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New Year rings in 293 new laws for Illinois residents

By **BEN SZALINSKI**
 Capitol News Illinois

Time to study up, Illinois. As of New Year's Day, 293 new state laws have taken effect.

Those include some of the defining bills of the 2024 legislative session and others that will change how people get IDs, evaluate job postings and even cancel gym memberships.

In addition to the laws taking effect on Jan. 1, the state's minimum wage will rise to \$15 to complete a ramp-up initiated during Gov. JB Pritzker's first month in office in 2019.

Digital driver's licenses

The secretary of state can begin

creating a process to issue digital driver's licenses and state IDs beginning in the new year after Pritzker signed House Bill 4592. Residents will still be required to receive a physical ID and agencies or private entities will not be required to accept digital IDs in place of physical IDs.

Providing a phone to police to show a digital ID also doesn't give police consent to search a person's cellphone.

Salary transparency

Employers with 15 or more employees must include information about benefits and the salary range on job postings, according to House Bill 3129. The law will

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- Elmwood man indicted Monday for reckless discharge of a firearm. **Page 8**
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also apply to businesses hiring for remote-work positions in Illinois.

"When employers aren't transparent about pay, gender and racial wage gaps widen, costing women and people of color valuable compensation," Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said in a news release. "Illinois' new Pay Trans-

parency law is a resounding win for the working people who call our state home."

'Junk' health insurance

Short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans will be illegal in Illinois beginning Jan. 1. The plans, often called "junk insurance" by critics, do not meet the minimum standards of the federal Affordable Care Act.

The ban outlined in House Bill 2499 was part of Pritzker's health insurance overhaul that lawmakers passed in the spring. It was aimed at reducing barriers to care for patients and making health care more affordable by expanding coverage require-

ments for insurance companies.

Short-term insurance plans are typically for people who have a lapse in health insurance coverage such as when they lose or change jobs, but they are different from COBRA benefits, which most employers are required to offer under federal law.

Supporters of the bill argued the plans are deceptive and stick consumers with huge out-of-pocket costs, but others said the plans provide consumers with an affordable option to fill a gap in coverage.

Caregiver discrimination

House Bill 2161 adds family
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Princeville mourning death of teen in crash

By **NICK VLAHOS**
 For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville community is mourning the death of a teenager last weekend in a single-vehicle accident.

Grace Abbott, 17, of Princeville was pronounced dead at 1:40 p.m. Dec. 28 following the accident near Parks School and Elliott roads south of Monica. Abbott was a senior at Princeville High School.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 3, from 3-7 p.m. at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Abbott's funeral service will be Saturday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

In a statement issued

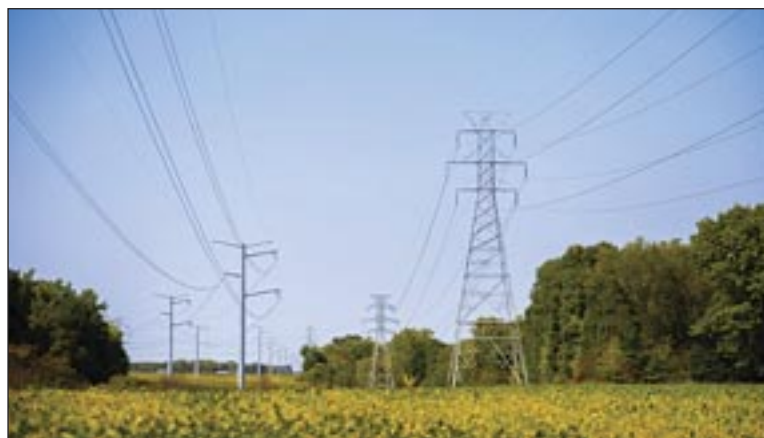
Sunday, Princeville Superintendent Tony Shinall said Abbott had a bright future and was an integral part of the school community.

"Grace was a classmate, a co-worker, a friend, a sister and a daughter," Shinall stated. "Whenever a community loses a young person far too soon, it is remarkable how that community rallies together and finds strength and support. This is already happening in Princeville."

"As we continue to grieve and heal, we will not forget the memory of Grace Abbott."

Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputies, Brimfield
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POWER PROBLEMS?



Transmission lines are pictured in central Illinois. Capitol News Illinois photo by Andrew Adams.

Are power problems ahead?

By **ANDREW ADAMS**
 Capitol News Illinois

When you flip the switch, the lights come on.

But in Illinois, after years of sweeping reforms to the energy industry and growing demand for electricity, that premise is coming into question.

Several experts – including

those involved in crafting the state's energy reform, current and former regulators and those in the renewable-energy industry – are warning that prices will spike this summer and rolling blackouts could become necessary in the coming years. That is, unless the state takes action to make sure

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Brimfield ups school levy

Several speak at tax hearing

By **NICK VLAHOS**
 For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield School Board approved an almost-10% increase in the district property-tax levy. But not without dissent.

The levy the board authorized Dec. 18 for the 2025 fiscal year was unchanged from what Superintendent Chad Jones proposed in November – \$6,052,347. It represents a rise of 9.32% from the previous levy, which was \$5,536,460.

Jones said the new levy is designed to maximize tax revenues, based on an 8.5% increase in the district's estimated equalized assessed valuation. That rationale didn't appear to sit well with most of the six or so people who addressed the board during a truth-in-taxation hearing.

"You are asking for money just because you can, not because you need it to actually run the school district," George
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BRIMFIELD: 'Trying to play catchup a little'

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 Cluskey said. "You've already got enough money to run the school. You guys need to back off here and stay within the budget you need instead of the budget you want."

Cluskey was among about 15 people who attended the board meeting, of which the 45-minute truth-in-taxation hearing was part. State law requires a hearing if a levy increase

is 5% or greater.

The new Brimfield levy is expected to add \$195 to the tax bill for a house valued at \$150,000.

Jones, who became superintendent in July 2023, said the district had not been requesting the full levy amount in recent years. Jason Snyder, board vice president, said some of the additional money is to pay for needed infrastructure improvements.

"We're trying to play catchup a little bit," Snyder said.

He said uncertainty about future property values also prompted the increase. So did an anticipated new contract with the Brimfield teachers' union, Board President Steve Updyke said.

Although she voted in November for the tentative levy, Board Member Rachel Blodgett offered a compromise for the final one – an increase of 6.47%. She and colleague Mark Bell voted to approve. The other members – Snyder, Updyke, Nick Butterfield, Katie Kappes and Constance Monk – voted no.

Those five voted to authorize the final levy as Jones presented it. Bell and Blodgett disapproved. In November, Bell was the only member to oppose the proposed levy.

Not all the members of the public who spoke at the hearing opposed the hike. Marilyn Eberle supported a proposal to construct modular buildings to house additional preschool classrooms. Eight Brimfield preschool students are sent elsewhere for programs, according to Jones.

"I don't want to have (my taxes) raised, but I think

we're headed in the right direction with it," Eberle said.

Fellow attendee Phil Molleck said the same regarding Jones and the current board. Blodgett, Butterfield and Monk were elected to it in 2023.

"It's 500% better," Molleck said. "You owe a lot to (Jones). That guy has turned this place around. They had some clowns in this school. You've got people up here now who are a lot more intelligent."

Among other business, the board OK'd a \$42,114.10 deal with Dell Technologies for 170 Chromebook computers. Also authorized were two overnight high school trips: Jan. 10-11 for a cheerleading tournament in Springfield, and Jan. 24-25 for a chess tournament in West Chicago.

The board tabled a \$169,200 contract from Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental of East Peoria for services related to the proposed construction of a bus barn. Jones said he wanted more information about the offer.

In personnel, board members approved hiring Holden Fairfield as a maintenance worker and groundskeeper.

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- **Harvest Home** – Harvest Home fundraiser dinner is Jan. 16 at Yates City Community Center, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, roll, dessert and drink. \$13.
- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo the second and fourth Thursday at 2 p.m. – Williamsfield American Legion Post 0371 has bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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TEEN DEATH: Counselors available

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 firefighters and BYE Ambulance responded to the accident about 1 p.m. Dec. 28. It appeared Abbott was driving west on Parks School Road when her vehicle left the pavement at the crest of a hill and struck a tree. She was alone in the vehicle. Abbott sustained multiple blunt-force injuries and died instantly, according to Peoria County Coroner Jamie Harwood. Toxicology is pending. Harwood is a Princeville native. He did not know Abbott but knew her parents well, he told The Weekly Post. Abbott’s accident reminded Harwood of when one of his high

school classmates, Sara Yager, was killed in a two-vehicle wreck in December 1991 on Princeville-Jubilee Road. “I’ll never forget that day,” Harwood stated. “The loss of Grace reminded me of how difficult it is going to be for those students to move forward. It’s also going to be incredibly important for them to be supportive and loving and kind and caring to each other every day. “It’s an extremely difficult and traumatic thing for those students to go through.” Counselors for students and staff were to be available early this week at the high school. Princeville

schools are on winter break until Tuesday, Jan. 7. “We will continually assess the need for support, particularly as we near the start of the second semester at school,” Shinnall stated. A moment of silence for Abbott was held before the start of the Princeville Holiday Tournament title game between Brimfield and Princeville. The game began about six hours after Abbott was pronounced dead. Postponed was a pre-game ceremony to honor John Gross, the Princeville girls basketball coach. He coached his 900th career victory last week.

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Between basketball games last weekend, I wandered through Princeville's Stevens Square Park and was impressed by the collection of Christmas trees there. More than that, I was moved by several memorial trees decorated in honor of deceased family members. The creative decorations and personal touches that make each tree different are truly wonderful expressions of love that are a needed contrast to the crass commercialism of the season. Next year, I'm making a point to visit Stevens Square before Christmas on a snowy day when the



Jeff LAMPE

Speaking of basketball, it was gratifying seeing Princeville girls coach **John Gross** pick up his 900th win last week, even though it came at Elmwood's expense. As is always the case for a team Gross is coaching, this edition of the Lady Princes has improved dramatically since the start of the season. Unlike post-dominated Princeville teams of recent years, Gross switched to a pressure defense because that's what his players are better suited to run. Adaptability is the sign of a good coach and helps explain why Gross has been able to win so many games. So does his explanation of why, at age 75, he is still barking out instructions. "There were some years in there I didn't get to coach," he said. "And I knew when I was sitting out I wanted to come back. I just love coaching. I just love the game. It's been a lot of fun."

Earlier this year, several of you were kind enough to reply to a query for stories about Elmwood Bowl, which operated from the early 1930s through the late 1990s at 201 S. Magnolia St. What I expected were stories of 300 games and league championships. Mostly what I heard, though, were nostalgic recollections of "hanging out" and even fond memories from people who worked there setting pins. Similar reverence is accorded the bowling alley that once operated in Toulon. The general consensus in both towns is that it's too bad there's not someplace similar today where kids could hang out or work. I mention this because a week off from publishing allowed us time to install my new desk in TWP headquarters. The desktop was once an alley at Elmwood Bowl and your memories make working on the old wooden surface even better. Thanks.

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LAWS: Work-talk limits on politics, religion

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responsibilities to the list of categories protected from discrimination and retaliation in the workplace. The new law prevents employers from taking adverse action against employees because of their responsibilities as a caregiver for a family member, which could cause them to miss work.

Bill sponsor Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, told a House committee in April that pregnant women are a good example of who the bill is designed to help. He said pregnant women shouldn't be passed up for a promotion or face other consequences at work in anticipation that they will be taking time off to care for their baby.

AI regulations

New laws governing artificial intelligence take effect Jan. 1. It will be illegal to generate child pornography using AI, according to House Bill 4623. Supporters of the bill, including the Illinois Attorney General's Office, said it is becoming more difficult to distinguish between real and AI-generated images.

They said updating Illinois' child pornography laws was a necessary step to allow law enforcement

to identify and prosecute child pornography cases.

House Bill 4875 also adds new protections to prohibit using AI to recreate a person's voice, image or likeness for commercial purposes without the person's consent. Recording artists can seek damages for violations of the law.

Politics/religion at work

Employees can't be required to sit through work meetings discussing religion or politics starting Jan. 1. Senate Bill 3649, an initiative of the Illinois AFL-CIO, creates new protections for employees who skip out on such meetings and prevents employers from retaliating against them.

The law does not prohibit discussing religion or politics at work, but employees are not required to participate in the discussions if such activities are not part of their job. The law excludes non-profit and advocacy groups where politics or religion may be part of job.

Coming later in 2025

Pritzker's signature health reform package goes into effect on Jan. 1, but most provisions don't have to be implemented until the beginning of 2026. House Bill 5395

bans "step therapy," which requires patients to try and fail treatments preferred by insurance companies before they can receive treatment recommended by their doctor.

It also bans insurance companies from requiring prior authorization for emergency in-patient mental health treatment, requires insurers to keep up-to-date lists of in-network providers and expands the power of the Illinois Department of Insurance to regulate premium rates.

Many hotels in Illinois will no longer be allowed to provide customers with single-use plastic soap and shampoo beginning July 1 under Senate Bill 2960. The move is designed to cut down on waste from single-use products. Hotels with fewer than 50 rooms have until 2026 to make the change.

Other new laws

- **NIL money:** Student athletes at NCAA universities can earn name, image and likeness money directly from their universities. House Bill 307 was an initiative of the University of Illinois.

- **Hearing aids:** Insurance providers must cover medically prescribed hearing

aids for all people under House Bill 2443. Coverage was previously only required for those under 18.

- **Gym memberships:** House Bill 4911 requires gyms and fitness centers to accept multiple ways for people to cancel their membership. Physical fitness locations also must now allow customers to cancel their membership by email or online. Customers will also be allowed to submit written notice by mail.

- **Subscription renewals:** Businesses that offer a free trial or promotional period for their product or service must notify customers at least three days before the subscription automatically renews at a paid rate under Senate Bill 2764. The law only applies to subscriptions longer than 15 days.

- **Crime victim DNA:** DNA evidence collected from a person who is the victim of a crime to aid a criminal investigation cannot be entered into a DNA database, according to House Bill 1168.

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ENERGY: Legislators may discuss energy

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enough electricity is available – in the right place and at the right times of day.

"If we don't continue finding other ways of energy – making sure we can store it in some way – we're going to see that supply-and-demand kind of thing," Rep. Barbara Hernandez, an Aurora Democrat and sponsor of a bill to incentivize energy storage, told Capitol News Illinois. "We'll see a lot of demand, but the supply will not be there and it's going to create a lot of

blackouts in our communities. But also, our families are going to be paying the price and we're going to see an increase in utilities."

Several factors contribute to the concern over the grid's future. A growing number of data centers in the U.S. and in Illinois is demanding massive amounts of energy. The state's fossil-fuel industry is – by design – in decline. And backlogs at regional grid operators have delayed renewable electricity generation from coming online.

The state also isn't bringing renewable energy online quickly enough, according to a lead sponsor of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act – Gov. JB Pritzker's marquee climate legislation that seeks to decarbonize the state's electric grid by 2045.

Lawmakers, meanwhile, are hurriedly working to find solutions that could be rolled out quickly to keep

electricity reliable and affordable.

A short lame-duck legislative session tentatively planned for Jan. 4-7 could become an energy-policy battleground with long-term consequences.

But the tight timeline could cause the legislative process to drag into Springfield's regular session as a new General Assembly is sworn in Jan. 8.



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PUBLIC RECORD

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Police reports

• **BRIMFIELD** – A woman and her teenage daughter were killed in a single-vehicle accident on Interstate 74 west of Brimfield.

Shortly before 4:30 a.m. Dec. 22, a 2005 Toyota Siena XLE left the westbound interstate at Bell School Road, crossed the eastbound lanes, struck a tree and caught fire, according to the Illinois State Police.

Pronounced dead at the scene were Leila Mohamad, 41, and Zilan Sino, 15, the Peoria County Coroner's Office stated. They were from Columbus, Ohio, and were traveling to Iowa to visit family. The other three occupants sustained serious injuries and were transported in stable condition to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. A 48-year-old man from Des Moines, Iowa, was the driver. The other passengers were 16- and 15-year-old girls from Columbus and Des Moines, respectively.

State Police did not identify the injured nor know why the vehicle left the road. Brimfield firefighters and BYE Ambulance also responded.

• **DAHINDA** – An Iowa man was arrested following an hour-long standoff with law-enforcement officers at an Interstate 74 rest stop south of Dahinda.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call about 4 a.m. Dec. 6 regarding a man who was threatening to shoot someone at the eastbound Spoon River Rest Area, according to a report. Deputies responded and found Johnnie H. Lawver, 61, of Davenport walking in the parking lot.

When deputies told Lawver to stop, he ran behind the rest-area building and entered a 2003 Chevrolet. With guns drawn, the deputies ordered Lawver to emerge from the vehicle, but he refused. Officers repeated the commands via a public-address system and telephone.

After Illinois State Police and Galesburg officers arrived, Lawver exited the vehicle. He was transported to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg for evaluation. Eventually, Lawver was taken to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg.

Lawver was accused of resisting or obstructing a peace officer. He also was wanted in Scott County, Iowa, for a parole violation.

• **FARMINGTON** – A single-vehicle accident north of Farmington led to an Elmwood man's arrest on illicit-drug charges. The wreck that involved 37-year-old Matthew D. Crew happened shortly before 10 p.m. Dec. 18 at Illinois Route 78 and Korth Road, according to Peoria County Sheriff's Office reports.

Crew apparently was driving a 2008 Dodge Ram pickup truck north on Route 78 when he swerved to avoid a deer. The vehicle struck a tree. Farmington police and BYE Ambulance personnel were tending to Crew when a deputy arrived. The pickup truck was about 30-40 feet off the roadway to the west.

A strong raw-cannabis odor was emanating from the vehicle, a report stated. Crew was accused of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Peoria County Jail.

• **OAK RUN** – An Oak Run woman reported lost was found asleep behind the wheel of a parked vehicle, according to authorities.

The 44-year-old woman was located not long after 7 p.m. Dec. 10 inside a non-running 2023 Volkswagen Atlas in the driveway of a residence in the 400 block of Greenfield Court, a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Williamsfield firefighters and a Galesburg ambulance crew responded, because the woman appeared confused and might have been in a cold vehicle for hours, the report stated. She said she had been cleaning the residence all day and drinking.

• **ELMWOOD** – A Galva woman appeared to avoid injury from a single-vehicle accident south of Elmwood. Jessica J. Ince, 40, was driving a southbound 2022 Hyundai Santa Fe shortly before 9 a.m. Dec. 10 on Illinois Route 78 when she swerved to avoid a deer north of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway viaduct. The vehicle struck a BNSF-owned guardrail, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. Ince drove from the scene.

• **WEST PEORIA** – A Princeville man was accused of damaging at least one vehicle, including a possible punctured tire, according to authorities. Scott E. Garretts, 43, was implicated regarding the incident, which happened shortly before 3 a.m. Dec. 10 in the 2100 block of W. Heading Ave. Garretts was cited for criminal damage to property and harassment through electronic communication. The tire was valued at \$186.

• **ELMWOOD** – An Elmwood woman was accused of helping a Canton man hide from law-enforcement authorities.

About 2:30 p.m. Dec. 9, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy visited a residence in the 300 block of W. Lynn St. in search of 44-year-old Michael J. Roberts. He was wanted in Madison County for attempted child abduction, according to a redacted Peoria County report.

The deputy spoke with Charlesa Christy, 39, who with Roberts was arrested. Both suspects were transported to the Peoria County Jail. Christy was booked for concealing or aiding a fugitive. Roberts also had three outstanding Fulton County warrants, according to jail records.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – A Williamsfield-area man who said the devil was sitting next to him was arrested for failure to appear in court.

About 12:45 a.m. Dec. 9, Knox County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 2000 block of Knox Road 2150 East. There they found 27-year-old Dallas R. Hulse on the porch. He said he wanted to go to a hospital for a mental-health evaluation.

Deputies discovered Hulse was wanted in connection with a domestic-battery case. He was transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg. Hulse was to receive the evaluation following his release.

• **HANNA CITY** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle crash in Hanna City. About 11:45 a.m. Dec. 9, Alicia M. Bruketta of Norris was driving a 2016 Chevrolet box truck south on Pekin Lane and was turning east into a lot when a 2020 Chevy Equinox rear-ended it, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Alexandria J. Welch of Banner was the other

driver. Both vehicles sustained minor damage and were drivable.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A school bus struck a sport-utility vehicle parked outside a Princeville School District building. No injuries were reported because of the accident, which happened about 8 a.m. Dec. 9 in the 900 block of N. Town Ave. A line of cars dropping off students was outside the district office when Brandon Baer of Edelstein tried to drive a 2025 IC bus out of the parking lot, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

The bus hit the front-right side of a 2025 Honda Pilot driven by Cassandra L. McCorkle of Princeville. The bus sustained minor damage. Both vehicles were drivable.

• **ELMWOOD** – A Yates City teenager required hospital attention following a single-vehicle rollover accident south of Elmwood.

Shortly after 7 a.m. on Dec. 7, the 16-year-old girl was driving a 2002 Honda Civic south on Illinois Route 78 near Knox Road 250 North when she apparently fell asleep, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. A witness said he heard a loud bang and saw the vehicle flip multiple times.

The vehicle appeared to strike a culvert and a fence and landed on its top. The driver crawled from the vehicle but complained about a sore lower back, the report stated. She was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Elmwood police also responded, as did BYE Ambulance. The vehicle was towed.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – A vehicle reported stolen in Galesburg was found parked next to a Williamsfield-area residence.

A 56-year-old woman said she noticed the 2008 Honda Civic was on her property, in the 2000 block of Knox Road 2150 East, about 1 p.m. Dec. 4. The vehicle was not there at 1 a.m., she said, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

No keys were found inside the vehicle. The vehicle was reported missing from a Galesburg nursing home. The vehicle's owner was contacted, and she asked for the vehicle to be towed to her residence.

• **KICKAPOO** – A domestic-battery incident apparently took place at a Kickapoo-area residence.

A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched about 12:30 a.m. Nov. 27 to the 9800 block of N. Fox Creek Drive. The report about the incident was heavily redacted, including the name of the suspect, who is from Bartonville; the victim, from Peoria; and another person, from Brimfield. No arrests were made.

• **MONICA** – Shortly before 6:45 p.m. Dec. 14, Kara S. Kimler of Dahinda was driving a southbound 2016 Chrysler in the 16600 block of N. Beall Rd. south of Monica when the vehicle struck a deer. Kimler did not need medical attention, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained front-end damage but was drivable. A deputy dispatched the deer.

• **EDWARDS** – Shortly before 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9, Erica D. King of Peoria was driving a 2020 Chevrolet Trax sport-utility vehicle south on Kickapoo-Edwards Road just north of Illinois Route 8 when the vehicle struck a deer. A Peoria County Sheriff's Office report listed no injuries to King. The vehicle was drivable.

PUBLIC RECORD

• **ABINGDON** – Shortly before 9:15 a.m. Nov. 26, Michael A. Wilson, 50, of Farmington was driving a 2016 Kenworth Stake truck on Illinois Route 41 near Knox Highway 5 when the vehicle struck a deer. Wilson wasn't injured, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained more than \$1,500 in damage but was drivable.

• **BRIMFIELD** – Dylan J. Snider, 32, of Brimfield was arrested at 1:15 p.m. Dec. 20 and accused of violating an order of protection, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. Snider also was arrested shortly after 5 p.m. Dec. 9 and accused of possession of a firearm without a valid FOID card.

• **HANNA CITY** – Laura R. Sullivan, 29, of Hanna City was arrested about 2:15 a.m. Dec. 15 and accused

of driving on a revoked license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **EDWARDS** – Jacob G. Stevenson, 36, of Edwards was arrested shortly before 4:30 p.m. Dec. 13 and was being held for another law-enforcement agency, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **EDWARDS** – Jacob E. Rynearson, 45, of Edwards was arrested shortly before 10 a.m. Dec. 13 and accused of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **YATES CITY** – Chief Randy Benson reported the following Yates City Police Department activity for November: nine reports, six traffic stops, three citations, five warnings

and one open door.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Nov. 24-Dec. 14: burglary, Dahinda; disturbance, Galva; trespass, Galva; suspicious incident, Douglas; physical domestic dispute, Williamsfield; three burglar alarms, Dahinda; harassment, Yates City; driving complaint, Williamsfield; domestic dispute with a weapon, Yates City; verbal domestic dispute, Williamsfield; animal complaint, Farmington; burglary, Yates City; burglary, Galva; suspicious vehicle, Williamsfield; stray dog, Williamsfield; suspicious vehicle, Dahinda; animal in roadway, Williamsfield; burglar alarm, Williamsfield; dog bite, Dahinda; trespass, Dahinda.

Princeville passes wind-turbine ordinance

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Wind-energy turbines probably won't be permitted within 1½ miles of Princeville in the foreseeable future.

An ordinance the Village Board approved Dec. 17 allows local government to regulate wind farms proposed in areas where the municipality has zoning jurisdiction. That authority extends 1½ miles beyond village limits.

The ordinance prohibits wind farms in Princeville or in that buffer area unless village approval has been obtained. It doesn't appear such approval will be forthcoming anytime soon, should any wind-project developers ask for it.

"Unofficially, in a personal-opinion context, the majority if not all of the board is against them," Village President Jeff Troutman said after the board meeting. "But the village itself has never formally stated in a meeting that the Village Board will not allow that."

The meeting attracted

about 10 members of the public. Most of them were affiliated with a grassroots group opposed to two wind-energy projects proposed for northern and western Peoria County.

Members of No To Peoria County Windmills distributed hats emblazoned with the group's logo.

Village Trustee Ron Delbridge wore one of those hats during the meeting. He has said he's opposed to the proposed wind farms, which might include turbines 700 feet tall.

The board vote regarding the ordinance was unanimous. It also received unanimous support from the village zoning board, Troutman said. A Rockford-based attorney for the no-windmills organization drafted the ordinance, according to group spokesman Dan Heinz of Kickapoo.

"It's a great thing," Heinz said. "It protects the people that live right on the edge or in the town, because these are nearly 700-foot-tall structures that you'll see forever, and it's going

to limit growth. Anything that these villages can do to protect that is a great thing."

The ordinance is identical to one the Brimfield Village Board approved, according to Heinz. He said other Peoria County municipalities are considering approval, but he declined to name them.

Among other things, the ordinance requires towers to be set back at least 5,000 feet from primary structures on land where the owner is participating in the wind-energy project. The setback is 2 miles from non-participant structures and from school property lines.

The only zoning district in which wind projects are allowed is agricultural, and only if allowed as a special use. That would require public hearings and a Village Board vote. The ordinance does not apply to decorative windmills.

According to Troutman, none of the turbines among the wind-farm proposals is within village zoning jurisdiction. The closest poten-

tial towers are about 3 miles to the southwest.

Peoria County officials are expected to consider wind-farm plans sometime in 2025. Troutman said he's informed County Board members about trustees' opposition.

In other business, the board approved the 2023-24 annual village financial report and the annual audit report. The board also authorized an ordinance change that states a village building inspector can be appointed only on an as-needed basis.

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Grand jury indicts Elmwood man

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – On the Saturday evening before Christmas, a usually quiet neighborhood in Elmwood was anything but that.

Following a five-hour standoff with at least 30 law-enforcement officers, an Elmwood man was arrested after neighbors provided video evidence he fired a gun from a residence.

Christopher R. Coulter, 27, surrendered about 9:30 p.m. Dec. 21 in the 200 block of N. Daniels St. After negotiations failed, authorities used a security vehicle to break open a door and enter the residence. Coulter didn't put up a fight after that, according to Peoria County Sheriff Chris Watkins.



Coulter

"It was one of those things where it really upset the neighbors," he said about the gunfire. "It would be different if he was in the country and he was a legal gun owner, but this was in a residential neighborhood. You can't do that."

On Monday, a Peoria County grand jury indicted Coulter for reckless discharge of a firearm and for violating an order of protection, WMBD-TV in Peoria reported. Each charge carries a maximum sentence of three years. Coulter is to appear in court Jan. 15.

On Dec. 21, deputies were dispatched about 4:15 p.m. to Elmwood and were shown video of Coulter shooting from the rear of his residence. Neighbors provided the video. It was not the first time Coulter had fired a gun in that manner, the neighbors told authorities.

Coulter was accused of firing five or six rounds Nov. 22, after which the Elmwood

Police Department was summoned.

"The guy denied it. That incident scared the neighbors enough that they put up a camera, and they caught him shooting again," Watkins said. "You can see it. He shoots in the air in the direction of the neighbors, but over their house."

It didn't appear Coulter had a dispute with the neighbors, according to Watkins.

Detectives obtained a search warrant regarding the December incident, based on Coulter's criminal history. It's lengthy. Peoria County records list at least 19 law-enforcement encounters with Coulter, most of them traffic violations.

Coulter had an active order of protection against him, according to the sheriff's office. Peoria Heights police arrested Coulter three times in 2024. Charges included criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct, reckless driving and telephone harassment.

Police established a perimeter around the Daniels Street address, Watkins said. The Central Illinois Emergency Response Team helped negotiate with Coulter, but he refused to come outside. Coulter admitted to drinking alcohol, according to Watkins.

After about 90 minutes, authorities used an attachment on a Lenco BearCat SWAT vehicle to access the house.

"He lied to them. He said he was in Peoria, but they could hear the BearCat on the phone," Watkins said. "When he quit talking to them, that's when they decided to breach the door."

Authorities found the firearm and ammunition inside, although Coulter said he didn't have a gun and denied shooting one, according to Watkins.

"When we told him we have him on video, he wouldn't admit to it," the sheriff said.

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Elmwood council OKs 2025 MFT road plans

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood City Council called a special meeting on Dec. 18 to approve spending \$180,000 on road repairs in 2025.

Of that total, \$130,000 will be allocated from the city’s Motor Fuel Tax fund for sealcoating of various streets. Another \$50,000 will be drawn from the streets fund.

“We get it bid out and sent out before the first of the year so we can get the best bids,” Mayor JD Hulslander said.

Streets that will see work in 2025 include The Meadows, Ash Street from Morgan to Knox streets, Fremont Street, the 100 and 200 blocks of East Main Street, the 100 and 200 blocks of Cypress Street, Althea

Street south of Main Street to the city limits, a small part of Poplar Street that was not finished in 2024 and Cedar and Willow streets.

– Jeff Lampe

Illinois gun hunters shot 82,496 whitetails

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 82,496 deer during the seven-day 2024 Illinois firearm season that concluded Dec. 8. Comparatively, hunters harvested 76,494 deer during the 2023 firearm season.

The preliminary harvest for the second segment of the 2024 firearm season Dec. 5-8 was 27,835 compared with 22,883 deer harvested during the second part of the 2023 season.

The preliminary harvest for the first segment of this year’s firearm season

Nov. 22-24 was 54,661 deer.

Hunters shot 1,109 deer in Knox County (down 69 from 2023), 1,990 in Fulton County (up 156), 851 in Peoria County (down seven), 216 in Stark County (up 21) and 459 in Henry County (down five).

Et cetera

PEORIA – Peoria County has a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at its new Health & Human Services building at 2116 N. Sheridan Road on Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Pages From The Past Compiled by Henry Lampe

10 Years Ago

• After more than seven months, investigators still have no answers as to what started the Farmington school fire that killed one man and left a local landmark in ruins.

• A \$1.5 million renovation of the Elmwood Junior High School is a win-win proposition for students, the district and taxpayers, according to the Elmwood School Board.

15 Years Ago

• The St. James parish of Williamsfield recently went through a makeover. The church, built in 1889, is one of the smallest churches in the area, with only eight pews on either side.

55 Years Ago

• Over \$1,000 of uninsured damage was caused by concrete blocks,

beer bottles and a brickbat being thrown through plate glass doors and a window at Farmington East High School.

70 Years Ago

• Bruniga Concrete Products broke ground for a new plant just southeast of the depot in Elmwood.

• Heavy damage to the inside of the Centerville school in Edelstein was reported as the result of vandalism, according to Peoria County police.

75 Years Ago

• Two large plate-glass windows in the Timmons Market and Food Locker in Princeville were blown out when the furnace in the building blew up.

90 Years Ago

• Free talking pictures of the

1934 World’s Fair in Chicago were shown at Moon and Carrigan’s in Williamsfield.

• Thermometer readings were 2 below zero on New Year’s Day.

120 Years Ago

• A group of people in West Jersey recently held a large ring hunt, killing 860 rabbits, eight opossums, three skunks and five groundhogs. They sold the rabbits at 60 cents per dozen and planned to expend the proceeds on a banquet to be given in January.

130 Years Ago

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OBITUARIES

Frances B. Carroll

BRIMFIELD – Frances B. Carroll, 105, of Brimfield, passed away at 5:38 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 2024, at Apostolic Christian Skylines in Peoria.

Frances was born on Aug. 29, 1919, in Biggsville, to Fred and Cora (Glenn) Burrus. She married Frederick P. Carroll on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1943, in Galesburg. He preceded her in death on Dec. 11, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Martha (Jerry) Scheirer of Metamora and Ruth (Bill) McKown of Brimfield; three sons, Fred (Brenda) Carroll, Martin (Teri) Carroll and Michael (Theresa) Carroll, all of Brimfield; 22 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Elizabeth Shallenberger and Ruth Foster.

Frances was a kind and loving woman. She enjoyed working as a farm wife, gardening and raising her family. She was a longtime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brimfield, where she was a part of the Altar and Rosary Society. She was a part of several card clubs and traveled in her retirement. Frances spent 11 years at Independence Village in Peoria and two years at Apostolic Christian Skylines in Peoria, where she was treated with great love and care.

Funeral mass was Dec. 27, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Brimfield. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Brimfield. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Cemetery or a charity of the donor's choice.

To leave condolences for Frances' family, please visit www.haskellfuneral.com.

Alan H. Fletcher

URBANA – Beloved husband, loving father and grandfather, Alan Harold Fletcher, 79, passed away at home with the care and support of his family on Nov. 28, 2024. Alan's strength and determination drove him to recover from losing a lung to cancer in 2002, but his resilience was not enough to win the battle of his second diagnosis of the same disease. He was born on April 8, 1945, the

third of four children to Carol Raymond Fletcher and Margorie Earl Fletcher. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Philip and his sister Carol Lynn Fletcher Ohls. His youngest brother, Randy (Linda), survives.

Alan graduated from Champaign High School, Class of 1963, and followed his strong sense of duty by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. He completed basic training in San Diego and was deployed to Vietnam, where he served in offensive operations and as a tank commander from 1964-66.

Upon his return, Alan joined the United Transportation Union and worked as a brakeman/fireman for the Illinois Central Railroad for 25 years. He returned to college at the age of 45 to pursue a political science degree from the University of Illinois.

Alan married Kathryn Konhorst on Oct. 29, 1979. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; two sons, Mathew (Marcie) Fletcher of Farmington, Ill., and John (Leah) Fletcher of Acworth, Ga.; and six grandchildren, Caroline, Jack, Samuel, Logan, Samuel Colten (Sydney) and Estella.

Alan was a humble, quiet and serious man of honor who never liked to be the center of attention. He dedicated himself to his values and remained steadfast in his convictions: a man who loved and respected his country, the flag and the Marine Corps. Alan and his wife enjoyed hiking and protecting nature for future generations. He valued life and being a part of it. His quick, dry wit and easy laugh will be remembered by all who experienced it.

The family will be forever grateful to the Urbana Fire Department, the Carle nursing staff and the numerous doctors who attentively cared for Alan these last few months.

As per Alan's wishes, there will be no visitation or services but a future gathering to celebrate Alan's life will be scheduled in the early fall of 2025, his favorite season.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to an organization of your choice or one of Alan's favorites: Gary Sinise Foundation (garysinisefoundation.org), St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) or the Natural Resources Defense Council (nrdcinfo@nrdc.org).



Carroll



Fletcher

Gale S. Linder

PRINCEVILLE – Gale Sue (Conway) Linder, 74, of Princeville, Ill., passed away at 6:55 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria from complications due to illness.

She was born Sept. 7, 1950, in Granite City, Ill., to Mack B. Conway and Thella M. (Louis) Begner, who preceded her in death.

Gale was the mother of five children, James Linder and Clayton Linder of Punta Gorda, Fla., Joseph Linder of High Springs, Fla., Charla Waughop of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Kasey Waughop of North Port, Fla. She was grandmother to JP, Johnathon, Carl Linder, Matthew, Morgan and Jessica Linder, and Kira, Tara, and Kinsley Waughop. She also had eight great-grandchildren.

Gale is also survived by 10 siblings, Mack (Clara) Conway of Wyoming, Dianna (Walt Dickerson) Presseller of Chillicothe, Ben Conway of High Springs, Fla., Terry (Matthew) Bohm of Chillicothe, Kevin Conway of Princeville, Bonnie (Todd) Christner of Crothersville, Ind., Reba (Rick) Wathern of East Peoria, Ill., Vaughn "Butch" Begner of Princeville, Alesia (Dennis) Bohannan of Princeville and Thomas Begner of Columbus, Ind.

Also preceding her in death are her brother, Gerald "Pete" Begner; brother-in-law, Tom Presseller; sister-in-law, Jeanne Conway; and nieces Michelle Dickerson and Samantha Begner.

Gale loved reading and spent much of her time going to and from Lillie M. Evans Library in Princeville to find more books. She always had an easy smile and loved being with family. For the last several years she would make her way to Florida, where she lived for years, to visit her children for the holidays. Her personality and sweet disposition will be what most remember about her. She was a kind soul.

Gale worked at the IVY Club in Peoria, as head waitress, for years before going south to experience Florida. Once there she worked in food service as a waitress, loving her customers and always ready to work. Once her children were raised, she came home to spend more time with her mother and family.



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As Gale would often tell her family, "It'll be all right."

Cremation rites have been accorded. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements. Graveside services and burial will be in Princeville Cemetery, with a celebration of life to be announced at a later date.

Donations can be made in memory of Gale to the donor's choice.

Glenn L. Moody

ELMWOOD – Glenn L. Moody, 84, of Elmwood, passed away at 5:32 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

Glenn was born Sept. 14, 1940, in Elmwood, Ill., to Harry and Margaret (Windish) Moody. Glenn married Nancy Van Tine on June 26, 1958, in Burlington, Iowa. She survives.

Glenn is also survived by three children, Ricky (Jimmie) Moody of Elmwood, Deborah (Tim) Harper of Elmwood and James Moody of Elmwood; seven grandchildren, Jeremy Hickman, Leslie Ginther, Cara Stewart, Christopher Moody, Tricia Little, Jennifer Jones and Anthony Moody; and 13 great-grandchildren, Jady Ginter, Austin Hickman, Madison Hickman, Cole Moon, Abigail Strode, Charlotte Moody, Kirsten Little, Brayden Little, Clara Jones, Elliott Jones, Rhett Jones, Emmett Jones and Harrison Moody.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother, John Moody.

Glenn was a skilled-trades carpenter at Caterpillar Inc. for over 30 years. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Elm-

wood. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge 192. More recently, Glenn served on the Elmwood City Council and the Elmwood Cemetery Board.

Masonic rites followed by his funeral service were held on Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation was prior to the service on the same day. Burial followed in Elmwood Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be to the Elmwood United Methodist Church and the Elmwood Fire Department.

To leave online condolences, please visit oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

Patsy A. Morse

BRIMFIELD – Patsy A. Morse, 89, of Brimfield, passed away at 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

She was born Feb. 26, 1935, in Peoria, to Willis and Edna Harkrider. Patsy married Genie Morse. He preceded her in death in 1994.

Patsy is survived by three children, Steven (Tracy) VanWinkle of Utah, Debra (Richard) Payne of Brimfield and Brenda (Steve) Hunter of Montana; one brother, Donald Thrush; two sisters, Pamela Cowper and Roberta "Kay" (Jack) Quinn; one sister-in-law, Luan Thrush; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Patsy is also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Richard "Dick" Thrush and Michael Thrush; and one sister, Karen Van Gulick.

Patsy graduated from Manual High School in 1953. She was a legal secretary for 51 years. She worked her last 16 years at Kavanaugh Law Firm in Peoria, where she retired from in 2013.

Cremation rites were accorded. To leave online condolences, visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Bernard K. Shoop

DUNFERMLINE – Bernard K. Shoop, 82, of Dunfermline, formerly of Brimfield, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens

Hospice Home in Peoria.

He was born on May 17, 1942, in Canton to Keith and Wilma (Crowl) Shoop.

He married Shirley Howerter on Dec. 31, 1961, in Canton. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Craig (Tina) Shoop of Canton, Lisa (Delbert) Davis of Yates City and Amy (Daniel) Downard of Pekin; two sisters, Shirley Canevit of Canton and Ann Horner of Canton; 12 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandchild.

Bernard worked for Illinois Bell for 27 years and later for Wieland's Lawn Mower Hospital in Peoria. He was a member of the Brimfield Men's Club. In his spare time, he enjoyed bowling, golfing, gardening and watching old Westerns.

A visitation was Dec. 23, 2024, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Canton. Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorials may be made to Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

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Sun. Worship: 10:40 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Father Deogratias Mpewo
314 W. Clay Brimfield
(309) 446-3275
stjosephbrimfield.org
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Sat. Mass: 5 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 10:30 a.m. (starting Sept. 1)

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AWANA: Wed. 6:15 p.m. ages 3-12

Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ
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brimfieldunionchurch.org
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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. For possible new year's resolutions, Proverbs 16:3 (KJV) says, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be _____." Resolved, Established, Directed, Bountiful
2. Likewise, Psalm 37:5 (KJV) instructs us to, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to _____." Nurture, Pass, Action, Light
3. From which book's 29:11 does the Lord declare plans to prosper you, thoughts of peace to give you hope and a future? Leviticus, Ezra, Nehemiah,

Jeremiah

4. 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20 are among the verses to focus on what in a new year? Blessings, Moving forward, Grace, Church attendance
5. In which month of the religious calendar did the new year begin in the Bible? 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th
6. From James 1:5, what may one lack, and if they ask God, it shall be given? Love, Wisdom, Truth, Goals
ANSWERS: 1) Established, 2) Pass, 3) Jeremiah, 4) Moving forward, 5) 7th, 6) Wisdom
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Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com

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Douglas United Methodist Church
Pastor Kristine McMillan
484 3rd St.
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Father James Pankiewicz
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Crossroads Assembly of God
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crossroadselmwood.org
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Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Elmwood Baptist Church
Pastor Bill Cole
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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.
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Father James Pankiewicz
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farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com
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Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.

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Princeville United Methodist Church
Pastor David Pyell
420 E. Woertz Princeville
(309) 385-4487
princevilleumc@mediacombb.net
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

Grace A. Abbott

PRINCEVILLE — Grace Ann Marie Abbott, 17, of Princeville, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024, in rural Princeville. She was born on Aug. 25, 2007, in Pekin to parents Heidi Coats and Mathew Abbott.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, from 3-7 p.m. at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Grace's funeral service will be Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be immediately following in Princeville Township Cemetery.

Grace's full obituary can be viewed and memorial condolences left at www.haskellfuneral.com.



Abbott

Richard L. Telander

PEKIN — Richard "Rick" Lee Telander, 80, of Pekin, passed away at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, at The Loft Rehab of East Peoria.

Born April 4, 1944, in Princeville to Frederick Glenn and Edith Marie (McNaught) Telander, he married Lynda F. Huffman on July 9, 1967, in Princeville. He later married Rhonda Sue Graham on July 17, 2006, in Groveland. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, An-

drew (Jessica) Telander of Belvidere and Neil (Tina) Telander of North Liberty, Iowa; one daughter, Susan Evans of Galesburg; one stepson, Jeff Graham of Pekin; five grandchildren, Kelby Telander, Carson Telander, Molly Telander, Kallen Evans and Tinly Evans; one step-granddaughter, Heidi Parr; seven great-grandchildren; one niece, Beth Telander; one nephew, Mark Telander; and one cousin, Janice (Gary) Strait.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Brian Telander; and one sister-in-law, Marilyn Telander.

Rick was a life insurance and annuity broker for 55 years. He was very involved with his family and a sports enthusiast, playing basketball, football, baseball and track. He was also very active in his ministry at First United Methodist Church of Princeville as well as the Pekin First United Methodist Church prison ministry.

His funeral was Dec. 23, 2024, at Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes & Crematory in Pekin. Pastor Dwight Winnett officiated. Cremation was accorded following the funeral.

Memorial contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association Illi-



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nois Chapter, 2200 Cabot Drive, Suite 460, Lisle, IL 60532, or First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court St., Pekin, IL 61554.

To express condolences online, visit preston-hanley.com.

Linda K. Anderson

PRINCEVILLE — Linda Kay Anderson, 77, of Princeville, passed away at 12:20 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2024, at The Arc in Chillicothe. Linda was born Jan. 2, 1947, in Ke-wance to parents Leonard and Beulah (Libby) Barrett. She married Dennis G. Anderson on Dec. 11, 1965, in Princeville. He preceded her in death Dec. 18, 2017.

Surviving her are one sister, Georgia Peters of Chillicothe; one brother, William (Sally) Barrett of Princeville; and two nephews and six nieces, Ray G. (Peggy) Delbridge of Princeville, Debbie (Charlie) Bruce of Mount Vernon, Kathy Powers of Princeville, Barb Ashcraft of Princeville, Brenda (Joe) Slyman of Elmwood, David (Cherakee) Barrett of Farmington, Gale Young of East Peoria and Debbie Barrett of Princeville.

Her funeral will be Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Pastor David Pyell will officiate. Visitation will be at 10 a.m., also at the funeral home. Burial will be immediately following the funeral, in West Jersey Cemetery.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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In Re ESTATE OF
ANTHONY P. NOE, CC 2024-PR-0000308
Deceased.

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **ANTHONY P. NOE** on October 29, 2024. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **LINDA J. McCOY**, of **17218 West State Road, Brimfield, Illinois 61517**, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **11th day of July, 2025**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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DATED this 4th day of December, 2024.

LINDA J. McCOY, Executor of the Estate of ANTHONY P. NOE, Deceased.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of
FRANCIS L. COON, Deceased
2024-PR-0000272

CLAIM DAY NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of FRANCIS L. COON. Letters of office were issued on October 23, 2024, to BECKY LARGENT and RONALD LARGENT, 517 N. Lakeshore Dr., Hanna City, Illinois 61536, Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP (NANCY A. SCHELL), 150 North Elmwood Road, Farmington, Illinois 61531, Phone #309/245-2474, Fax #309/245-2475.

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Dated this 12th day of December, 2024.

BECKY LARGENT and RONALD LARGENT, as Co
Executors of the Estate of FRANCIS L. COON, deceased
By: /s/Nancy A. Schell
Nancy A. Schell, their attorney

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CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF
RAYMOND E. GRAVES, CC 2024-PR-0000317
Deceased.

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **RAYMOND E. GRAVES** on December 3, 2024. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **NATHAN S. GRAVES**, of **8007 North Knox Road, Elmwood, Illinois 61529**, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **11th day of July, 2025**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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DATED this 11th day of December, 2024.

NATHAN S. GRAVES, Executor of the Estate of RAYMOND E. GRAVES, Deceased.

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Minimum wage up to \$15 an hour

By Capitol News Illinois

The minimum wage in Illinois increased to \$15 an hour on Jan. 1, completing a six-year transition period since the increase was approved in 2019.

Beginning New Year's Day, Illinois workers making minimum wage saw wages rise by \$1 and tipped workers saw their paychecks bump to \$9 an hour.

Youth workers under 18 who work fewer than 650 hours a year will have a \$13 minimum wage.

The final increase, ending a six-year ramp that began with the minimum wage rising from \$8.25 to \$9.25 on Jan. 1, 2020, puts a bow on Gov. JB Pritzker's first major legislative victory. He signed the wage increase in February 2019 about a month after being sworn in for his first term, checking off a top campaign promise.

Illinois is one of 10 states with a minimum wage of \$15 or greater, according to the National Employment Law Project. Twenty-two other states increased their wages on Jan. 1.

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

In Re ESTATE OF DEBRA S. MORSE Deceased. CC 2024-PR-0000312

CLAIM NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of DEBRA S. MORSE on November 18, 2024. Letters of Office were issued on December 10, 2024, by the above entitled Court to BRIAN L. MORSE, of 4303 West Lora Ann Lane, Peoria, Illinois 61615 and TAMMY J. McCOY, of 211 East Butternut Street, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, as Independent Administrators, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., of 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the Administrators or both on or before the 11th day of July, 2025 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the Administrator is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the administrator and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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DATED this 10th day of December, 2024.

BRIAN L. MORSE and TAMMY J. McCOY,
Independent Administrators of the Estate of
DEBRA S. MORSE, Deceased.

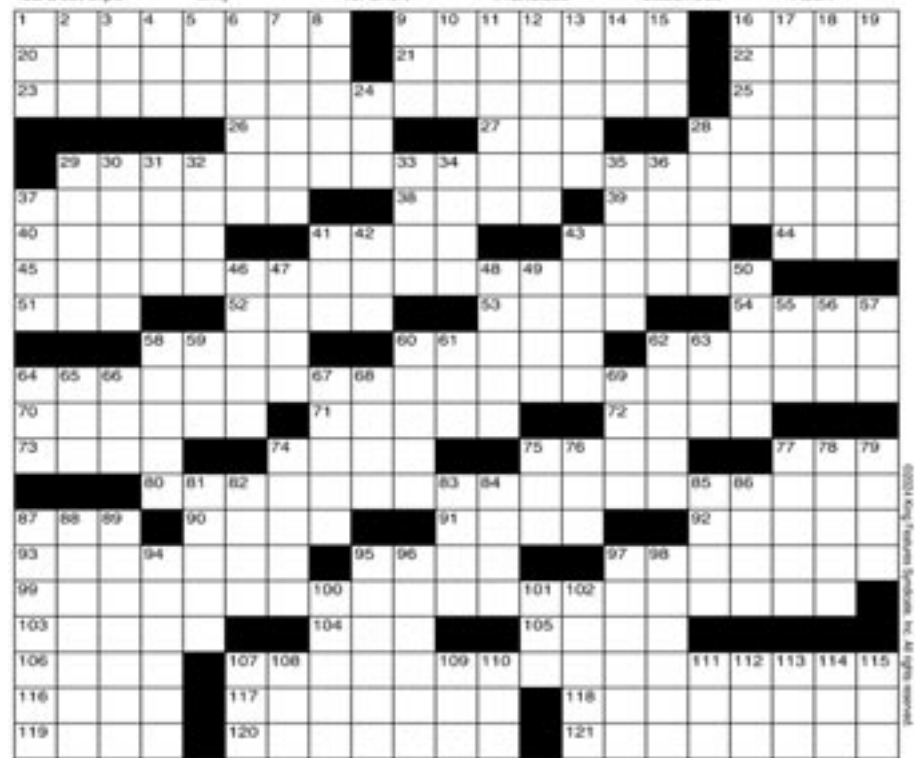
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Super Crossword

CATCHING SOME WAVES

- ACROSS**
 - 1 Biblical boat of refuge
 - 9 1971 Best Actor winner Gene
 - 16 Sewing line
 - 20 Classroom instructor, in Aussie lingo
 - 21 Long South American river
 - 22 Toothpaste container
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Said aloud
 - 26 Sleekly designed
 - 27 Muscles to crunch
 - 28 Persona non
 - 29 Riddle, part 2
 - 37 Special multi-book
 - 38 Cyberauction site
 - 39 Blotching, with "up"
 - 40 Travis of country music
 - 41 Thick slice
 - 43 Stare
 - 44 Go gray, say
 - 45 Riddle, part 3
 - 51 Hall-of-Fame Giant Mel
 - 52 Debt slips
- DOWN**
 - 53 "Exodus" novelist Leon
 - 54 Toe the line
 - 58 Actress Liu
 - 60 Angelina of Hollywood
 - 62 Spiny lizard
 - 64 Riddle, part 4
 - 70 Third-place medal metal
 - 71 24 in a day
 - 72 Vid shooters
 - 73 Ship out, e.g.
 - 74 Menageries
 - 75 Eerie sign
 - 77 Cello's org.
 - 80 Riddle, part 5
 - 87 Innuendo queen West
 - 90 Not common
 - 91 Sgt. and cpl.
 - 92 "Serpico" director Sidney
 - 93 Herb in pasta sauce
 - 95 Cruising
 - 97 Egg hunt holidays
 - 99 End of the riddle
 - 103 Oscar-winning Berry
 - 104 Prefix with angle or color
 - 105 Compel
 - 106 "— and the Detectives" (old Disney film)
 - 107 Riddle's answer
 - 116 Fall lawn tool
 - 117 Interweaves
 - 118 St. Patrick's Day bar order
 - 119 Went quickly
 - 120 Store full of playthings
 - 121 One of the men waiting for Godot
- DOWN**
 - 1 Australian state whose capital is Sydney; Abbr.
 - 2 Scottish interjection of surprise
 - 3 "Eureka!"
 - 4 Scorching
 - 5 Lawn turf
 - 6 Red Sox and Orioles' div.
 - 7 Construction bolts
 - 8 Actress Knightley
 - 9 Tiling tool
 - 10 "— longa, vita brevis"
 - 11 Buzzy insect
 - 12 Having rounded protrusions
 - 13 Timid
 - 14 Often-injured knee part, for short
 - 15 Start to doze
 - 16 Birds bringing bundles of joy
 - 17 Russia locale
 - 18 Easing off
 - 19 Hedgepodge
 - 24 Sanders' title; Abbr.
 - 28 Sticks with pasty stuff
 - 29 "— Subsequent
 - Moviefilm" (2020 sequel)
 - 30 Have life
 - 31 Narrow land strip; Abbr.
 - 32 "— pot (sinus-clearing apparatus)
 - 33 Not lathy
 - 34 Eases off
 - 35 Union Jack and Old Glory
 - 36 Exude slowly
 - 37 Vitamin also called riboflavin
 - 41 "Disco" guy on "The Simpsons"
 - 42 "— Angeles"
 - 43 "Peer Gynt" composer
 - 46 Particular specialty
 - 47 Maya painter Francisco
 - 48 Quiet spells
 - 49 Moistureless
 - 50 Track tippers
 - 55 Crocheted cry
 - 56 Dir. opposite WSW
 - 57 Turkey Day tuber
 - 58 Wonder
 - 59 Brand of potato chips
 - 60 Knightly fight
 - 61 Word of joint ownership
 - 62 14th-century Russian ruler called "The Moneybag"
 - 63 Tiarra stone
 - 64 "NCIS" ainer
 - 65 State of rage
 - 66 Whole bunch
 - 67 "— were the days!"
 - 68 Seeks the love of
 - 69 Cake froster
 - 74 Goose eggs
 - 75 Egg; Prefix
 - 76 Partners of pas
 - 77 Big Apple baseball, for short
 - 78 Some Afrikans
 - 79 Early P.M. times, in classifieds
 - 81 Want badly
 - 82 Pleading
 - 83 First-class aisle seat on many planes
 - 84 Rent- (temporary wheels)
 - 85 "Frozen" queen
 - 86 Reproving syllables
 - 87 Partners of fathers
 - 88 Tourist office handout
 - 89 Long, twisty and slippery
 - 94 Coagulated
 - 95 Main arteries
 - 96 Tattletale
 - 97 Lawn tools
 - 98 Nailed the exam
 - 100 Turin's land
 - 101 Yes, to Fill
 - 102 Shaw
 - 107 Ready to go
 - 108 Rock's Brian
 - 109 Zodiac sign
 - 110 Sci-fi gift
 - 111 It's S. of Leb.
 - 112 "— Na Na"
 - 113 Evil woman in fairy tales
 - 114 "Evil Woman" rock gp.
 - 115 Sanders' title; Abbr.



Amber Waves



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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of cake is named after a British queen?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the family dog on "The Simpsons"?
- ANATOMY: How long does a human red blood cell exist?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where is New Year's celebrated first each year?
- ADVERTISING: Which company sponsors a 13-foot-long Weinermobile?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many pints are in a quart?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the dance performed in the "Rocky Horror Picture Show"?
- BIOLOGY: What does the term ectothermic mean?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country has the longest coastline in the world?
- LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Canterbury Tales"?

Answers

- Victoria Sponge Cake.
- Santa's Little Helper.
- About 120 days.
- The island of Kiribati in the Oceanic nation of Kiribati.
- Oscar Mayer.
- Two.
- The Time Warp.
- Coldblooded, when body temperature is regulated by the environment.
- Canada.
- Geoffrey Chaucer.

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

NGA SATCHM XLNG QLK
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NGRM NGA HMA XLNG RBB
NGA ERWNC.
— G. PRWJCHM QTHXM PT.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (PG)
- Mufasa: The Lion King (PG)
- Wicked (PG)
- Moana 2 (PG)
- Homestead (PG-13)
- Gladiator II (R)
- Kraven: The Hunter (R)
- The Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim (PG-13)
- The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (PG)
- Red One (PG-13)

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GIRLS: Brimfield third at Heyworth; Heinz earns 3rd all-tourney team

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This time around, Princeville pressured Elmwood into 33 turnovers and got 14 points apiece from Sahara Streimatter and Paisley Schock and nine from Reagan Calder. The Lady Princes did not press much in the last matchup, Gross said.

"We weren't in as good of shape then as we are now," he said.

In the title game, the Lady Princes could not avenge an earlier loss to Tremont despite trailing just 30-26 at halftime. The

Lady Turks (13-2) used a 19-6 run in the third quarter to take control en route to a 63-40 victory. Streimatter had 22 points in the loss.

"They're a very good team for a 2A team," Gross said. "It is wasn't for Peoria Notre Dame and Canton, they'd have a nice run."

Princeville opened tourney action with a 64-15 win over Bushnell-Prairie City on Dec. 26. Streimatter scored 22 and Calder added nine.

Prior to the tournament, Princeville won two of

three, losing to Illini Bluffs on Dec. 21 (45-35) despite 16 points from Schock.

That came after beating Henry-Senachwine in overtime on Dec. 19 (50-48) and Lewistown on Dec. 18 (46-38) behind 22 points from Schock and 12 from Streimatter. She scored 15 vs. Henry and Schock added 13.

The Lady Princes are back in action Jan. 6 vs. Lowpoint-Washburn.

• **Elmwood** – The Lady Trojans (9-6) beat Midland in the third-place game at Princeville as senior Chloe

Howerton was 4-for-6 on free throws in the final 42.8 seconds and led the team with nine points.

Elmwood opened tourney play with a 64-23 win over Galva on Dec. 26. Brooke Allen (13 points) and Natalia Babcock (11) led a balanced attack.

Andrea Glenn scored 14 in the loss to Princeville, which saw Elmwood shoot 15-for-45 from the field and suffer 33 turnovers vs. Princeville's pressure defense.

The Lady Trojans have been trying to find an answer at point guard since senior Lemmerman was sidelined with an apparent season-ending knee injury. Coach Kevin Faulkner said that's part of the learning process for his young team.

"We're 9-6 ending 2024 and I feel like we should be a two-loss team," Faulkner said. "But because of how inexperienced we are, that's come back and bit us a few times."

Prior to the Princeville tourney, Elmwood lost in the Monmouth United Tournament to Ridgewood on Dec. 19 (32-29) and to the hosts on Dec. 17 in double overtime (43-41). Glenn scored 13 against United and Allen added 10.

Elmwood is home against Peoria Manual on Jan. 6.

• **Farmington** – After opening the Westerman Tournament with a 55-22 loss to Midland on Dec. 26, the Lady Farmers (6-12) won twice to claim the

consolation championship.

On Dec. 27, Farmington defeated Peoria Heights 46-13. Abbie Ackers and Lynsey Shriber scored 13 points apiece, Averie Gilstrap tallied 11 and Molly Zaborac scored seven.

Then on Dec. 28, the Lady Farmers downed Galva, 52-38, as Shriber scored 14, Zaborac added 11 and Ackers tallied eight.

Prior to the Princeville tournament, Farmington lost three straight: 62-25 to Havana on Dec. 23, 42-30 to West Central on Dec. 19 and 60-18 to Abingdon-Avon on Dec. 18. The Lady Farmers beat Payson Seymour on Dec. 17, 39-28, as Gilstrap led with 17 points.

Farmington is at Elmwood on Jan. 8.

• **Brimfield** – The Lady Indians (11-6) topped Annawan, 67-39, on Dec. 28 at the Peru St. Bede Tournament and senior Ava Heinz was named to a third all-tourney team this season.

Heinz had four double-doubles in four tournament games at St. Bede and scored 22 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and had six blocks against Annawan. Maddie Rust added 15 points.

Heinz had 15 points and 10 rebounds in a 34-27 loss to Serena on Dec. 27 at St. Bede. She tallied 23 points with 13 rebounds in a Dec. 26 loss to Minonk Fieldcrest (64-57). Kennedy Hoerr scored 13 in that

game and Layni Linthicum racked up 10 points and five rebounds. Fieldcrest shot 30 free throws to 10 attempts for Brimfield.

Hoerr's 3-pointer with two seconds left lifted Brimfield past Putnam County, 49-48, on Dec. 26. Heinz scored 21 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in that game and Maddie Rust added 11 points.

Prior to playing in Peru, the Lady Indians placed third at the Heyworth Tournament. Brimfield beat Illini Central, 57-42, on Dec. 21 in the third-place game as Heinz scored 28 points and Linthicum added 10.

Brimfield had opened at Heyworth with a 63-27 win over Paxton-Buckley-Loda on Dec. 18. Heinz scored 26 points to go with 15 rebounds, four assists, four blocks and four steals. Linthicum had 19 points and five assists.

The Lady Indians dropped their second tournament game to the host team, 53-37, as Heinz had two fouls in the first 40 seconds. That allowed Heyworth to open an 18-6 lead after one quarter. Heinz finished with 18 points.

Brimfield is at Stark County on Jan. 6.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – The Lady Cougars (3-8) lost at Mercer County on Dec. 19, 55-39, before taking a break for the holidays.

R-W plays Jan. 4 at Kewanee Wethersfield.



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WHATDEVICES	COULD	ORAL
BEINSTALLED	BYFOLKS	SIN
BOXSETS	EBAY	LOUSING
TRITTY	SLAB	GAZE
WASHINGTON	SLARGEST	
OTTIOUS	URIS	OBEY
LUCY	JOLIE	IGUANA
CITYTHATWOULD	GIVETHEM	
BRONZE	HOURS	CAMS
SEND	ZOOS	OMEN
ACCESS	TOAVARIETY	OF
MAE	RARE	NCOS
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CryptoQuote

answer

The person with big dreams is more powerful than the one with all the facts.

— H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BOYS: 'We choked'

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Tucker Sennett, who was fouled on a layup at 1:02. Although he missed the resulting free throw, his basket gave Princeville a permanent lead.

"I saw the opportunity and I went for it and it happened to come in our favor," the younger Sennett said. "It was just a great moment."

"That kind of turned the tides," Coach Sennett said, "and they had a couple of other bad turnovers down the stretch, too."

Among the turnovers were a Brimfield traveling call at :59.3 and another stolen inbounds pass at :34.5. Over the final 2:20, Princeville was 11-for-13 from the line. A layup at

:15.6 by Connor Doe, who had a game-high 19 points, was the only Brimfield scoring in that span.

"We choked," Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson said. "They worked harder to get it than we did. I almost feel like we gave it to them, to some degree, with all those turnovers."

"This should burn in their guts," Carlson said about his players.

The victory avenged a 46-42 Brimfield victory in the first game of the season, at the Peoria Heights Thanksgiving tournament. Tait Sennett believes his team and Carlson's might be headed for a rubber match in the postseason.

"This was a great small-school basketball game,"



Princeville players and cheerleaders posed for a picture after the Princes won a second straight Princeville Holiday Tournament title.

he said. "It's one that I know we're going to remember."

Princeville reached the championship game by beating Heights 70-29 in the semifinals Dec. 27 as Day had 16 points and Olshawsky 14. The Princes beat Ridgewood 61-32 in the first round Dec. 26. Williams had 19 points and

10 teammates scored.

Brimfield opened the tournament by beating Henry 66-36 behind 23 points from Doe and 17 from Brady Johnson. The Indians defeated Peru St. Bede 54-37 in the semifinals as Doe had 17 points, Johnson 14 and Jackson Kappes 10.

The consolation title

went to fourth-seeded Elmwood, 71-59 over Ridgewood as Bo Windish had 21 points, Quinton Johns 19 and Garrett Webster 17. Johns scored 11 in the first quarter for the Trojans (9-6), including three 3-pointers, and Windish scored nine in the third.

St. Bede defeated Elmwood 60-44 in the first

round despite 14 points each from freshman Karsyn Bolton and Windish. Elmwood beat Henry 56-40 in the consolation semis behind 25 points from Windish and 14 from Johns.

Third-seeded Heights hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to win third place, 50-49 over St. Bede.

Elmwood tops Galva boys; Farmington drops 2 at Macomb

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Bryson Shadley had only eight points for Elmwood in its boys basketball game Dec. 21 against Galva. But those were among the most important ones for his team.

Shadley banked in a 3-pointer in the second quarter to help propel an Elmwood comeback, then hit a fourth-quarter 3 to set up a final push to a 65-50 victory.

Elmwood led 51-46 with 3:05 remaining and scored its final 14 on free throws, on 17 attempts. Bo Windish had a game-high 25 points and was 7-for-7 from the line in the fourth. Teammate Garrett Webster scored 11 overall. All of it helped send Galva to only its second defeat in its first nine games.

"We've shot the ball well in streaks from the free-throw line," Elmwood Coach Josh Fugitt said. "Not so sure our overall shooting isn't a little streaky like that, too. We hit some big ones tonight, especially in the second half."

Shadley, a 5-foot-9 senior, had a knack for that. He had five points in the first half of the fourth quarter, including a 3 that gave Elmwood a 49-44 lead with 3:49 remaining.

Galva led 20-11 midway through the second quarter. But Shadley's banked-in 3 sparked Elmwood to an 11-4 spurt that tied the game 24-24 at halftime.

"I was open, so shoot it," Shadley said. "I feel like I stay pretty humble in my head and don't lash out with emotion in those situations."

The game was tied 30-30 with 3:08 left in the third quarter. But over the following 1:05, four Elmwood players combined to

score nine in a row. The Trojans didn't trail again.

For the game, Elmwood was 22-for-34 on free throws and Galva was 7-for-10. Reid Harris and JP Sloan fouled out and accounted for 10 of the Wildcats' 25 fouls. Elmwood was assessed 14 fouls.

"We just came out slow, with no energy," Galva Coach Jake McClintic said. "We just had an off game. It happens. You can't blame a game on fouls, no matter how one-sided they were."

MJ Louck had 19 points to lead Galva.

Quinton Johns had 16 points Dec. 20 to lead Elmwood past Havana 51-36. Windish had 11 points, Oliver Thornton 10. On Dec. 17, Elmwood lost 72-53 to Abingdon-Avon despite 12 points from Webster, 11 from Johns and 10 from Windish.

Elmwood doesn't play again until Jan. 10 at ROWVA-Williamsfield.

• **Farmington** – The Farmers lost both games they played in the Macomb-Western Holiday Tournament.

Liberty had the first 14 points of the game Dec. 27 in a 49-32 consolation-bracket victory. Jack Gronewold had nine points and Landon Crawford and Boston Smith each scored eight for Farmington (3-8), which trailed by 22 late in the third quarter. Crawford had seven rebounds.

Farmington opened tournament play with a 54-37 loss Dec. 26 to second-seeded Peoria Christian. Farmington tied the game at 23 in the third quarter, but Peoria Christian pulled away. Smith was the only double-digit Farmington scorer (22). He also had 12 rebounds.

Gronewold had 30 points as Farmington beat Augusta Southeastern 66-52

in the Great Western Shootout, played Dec. 21 in Abingdon. Gronewold scored 16 in the fourth quarter, including four 3-pointers. Smith scored 13, Crawford 11 and Jerett Fauser 10.

Smith had 14 points in a 46-30 loss Dec. 17 to Monmouth-Roseville.

The Farmers are home Jan. 7 against Havana.

• **Brimfield** – All three of Brimfield's double-digit scorers against Kewanee Wethersfield accomplished that in the first three periods of a 73-32 victory. Brady Johnson had 17 points, Connor Doe had 13 and Jackson Kappes had 10. Johnson scored eight in the second quarter as Wethersfield scored none.

Brimfield is at Galva Friday (Jan. 3).

• **Princeville** – Home the week before Christmas was a good place to be for Princeville.

The Princes won three consecutive home games, capped by a 65-39 victory Dec. 21 over Delavan. Brady Day and Jake Williams each had 16 points to lead four Princeville players in double figures. Tucker Sennett had 15 points and Logan Olshawsky scored 10, including seven in the fourth quarter.

Two nights earlier, Sennett had 17 points and Day scored 12 to lead Princeville past Henry 63-31. All those points came in the first three periods.

Day had 15 points and Williams had 10 in a 45-37 victory Dec. 17 over Varna Midland. All of Williams' scoring came in the second half, which began with Princeville leading 22-19.

Princeville is home Jan. 7 vs. ROWVA-Williamsfield.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – On Dec. 21, Annawan beat R-W (4-8) 58-17. The

Cougars were shut out over the final eight minutes. Dawson Traphagan had eight points.

The previous night was better for the Cougars, who beat Peoria Heights 54-46 behind 16 points from Traphagan and 13 from Jaxson Strom. Heights led 32-31 after three periods, but Traphagan had nine points in the fourth quarter and Jeremiah Johnson scored six of his nine.

Another R-W victory

came Dec. 17 against North Fulton, 45-43. North Fulton tied it with about three minutes to go, but R-W pulled away. Johnson had 12 points and teammate Max Nichols scored 10. Johnson had eight fourth-period points.

R-W is at Oneida on Friday vs. Bureau Valley.

• **IHSA assignments** – The Class 1A Brimfield Sectional will include the hosts, Elmwood, Princeville, ROWVA-Williams-

field and Stark County, according to postseason assignments the Illinois High School Association released recently.

Those schools are in the same 18-team sub-sectional. Regionals are to be played at West Central and Roanoke-Benson.

In Class 2A, Farmington was assigned to the Sherrard Sectional. Regionals in the Farmers' 11-team sub-sectional are at Mercer County and Macomb.



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Princeville Coach John Gross (center, with basketball) earned his 900th career win in a 44-38 victory over Elmwood on Friday during the semifinals of the 13th annual Lee Westerman Girls Tournament. Other team members pictured are (left to right): Addison Buckley, Paisley Schock, Rylie Walsh, Laurynn Bowers, Assistant Coach Ralph Gallo, Reagan Calder, Gross, Kamryn Smith, Brie Ehnlé, Morgan Cafferty, Bethany Sennett and Sahara Streitmatter. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

Gross earns 900th win, ranks 4th in state

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The milestone came Friday. The championship proved elusive on Saturday.

Overall, though, the 13th annual Lee Westerman Girls Tournament had to rank as a success for the improving Lady Princes (8-9), who placed second at their annual Christmas event and have won seven of the last 10.

The highlight came in a 44-38 semifinal win over Elmwood that handed John Gross his 900th career coaching victory. Gross ranks fourth on the all-time Illinois girls basketball

coaching list behind only retired Chicago Marshall legend Dorothy Gaters (1,133 wins), former Oak Park Fenwick coach Dave Power (1,022 wins) and ex-Galesburg coach Evan Massey (1,018).

Gross, 75, began coaching in 1975 at Bartonville Limestone, where he won 544 games and had a second-place finish in Class AA in 1992. He won 147 games and two state titles at Peoria Richwoods (2005 in Class AA and 2009 in Class 3A). He has won 209 games in 10 seasons at Princeville, including back-to-back 30-win campaigns in 2017 and 2018.

“I’ll tell you what, the victory over

Elmwood today means more than No. 900 to me right now. Because a month ago they kicked the crap out of us and we came back today and the kids played hard,” Gross said. “We’re improving. We’re young. We’re going to be good in a few years.”

That’s clear comparing the semifinal to the Nov. 23 meeting, when Princeville lost to Elmwood, 46-29. The Lady Princes had not adopted their pressing defense fully at that point and Elmwood still had point guard Tinley Lemmerman, who did not play at the tournament and is out indefinitely with a knee injury.

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Princeville boys win Xmas tourney

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE –

Maybe it was the crest of a wave, or maybe it was a late Christmas present. Either way, the Princeville boys basketball team will take it.

The Princes withstood a 13-point Brimfield first-half run, erased a seven-point fourth-quarter deficit, took advantage of late turnovers and made plenty of last-minute free throws in a 54-47 Princeville Holiday Tournament championship-game victory.

Second-seeded Princeville (11-3) won its second consecutive PHT title and its seventh game in a row. Tucker Sennett had a team-high 18 points and back-court-mate Jake Williams scored 17. He was 6-for-6 on free throws in the final 25.5 seconds. Princeville outscored Brimfield 22-10 in the fourth quarter.

“This game was a lot of waves,” Princeville Coach Tait Sennett said. “We



Jake Williams scored 17 points in the title game of the Princeville Holiday Tournament. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

score in waves, they score in waves. And it just so happened that at the end of the game, the wave ended up on our end.”

That wave crashed all over top-seeded Brimfield (9-4). The Indians led 39-32 with 7:45 to play, 41-36 at 5:12 and 45-41 at 3:08. But Princeville tied it with 1:07 left, thanks to four consecutive free throws from Logan Olshawsky.

Teammate Brady Day tipped the ensuing Brimfield inbounds pass to Continued on Page 15

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