624	Mitch Daly Excavating	\$2,400	Mid-Century Telephone	\$2,012
Cincinnati Ins. Co.	\$13,292	Flow Systems Inc.	\$4,162	CW Septic Services	\$1,623	Water Treatment Tech	\$3,284
Swanson Electric	\$2,278	Essence Chemical Co.	\$2,133	Pace Analytical	\$2,119	Metropolitan Industries	\$2,415
Galesburg Electric Supply	\$1,337	Lambasio, Inc.	\$7,206	Linden & Co.	\$4,240	Lee Jensen Sales	\$9,260
Ryan Lewelyn	\$5,855	Garich & Sons	\$1,906	IL EPA	\$2,500	Gran Bullis Ins.	\$2,006
Hach Co.	\$3,086	All others under \$1,000 - \$30,873.					
Total Vendors: \$369,019							

Summary Statement of Condition

	General
Beginning Fund Balance	\$5,273,838
Revenue	\$627,379
Expenditures	(353,979)
Depreciation	(153,854)
Ending Fund Balance	\$5,393,384

Subscribed and sworn to this 18th day of November, 2024.

/s/ Gerald Lichter, President

I, Dan Dunn, clerk of the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, Knox County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

/s/ Dan Dunn, Clerk
Published 11/28/24

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Elmwood girls BKB starts 2-0 at own tourney; Brimfield improves to 3-0

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

The Elmwood girls basketball team started 2-0 at its Thanksgiving tournament.

The Lady Trojans won two games on Saturday, beating Midwest Central-Delavan 43-22 led by Andrea Glenn's 24 points. Glenn had 12 and Brooke Allen added nine later that day in a 46-29 win over Princeville.

"Our defense turned up its intensity and held Princeville to

nine points in the second half," Coach Kevin Faulkner said.

Elmwood was to play Wethersfield on Wednesday and then plays on Friday, with the time and foe decided by pool play.

• **Brimfield** – The Lady Indians (3-0) beat Kewanee (38-31) and the Pekin JV (58-19) at Elmwood. Ava Heinz had 16 points, 11 rebounds and eight blocks against Kewanee and scored 23 against Pekin. Layni Linthicum scored 13 vs. Kewanee and Lan-

drie Quiram and Katie Doe had nine apiece against Pekin.

Brimfield was to play Tremont on Wednesday and awaits a Friday foe in the Elmwood tourney.

• **Farmington** – After going 1-2 in the Fulton County Tournament with a win over South Fulton (43-40) and losses to Lewistown (40-21) and North Fulton (31-24), the Lady Farmers (1-3) lost 61-25 to Chillicothe IVC on Monday. Averie Gilstrap tallied 13 points in the win over South Fulton.

Farmington was to host East Peoria on Wednesday and is at ROWVA-Williamsfield on Monday, Dec. 2.

• **Princeville** – The Lady Princes (0-4) lost three games at the Elmwood tournament, falling to Tremont (57-44), Kewanee Wethersfield (52-21) and Elmwood (46-29).

Princeville was to play Midwest Central on Wednesday and then again Friday at Elmwood based on its finish in pool play.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – The Lady Cougars placed fourth in the RW-Ridgewood Tournament with wins over Quad City Christian and Mercer County (45-41) and losses to Abingdon-Avon (46-10) and Ridgewood (23-22).

"Our girls play hard and give me 100%," Coach Jeff Hannam said. "We just struggled putting the ball into the basket."

R-W is home vs. Rockridge on Tuesday, then travels to Farmington on Dec. 2.

BOYS HOOPS: Elmwood boys have plenty of room for improvement

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in both the ICAC and PrairieLand (conferences)," Carlson stated. "We also aim to get an opening regional game at home, not on the road. We then aim to contend for a regional. We host a sectional and obviously we want to play at home sectional week."

Against Princeville, Brimfield took a 10-point halftime lead behind two second-quarter 3-pointers from Bizosky. He and Doe each scored nine.

Brimfield continued Peoria Heights pool play Tuesday vs. Tremont. The Indians play at 6 p.m. Friday against Varna Midland. Game time Saturday is 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., depending on pool results.

• **Elmwood** – Asked in which areas his team needed to improve, Elmwood Coach Josh Fugitt had a simple answer: "Everything."

Inexperience may be the biggest thing for the Trojans to overcome early in the season, which began Monday night with a 55-28 loss to Annawan in the first round of the Wally Keller Invitational at Kewanee Wethersfield.

Senior forward Bo Windish (9.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg) is the only returning starter from a 14-14 team. Junior Garrett Webster (3.7 ppg) and senior Oliver Thornton (4 ppg)

are expected to be prominent.

Otherwise, Fugitt is waiting to see who else is up to the challenge. The Elmwood varsity roster includes four freshmen and three sophomores.

"We'll be relying on a number of guys with little or no experience at the varsity level, and that usually comes with a lot of mistakes and opportunities for growth early in the season," Fugitt stated. "If we can learn and improve each week, we could be a fun team to watch in February."

Webster had a team-high 11 points against Annawan. Elmwood continued round-robin play Tuesday vs. Putnam County and Wednesday against host Wethersfield. The Trojans play at 2 p.m. Friday vs. Stark County and 3 p.m. Saturday vs. Bureau Valley.

• **Farmington** – Most of Farmington's top players have been preoccupied recently, but Coach Marty Lozier doesn't mind.

Returnees Landon Crawford, Jerett Fauser, Jack Gronewold, Owen Morse and Boston Smith played for the Farmington football team that reached the Class 2A state semifinals last weekend.

Basketball-wise, Farmington will miss graduated leading scorer Keantrey Barnes, an Illinois Basketball Coaches Associa-

tion special-mention all-stater on last year's 16-15 team. At full strength this season, Farmington should be tough to handle.

Crawford, Gronewold and Smith started regularly toward the end of last season. Fauser developed into a team leader at guard, according to Lozier. Junior newcomer Kaydon Bollinger provides height (6-foot-5). Football quarterback Lane Wheelwright is expected to return after he didn't play his junior season.

"We will be good defensively and a more-balanced scoring team," Lozier stated. "One of the biggest strengths this team will have is camaraderie. They all get along great and really enjoy giving 100% no matter what sport they are playing."

Farmington played an all-JV lineup Monday in a 65-41 loss to Havana, host of the Fulton County Tournament. Lozier had a few varsity players in practice this week and expects more next week. Hobbled by a football injury, Gronewold isn't expected to play until Christmas. Fauser is day-to-day.

Farmington continued Fulton County play Wednesday vs. South Fulton. Fifth-place, third-place and championship games are Saturday (Nov. 30).

• **Princeville** – After advancing to a Class 1A regional final, finishing with a 28-6 record and tying a school record for victories, Princeville is to retool behind a solid core.

Tucker Sennett, a two-year all-conference pick, is the Princes' returning top scorer (10.9 ppg). Jake Williams (8 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 2.8 apg) and Logan Olshawsky (4.1 ppg, 1.4 rpg) join Sennett in providing senior leadership. Juniors Brock Butler, Brady Day and Collin Lowery are expected to buttress them.

"We will rely on experience and hard work to carry us this year," Coach Tait Sennett stated. "Our defense will help us win games, although we will look to push the pace."

Williams had a game-high 19 points in the Princes' loss to Brimfield at Heights. Princeville played there Tuesday vs. Varna Midland. The Princes face Tremont at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Game time Saturday is 5 or 6:30 p.m., depending on pool results.

Coach Sennett believes Abingdon-Avon is the team to beat in the Lincoln Trail Conference. Princeville will host the LTC tournament Feb. 15-19.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – More stability is likely this year for R-

W. Legendary Coach Bob Anderson retired after last year's season opener, in part because of health issues. Ryan Hart, who was among Anderson's assistants, led the Cougars to a 15-18 record.

Junior guard Dawson Traphagan is the lone starter back. Also returning are seniors Landon Hannam and Jaxson Strom, both seniors. The three returnees combined to average 13.8 points per game last season. Not returning is senior Talan Hull, a regular from last season.

"We need to find scoring," Hart stated. "We have some good size and decent ball skills, but we definitely need to get into better shape. I want to make sure each and every player is progressing throughout the year and we are playing our best basketball as a team at the end of the year."

To begin this year, R-W lost to Galva 60-48 in Billtown at the Cougars' invitational. Strom had 17 points, and Traphagan scored 10. In other tournament games, Port Byron Riverdale beat West Central 78-41 and Monmouth United beat Henry 53-43.

R-W played Tuesday against Henry and is at ROWVA Friday at 5 p.m. vs. United and in Billtown Saturday vs. West Central at 1 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m. against

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ALL-SPORTS ROUNDUP

Farmers, Trojans lead LincolnLand large all-conf.

League champion Farmington led all teams in the LincolnLand large-division football all-conference voting, with 17 selections, including Offensive Player of the Year and unanimous first-team quarterback Lane Wheelwright.

Elmwood-Brimfield was second with 13 honorees, including E-B senior linebacker Bo Windish, co-Defensive Player of the Year with Illini West lineman Roan Jackson.

Other first-teamers for the Farmers on offense were unanimous skill-position picks Logan Utt and Jack Gronewold, unanimous tight end Carter Lambin and linemen Caden Mowen (unan.) and Slader Warren. First-teamers on defense are lineman Aiden Shepherd (unan.), linebackers Lambin (unan.) and Griffin Ulm and defensive backs Jerett Fauser and Gronewold.

Second-teamers on offense were Fauser (skill player) and Jacob Cecil as a lineman. Lineman Cole Passmore was second team on defense. Skill player Boston Smith, linebacker Landon Crusen and DB Tristan Passmore earned honorable mention.

First-teamers for E-B included



Princeville celebrates a 38-23 IESA 7th grade basketball regional win over Kewanee Wethersfield on Nov. 20. Pictured are, Front row (left to right): Violet Lied, Paisley Knobloch, Molly Hofmann, Ava Schick, Maggie Bosch, Brinnley McFarland, Adley Mareachen, Rutherford Wineinger and Norah Smith. Back row (l to r): Coach Ashley Reed, Nicole Herrmann, Mackenzie Murphy, Zoey Koller, Payton Bohm, Macy Eberle and Coach Picelli. Picture by Kelly Down.

Windish as a skill player (unan.), lineman Aaron Brown, kicker Beau Grunow and defensive lineman Eriz Vazquez.

E-B second-teamers were tight end Joey Burkitt (also picked as a DB), offensive lineman Sawyer Janson, defensive lineman Landon Kline, linebackers Matthew Glenn and Layne Johnson and DB Jonnie Lance. Glenn was honorable mention as a skill-position player.

• **IESA champion** – Princeville's 7th grade girls basketball team won an IESA Class 7-2A regional title on Nov. 20 with a 38-23 win over No. 1 seed Kewanee Wethersfield.

Princeville (14-5) advances to face Spring Valley Kennedy (24-1) on Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the sectional final at Indian Creek High School in Shabbona. The winner advances to the 7-2A Elite 8 and a game on Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. at Riverton High School.

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FARMERS: 26-20 late

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fourth quarter, with Farmington trailing 19-12, helped give Chicago Christian the breathing room it needed.

After the Farmington defense stymied a Chicago Christian drive at midfield, Christian Flutman's punt put the Farmers at their own 7-yard line. On the first Farmington play, Wheelwright rolled right and passed.

The football ended up in the possession of Flutman, who was prone on the field at about the 8. To the naked eye, Wheelwright's pass appeared to hit the ground before Flutman grabbed the ball. Video evidence suggested that scenario, too.

Officials ruled the play an interception. Three plays later, with 9:43 left in the game, Kenny Jager ran into the end zone from 2 yards and Chicago Christian led 26-12.

"I didn't think he caught it, but who knows," Farmington Coach Toby Vallas said of the interception. "I'm not going to cry about the refs. That's a pretty good team. There are some good athletes in Chicago."

Wheelwright, who was 16-for-28 for 148 yards passing, was more pointed.

"I was just super disappointed, because I know I saw it hit the ground," Wheelwright said. "I'm pretty sure everyone else knew. Just for them to call that ... it hurts, but that's what it is. Sometimes you're not going to get the calls you want. That's football. You've got to deal with it and move on."

The Farmers did. On the ensuing series, Wheelwright capped a six-play drive by hitting Carter

Lambin for a 31-yard touchdown at 7:29. Wheelwright's extra-point run cut the deficit to 26-20.

"That ignited us when we needed it," Vallas said.

But Chicago Christian responded with shots of Jager. The 5-foot-7 senior carried the ball for six successive plays that moved the ball 28 yards. On the seventh, on fourth-down-and-2, quarterback Flutman faked to Jager but kept the ball for a 27-yard scoring run at 4:01 that sealed the outcome.

Overall, Jager finished with 217 yards and three touchdowns on 37 carries. He dragged along plenty of would-be Farmington tacklers.

"He took some hits and I know he's feeling it a little bit, but he kept playing and he kept running hard," Farmington senior defensive back Jerett Fauser said. "We just made some big mistakes."

A fumble on the second Farmington play from scrimmage led to the first Chicago Christian touchdown. Farmington also was penalized eight times for offsides or false starts. The Farmers had 5-yard false-start penalties on three of their six second-half possessions, two of which lasted only one play.

"They had a weird snap count," Fauser said. "I think it got our guys a couple of times. It's a big game, and there's a lot going on through your head. That might have happened to some of our guys."

Still, those guys proved resilient. Not just in this game, the first home loss in five years, but overall.

Wheelwright played



Carter Lambin shakes free from a tackle to go on to score Farmington's final touchdown in a 34-20 loss to Palos Heights Chicago Christian on Nov. 23. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.



Farmington players hoist a plaque awarded to the football team after reaching the Class 2A semifinals. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

through pain for much of the second half of the season, after he sustained an ankle injury. Junior receiver Jack Gronewold played for the first time since he sprained an ankle in the postseason opener.

Although not at 100%, Gronewold caught six passes, for 60 yards.

Lambin had eight catches, for 75 yards. Senior running back Logan Utt amassed 91 yards on 19 carries.

"They're just tough. They're tough kids, man. It's a great football program," first-year Chicago Christian Coach CJ Cesario

said of the Farmers.

Vallas fought through tears as he assessed the season.

"Adversity. Fantastic. Unimaginable, considering the things we've dealt with," he said. "To have all the injuries we had and still just keep piling through, I think it tells you how tough and how special these guys are."

Farmers' depth evident

Weeks before the first official snap, Lane Wheelwright said this was "the year." This was the Farmington team that could contend for a state football title.

Across the state, there were probably 100 other players saying the same thing as the season neared – maybe more, even though coaches don't love those comments, since they often age poorly and fire up foes.

The thing is, senior quarterback Wheelwright was all right. This was "the year" for the Farmers, whose 90-player roster was sprinkled with 19 returning starters, marquee players, speed, size, experience and talent at the skill positions.

As the postseason proved, Farmington had another intangible for success. True depth. Not just lots of people eager to wear purple uniforms. The Farmers had lots of people in purple uniforms make plays – some like Aiden Shepherd only partially in that purple uniform.

At the start of the year, you could have asked anybody in Farmington how far they would go with Wheelwright and Jack Gronewold hobbled by bad ankles and Miles Addison sidelined with a torn ACL. Given that, nobody would have liked the odds of

reaching the semis.

Then again, nobody could have predicted how much tight end Carter Lambin would step up his game as a pass catcher or how much of a game-changer Jerett Fauser would become on defense.

And the highlight reel shows more than just those two. What about Shepherd, who stood out in pre-game last Saturday for his belly-baring attire and then backed it up, often on plays ending with Chicago Christian players hitting the field

hard. Or what about unassuming defensive back Tristan Passmore, who showed a knack for defending passes that is very rare on the prep level. Or linebacker Griffin Ulm, who quietly led Farmington in tackles and was always around the ball. Or Cole Passmore on the defensive line?

To have all those contributors and not reach the title game makes staying home Friday sting even more. So does the memory of a bounced pass ruled an interception. But as time passes, the word "semifinalist" will age well. And plenty of Farmers will proudly be able to say they helped make it happen.

Contact Jeff Lampe at (309) 231-6040 or jeff@wklypost.com



Jeff LAMPE

SCOREBOARD

Palos Hts. Chi. Christ. 34	CC - Ed.Van Dellen 9 pass from Flutman (kick wide)	Passing yds 58 148
Farmington 20		Penalties-yds 4-20 9-53
P. Hts. Chi. Christ. 7 6 6 15 - 34	Fourth Quarter	Fumbles-lost 1-1 1-1
Farmington 6 6 0 8 - 20	CC - K.Jager 2 run (Hall kick)	Individual Statistics
	F - Lambin 31 pass from Wheelwright (Wheelwright run)	Rushing - CC: K.Jager 37-217, Flutman 11-31, Hall 2-5. F: Utt 19-91, Wheelwright 9-22.
Scoring Summary	CC - Flutman 27 run (Ed.Van Dellen pass from Flutman)	Passing - CC: Flutman 7-14-0 58. F: Wheelwright 16-28-2 148.
First Quarter		Receiving - CC: Ed.Van Dellen 3-42, Teague 3-16, K.Jager 1-0. F: Lambin 8-75, Gronewold 6-60, Crawford 1-9, Smith 1-4.
CC - K.Jager 2 run (Hall kick)	Team Statistics	Tackles - F: Lambin 9, Shepherd 7.
F - Wheelwright 1 run (run failed)	PHCC FW	
Second quarter	First downs 30 27	
F - Wheelwright 4 run (run failed)	Rushes-yds 50-253 28-113	
CC - K.Jager 25 run (pass failed)	Yds per carry 5.1 4.0	
Third Quarter	Comp-Att-Int 7-14-0 16-28-2	

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CLASS 1A Semifinals		Championship
Lena-Winslow 42, LeRoy 13		Palos Heights Chicago Christian (12-1) vs. Maroa-Forsyth (12-1) at Normal, Illinois State University, Hancock Stadium, Friday, Nov. 29, 1 p.m.
Belleville Althoff Catholic 58, Camp Point Central 19	CLASS 2A Semifinals	
Championship	Palos Heights Chicago Christian 34, Farmington 20	
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Brimfield boys start with win

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

Brimfield plans to take some things old and some things new to build a better boys basketball team this year.

The initial attempt was successful. Brimfield defeated Princeville 46-42 on Monday night in both teams' opening game at the Peoria Heights Thanksgiving tournament.

Brimfield had 12 points from Tommy Burkitt and 10 from Jackson Kappes. Both juniors have improved over the off-season, according to Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson.

The coach is counting on



Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson expects his basketball team to contend in the ICAC and Prairie-land conferences.

Burkitt and Kappes to complement three returning starters – seniors Cleveland Bizosky and Brady Johnson, and junior Connor Doe. Johnson and Doe were all-conference picks last season, when Brimfield finished 12-17. Freshman guard Griffin Hougham also bears watching.

"We aim to be contenders" *Continued on Page 18*

Mistakes hurt Farmers in semi loss

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Farmington football team's Class 2A semifinal game last week wasn't exactly flawless.

The Farmers committed a few mistakes. The field officials appeared to make at least one major one, to Farmington's detriment.

Still, there was no mistaking the accomplishments Farmington achieved this season. A 34-20 loss Nov. 23 to Palos Heights Chicago Christian in both programs' first semifinal can't diminish that.

"It's a really, really big mark here at Farmington," senior quarterback Lane Wheelwright said moments after the final whistle. "We set a new standard. We

made some history. So to be a part of that and to lead that is super special to me.

"I wish I could play one more game, but that's how it goes."

Chicago Christian, the sixth seed in the 2A northern bracket, goes to

the state-championship game. The Knights face Maroa-Forsyth at 1 p.m. Friday (Nov. 29) at Hancock Stadium in Normal. M-F is the No. 2 seed in



This Farmington pass attempt is purportedly the one official ruled an interception in last Saturday's playoff game.



Above, Farmington quarterback Lane Wheelwright talks through tears after the Farmers' '34-20 Class 2A semifinal loss to Palos Heights Chicago Christian on Nov. 23. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

the southern bracket. Both are 12-1.

Finishing at 12-1 was Farmington, top seed in the northern bracket. Played in front of an overflow crowd on a cold, cloudy after-

noon, the semifinal against a private school from Chicago's southwest suburbs was close for the first three quarters.

But a play early in the *Continued on Page 19*

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