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Wind power Princeville board hears tax benefits of turbines

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – A proposed wind-energy project in northwest Peoria County might provide millions of property-tax dollars for the Princeville and Brimfield school districts.

Figures that Four Creeks Wind Manager Carson Robers provided following a Princeville Village Board meeting Monday night indicated local schools are expected to receive almost \$108 million in tax revenue over the 40-year life of the project. The projected total for Brimfield schools is almost



Robers

\$34.5 million.

"Our contributions to the school districts are going to be meaningful and are going to set up Princeville and Brimfield schools for the next half-a-century," Milwaukee-based Robers said.

Schools account for most of the money the proposed project is expected to generate for 20 taxing bodies in its 24,000-acre area.



Wind turbines frame a weather-beaten barn near the Mendota Hills Wind Farm in northern Illinois. Photo by Dori, courtesy of Creative Commons.

More than 100 landowners in Brimfield, Jubilee, Millbrook and Princeville townships have agreed to wind-turbine leases, Robers told the board.

"We're going to be making a significant investment in building these turbines, contributing to the property-tax base, creating jobs," Robers said after the meeting. "Not just during construction but long-term, stable jobs in this part of the county, to keep people here,

for people to be able to keep their farms and continue doing what they love and protecting their land."

Houston-based Repsol USA, the Four Creeks Wind overseer, is expected to ask for Peoria County approval sometime this spring or summer. The process is to include public hearings. Should approval be forthcoming, wind-turbine construction could begin in

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Farmington drawing up solar rules

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Solar panels generate power and are increasingly popular because they do so with a lower carbon footprint. But they can also be a source for fires.

To better prepare for the latter possibility, the Farmington City Council is working to finish zoning regulations for solar energy installations in the city.

Discussion on the topic started last month and continued Monday, as council members reviewed a rough draft of an ordinance.

"We're more interested in knowing where (solar installations) are and that nobody is powering the world off their one lot," Farmington Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said. "We just need to know where they are and what's there so

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Bill requiring gun confiscation passes

By **GREG BISHOP**
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Hours before the end of the 103rd General Assembly, the Illinois Senate on Monday approved a measure requiring police to confiscate firearms from subjects of an order of protection.

Six minutes before a committee hearing Monday night, an amendment to House Bill 4144, legislation that was originally filed in September 2023 dealing with fire hydrants, was amended to be Karina's Law.

The proposal, named after a

domestic-violence victim, would add to the state's existing law around orders of protection and access to firearms. Currently, the subject of an order of protection must relinquish any firearms in their possession to someone else who is eligible to have firearms, including police. If enacted, HB 4144 would require police to confiscate firearms from such individuals within a certain time-frame.

Kane County State's Attorney Julie Mosser said the measure allows for due process, an issue impacted by recent U.S. Su-

preme Court precedent on a similar issue.

"And we've even added the fact that it has to be immediate and present, not just a finding of a danger," Mosser said.

Josh Witkowski with the Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources told the Senate Executive Committee while the proposal may comply with two of three provisions of Supreme Court precedent, it doesn't when it comes to due process.

"I would much rather see something that helps victims of

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SOLAR: Existing solar panels grandfathered

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firefighters know what they are showing up to fight in case of a fire.”
Information on the location and type of solar installation gleaned from permits issued by the city will be shared with the fire department, Stufflebeam said.

The topic is particularly timely given that solar panels could be linked to a Dec. 22 grass fire on the Farmington School District campus. No cause for the fire has been proven and structural damage to the solar array wasn't apparent, according to Farmington Superintendent Zac Chatterton.

Firefighters extinguished the blaze in about an hour.

On June 11, 2023, a fire in an inverter panel at a solar farm near Farmington on Illinois Route 116 did cause a grass fire. Farmington firefighters handled that blaze using a dry chemical extinguisher.

Council members on Monday

asked city attorney Bill Connor to pare the proposed ordinance and make a few changes, including adding a possible \$100 permit fee for solar installations. The council expects to review a new version at its Jan. 20 meeting to have something ready for the city planning commission to review on Jan. 30.

Council members agreed that solar panels that have already been installed will be grandfathered in and will not be subject to any fees or regulations, unless they face repairs of 50% or more at some point.

In other business Monday, as part of an effort to update city codes, the council discussed billing for sewer and garbage service. Most of the discussion centered on how to handle and inform residents who are behind in their payments.

The council also heard that the police department has received new Tasers and is working to get them into service. General orders are also

being updated using the Lexipol process. Police chief Chris Darsham reported the following activity for his department in December: 3,660 building checks, 237 business checks, 233 calls, 30 traffic stops, 18 reports, 13 assists to other departments, seven arrests, five traffic tickets issued, four crashes handled, four crimes against people, four miscellaneous items, two property crimes and two ordinance violations.

At the end of the meeting, local business owner Cassandra Anderson asked how the city was promoting its TIF district and downtown development.

The consensus from the council was that TIF decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and that anyone seeking financial assistance should attend a meeting of Farmington's CEDC committee. That group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. in the council chambers.



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Brimfield weighing options for water-tower replacement

By **MOLLY RICHESON**

For The Weekly Post
BRIMFIELD – Replacement of the blue water tower for the village of Brimfield is still in the information gathering stage as of the Village Board meeting Monday night.

The project could easily cost \$1 million, according to Village President Dan Fishel. In addition to removing the old tank, concrete will have to be removed, Fishel said.

The village will be investigating financing options through state and federal grants and loans.

The tower, which has re-

cently been patched and repaired, is guaranteed to last a few months, but trustees hope it lasts a few years while they explore replacement scenarios.

One certainty is that a new tower is needed.

“We don't have an option,” Fishel said. “We have to do it.”

An unidentified Brimfield resident submitted a complaint to the board regarding a property on Miller Court. The board said it has sent notices for several years to the property owner regarding cleanup and will now send a certified letter with a 10-day notice to respond.



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- **Harvest Home** – Harvest Home fundraiser dinner is Thursday, 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. That includes today, Jan. 9.
– 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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24 15 S9 mph	28 19 WSW 8 mph	30 22 SW 9 mph	32 20 WSW 9 mph	27 12 WNW 10 mph	20 10 WNW 9 mph	21 16 WNW 10 mph

WIND: Payments to village proposed

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2026 and take a year or two, Robers said.

Repsol commissioned the property-tax study Strategic Economic Research of Normal undertook. Townships, library districts and fire-protection districts in the wind-farm area might receive tax revenues ranging from about \$75,000 to \$7.7 million individually over 40 years.

Unofficially, most Princeville trustees are opposed to area wind-farm projects, according to Village President Jeff Troutman. Last month, the board approved an ordinance that effectively prohibits wind turbines within 1½ miles of Princeville.

None of the projected 80 to 100 turbines is planned for that buffer zone, according to Robers. But he proposed a community-benefits agreement with the village. Repsol might pay the village \$20,000 for each of three or four project-development benchmarks, then \$10,000

annually, Robers said.

Trustees didn’t comment publicly following Robers’ presentation. In response to a question from Village Public Works Superintendent Chad Gardner, Robers said most of the 400 megawatts of power the project is to generate probably will fuel a large Illinois manufacturer or corporation.

“This energy isn’t going to the City of Chicago,” Robers said.

Later, Robers said the height of the proposed turbines is in the 650-foot range, about the same as a wind project commissioned recently near Kewanee. Previous reports about 700-foot turbines were based on the maximum height the federal government has permitted Four Creeks Wind to build.

Traditional turbines are about 200 feet. Taller ones are common for modern wind-energy projects and indicate advancement of industry technology, according to Robers.

“By having taller turbines, each produces sig-

nificantly more energy,” he said. “It also means fewer turbines for the same-sized project. It also means they’re much farther from everything. The impacts are very incremental for a higher turbine, but you have much more benefits.”

In other business, the board gave preliminary approval to installing stop signs on Walnut Avenue at Evans Street. Currently, stop signs are only on Evans Street. Visibility issues due to vehicles parked near the intersection prompted the change, Trustee Rick Pope said.

Stop signs cost about \$200 each, Gardner said. Final board authorization is expected Jan. 21.

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GUEST VOICES



What we know, and don't know, about avian flu

Why the results surprised anyone is itself a surprise.

After the state of California began testing dairy herds for highly pathogenic avian influenza, known also as bird flu or H5N1, in August, it found the pathogen on 645 dairy farms. More than half those were discovered in the last month alone.

That confirms three facts.

First, testing is crucial. While California has been testing milk for H5N1 presence since late summer, the U.S.



Alan GUEBERT

Department of Agriculture only began its testing on Dec. 5. Little surprise, then, that there's little national data on the flu's spread.

Second, where there are chickens and cows, there is bird flu, and where there are more chickens and cows, there is more bird flu.

While bird flu isn't deadly to cattle, an estimated 124 million poultry have been either killed or culled due to the now almost three-year outbreak of H5N1. Still, bird flu has been found in dairy cows in 16 states and 61 humans in six states.

Third, bird flu is having widespread effects on milk production.

Exactly how much, however, has yet to be quantified. Dairy scientists, who have little-to-no experience with avian flu in dairy cows, are struggling to determine its effects.

These unknowns add to the complex puzzle avian flu presents to dairy farmers and government officials. One week before Christmas, Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in California to "ensure government agencies have the resources and flexibility they need to respond quickly to this outbreak."

Anecdotally, in-the-milking-parlor evidence suggests California officials and USDA may be on their flu watch for some time, according to Milkweed, a monthly dairy newspaper based in Wisconsin.

According to its December 2024 issue, "cow activity collars," explained as Fitfits for cows that measure the cow's temperature and other biomeasures, show that "even after six months post-infection, many previously infected cows' rumination (digestion) has not bounced back to prior levels."

That means herds have had milk losses of 6-20 pounds per day, or nearly 2½ gallons per day.

In California, however, the flu-based hit appears dramatic: "(S)ome infected cows have dropped 30 to 40 pounds per day..." That's a profit-draining 3.5 to 4.6 gallons per day of

milk production per cow lost to avian flu.

Newsom's California emergency order came on the heels of an announcement from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that confirmed the nation's first human case of severe (avian flu) illness in a patient in Louisiana, reported the Los Angeles Times.

That case, per The New York Times, is concerning to public health officials because of its severity. The Times reported, "The patient was infected with a version of the virus that has been found in birds, not the one that is spreading in cows."

That is a nightmare scenario for public-health officials worldwide: an unchecked and lethal, non-human pathogen jumping from the animal kingdom to humans.

Equally worrisome, today's growing presence of bird flu appears to be reaching a critical stage just as the government machinery to address public-health crises is being turned over to a largely anti-oversight team of vaccine doubters and populist politicians with limited scientific expertise.

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Camp Ellis presentation Jan. 23 in Lewistown

LEWISTOWN – Local historian

Rick Klinedinst will give a presentation on Camp Ellis on Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lewistown and Fulton County Visitor's Center at 222 S. Main St. Admission is free, but seating is limited, so reservations are required. Call (309) 547-4306. Refreshments will be provided by the Lewistown Society for Historic Preservation, host of the presentation.

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The camp included an airfield and covered approximately 17,478 acres. Visitors to the site can still see the remains of a few buildings, remains of a rifle range and a water tower now converted to grain storage.

Klinedinst is president and CEO of MidAmerica National Bank and has previously presented on Abraham Lincoln and Fulton County.

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Police reports

• **FARMINGTON** – A Canton man who was shot to death New Year's Eve in Lewistown was a former Farmington firefighter.

Levi Blair, 39, was a member of the Farmington Community Fire Protection District until he moved out of its boundaries, according to the department. Blair was shot in the head about 7 p.m. Dec. 31 outside County Market in Lewistown.

An Ipava man, 33-year-old Nicholas D. Pratt, is accused of Blair's murder. The shooting happened during a child-custody exchange, according to media reports.

"Levi was a great EMT and firefighter for us," a Farmington-department Facebook post stated.

Blair's funeral was scheduled for Wednesday (Jan. 8) in Heyworth. He also was a paramedic for the Fulton County Emergency Medical Association in Canton.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington high school student was accused of shooting a peer in the face with an airsoft rifle. The incident happened about 6 p.m. Dec. 16 in the parking lot of the school. The 17-year-old male victim said he was walking into the school for a band concert when Aidan E. Helle, 18, called him to Helle's vehicle, according to a Farmington police report.

Helle then retrieved the BB-type gun from the back seat and shot the victim from about 5 or 6 feet, the report stated. The victim was injured under his right eye. A bloodied BB was recovered from the lot.

Helle was accused of aggravated battery/great bodily harm or permanent disability or disfigurement. Helle is to appear Jan. 29 in Peoria County Circuit Court.

• **DAHINDA** – A Williamsfield woman was accused of drunken driving as the result of a two-vehicle head-on accident south of Dahinda.

Laura K. Demuth, 62, was behind the wheel of a westbound 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer about 6 p.m. Dec. 23 in the 1900 block of U.S. Route 150 when the vehicle left the pavement and struck a 2024 Chevy Equinox parked on the south side of the road.

Tammy L. Stevens, 61, of Dahinda was the other driver, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. Stevens said she was retrieving her mail. Demuth's blood-alcohol content was .124. The legal limit is .08.

Demuth was transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg. She was charged with two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Demuth is to appear Jan. 29 in Knox County Circuit Court in Galesburg.

An ambulance carried Stevens to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in

Galesburg after she complained about foot pain. Both vehicles sustained disabling front-end damage and were towed. There also were six mailboxes damaged.

• **FARMINGTON** – The cause of a grass fire near solar panels at the Farmington School District campus was undetermined, authorities said.

The incident was reported about 12:30 p.m. Dec. 22, according to Matt Watters, chief of the Farmington Community Fire Protection District. The solar panels are located behind the football field. No injuries were reported.

Structural damage to the solar array wasn't apparent, according to Farmington Superintendent Zac Chatterton. The company that owns the solar panels was expected to assess the situation. Firefighters from the Elba-Salem, Elmwood and Logan-Trivoli departments also responded.

• **HANNA CITY** – An East Peoria woman was arrested at a Hanna City bar after she threatened someone, authorities stated. Lexia M. Gumm, 22, was transported to the Peoria County Jail about 2 a.m. Dec. 22 after sheriff's-office deputies arrived at Refuel, 12910 W. Farmington Rd. Gumm was accused of assault and disorderly conduct, according to a redacted sheriff's-office report. Gumm also was wanted in Peoria, Stark and Tazewell counties for failure to appear in court regarding allegations of driving with a suspended license.

• **YATES CITY** – A Yates City man was accused of beating a woman who tried to elude him by leaping out a window at their residence, authorities stated.

Kendric D. Dailey, 27, was arrested in connection with incidents reported about 7 a.m. Dec. 22 in the 300 block of S. Dixon St. Broken glass and furniture were found inside the residence, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. Elba-Salem firefighters also responded.

The 24-year-old victim said she grabbed a knife after she and Dailey argued, then she jumped from a bedroom window about 7 feet above the ground. She had bruises on her left temple, her left shoulder and both biceps, which she said were from another confrontation with Dailey a few days earlier.

An ambulance transported the victim, who sustained a right-ankle injury from the leap, to Graham Hospital in Canton. Also taken there were a 4-year-old girl and a 1-year-old boy, the report stated. Dailey was transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg and charged with domestic battery.

• **YATES CITY** – A Yates City-area woman reported a suspicious person knocked on the door of her residence about 6:15 p.m. Dec. 19 in the 1900 block of Illinois Route 8, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. A deputy reviewed video-surveillance footage of a 6-foot-tall man wearing a yellow

jacket. He appeared to have a weapon in his hand, the report stated.

The suspect departed in a dark-colored sport-utility vehicle. The victim requested additional patrols during the day, when she is home alone.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – Someone applied for and received an unauthorized credit card under the Village of Williamsfield's name, according to authorities. Village President Robert Johnson reported the incident to the Knox County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 18, a report stated. The village received a Lowe's Home Improvement credit card for which it had not applied.

Lowe's told Johnson the applicant created an account online on Dec. 10. The applicant is a former village employee, according to Johnson, who wanted to press charges.

• **ELMWOOD** – Noah K. Latham, 24, of Elmwood was arrested shortly after 5:15 p.m. Dec. 26 and was being held for another law-enforcement agency, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Following a hit-and-run traffic accident, a Princeville woman said she wasn't injured.

Shortly before 8 a.m. Dec. 17, Taylor Burgess was driving a northbound 2019 Subaru Crosstrek sport-utility vehicle in the 400 block of N. Town Ave. when another unidentified vehicle tried to pass it. That vehicle clipped the SUV and did not stop, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

A deputy visited nearby Princeville Grade School in an in-vain attempt to locate the vehicle, either there or on school surveillance cameras.

• **TOULON** – A traffic stop for speeding resulted in a Princeville woman being cited for other offenses. Ana Maria Gabriela Fortuno-Rojas, 33, was pulled over Dec. 14 for driving 72 mph in a 55-mph zone, according to the Stark County Sheriff's Office.

In addition to speeding, Fortuno-Rojas was accused of driving without a valid license, driving with no vehicle insurance and failure to secure registration upon ownership.

• **EDWARDS** – A single-vehicle accident south of Edwards resulted in no apparent injuries. Michael W. Perry of Hanna City was driving a southbound 2004 Ford F-150 pickup truck at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 in the 4000 block of N. Taylor Rd. when another vehicle passed his and caused it to swerve, he told a Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy. Perry's vehicle spun off the roadway to the right and struck a bus-stop sign. The vehicle was towed.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Dec. 15-21: suspicious person, Yates City; theft, Williamsfield; suspicious person, Dahinda; fraud, Williamsfield; theft, Yates City; juvenile trouble, Williamsfield; civil dispute, Galva.

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5 Years Ago

• Utz Quality Foods completed a merger with Kitchen Cooked located in Farmington. The price of the transaction, which has Utz buying Kitchen Cooked's brand, direct-store operation and manufacturing site, was not disclosed.

• Brimfield High School Principal Tony Shinall has been named as the new school superintendent effective July 1, 2020.

10 Years Ago

• Snow on Monday caused the postponement of several basketball games and brought a snow day to Williamsfield schools.

• Vandals caused more than \$1,600 in damage to Calvary Cemetery near Brimfield. Benches, a statue of St. Joseph, lattice work and a tombstone were damaged.

• Senior Garrett Wight scored 45 points for Williamsfield at a game against Fulton Unity Christian. Williamsfield won, 93-74.

• One week after Brimfield routed Elmwood 65-39 to win the Princeville Holiday Tournament, the Indians had to rally for a 39-33 victory over the Trojans.

15 Years Ago

• Students and faculty members

of Williamsfield schools, as well as the community, were being challenged to read for one million minutes.

45 Years Ago

• Mr. and Mrs. Rune Jonall enjoyed their first American Christmas, coming from Sandsval, Sweden, to have Christmas with their son, Per, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quick.

60 Years Ago

• A new modern Ford garage is under construction at the east edge of Farmington by Mr. and Mrs. Don Metz, owners of Metz Ford.

65 Years Ago

• Firemen in Farmington answered two calls, one on Christmas Eve at the Frank Whitmer home, the other near Middle Grove, where a car owned by Charles Mulligan was destroyed.

70 Years Ago

• A fire destroyed the mill at the Alta grain elevator, causing an estimated \$25,000 of damage.

75 Years Ago

• James E. Harmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Harmon of Monica and a graduate of Princeville High School, St. Ambrose College and the Law School of

Notre Dame, was admitted to the bar of the State of Illinois.

105 Years Ago

• Work was to start on a new home for the Bank of Farmington.

• McQuie and Vedas of Farmington completed their ice harvest Saturday, having stored about 250 tons for the summer.

110 Years Ago

• The Elmwood Hard Roads Association has been organized with Rod Schori, president, and Chas. Scragg, secretary-treasurer. Their motto is, "Hard roads and good government."

115 Years Ago

• Receipts of corn at the Laura Elevator were phenomenal this past week. Shellers have been running most of the time.

• The Modern Woodmen of Laura had a successful oyster supper. Receipts were \$26.

125 Years Ago

• Alex Barnes and Plin Hart shipped a wagonload of rabbits from Laura to the Chicago market.

• Amos Clark purchased the red livery barn and two vacant lots on Fulton Street in Farmington, west of the Palace Hotel, from W.S. Winget of Peoria for \$1,100.

GUNS: Concerns over implementation of law

Continued from page 1
domestic violence and survives a constitutional challenge than to see somebody escape on a constitutional issue due to due process," he said.

The amended House bill passed was to be taken up by the House on Tuesday, the last full day of lame-duck session.

The due process issue was addressed by the U.S. Supreme Court in the case United States v. Rahimi, decided last summer. One element of the case centers on whether the disarmament of individuals under domestic-violence restraining orders, without a requirement for specific findings of dangerousness, violates their Second Amendment rights.

Despite there being double the number of opponents than there were

proponents filing witness slips, the measure passed committee.

Moments later, the measure was brought to the Senate floor late Monday evening during lame-duck session.

State Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, said constitutional issues aside, the measure will be unwork-

able in rural areas with fewer law-enforcement resources.

"Downstate Illinois cannot comply with half the stuff this place passes in the first place," Rose said.

State Sen. Celina Villanueva, D-Chicago, said the measure she sponsored is focused on protecting victims of

domestic-violence abusers.

Opponents say people have a right to due process, something they say the bill lacks.

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Grace A. Abbott

PRINCEVILLE – Grace Ann Marie Abbott, 17, passed away Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024, in rural Princeville. Grace was born Aug. 25, 2007, in Pekin to Matthew Abbott and Heidi Coats.



Abbott

She is survived by her mother, Heidi (Andrew) Coats of Princeville, and father, Mathew Abbott of Manito; two brothers, Gavin Abbott of Morton and Clayton Coats of Princeville; grandparents, Steven and Tami Abbott and Marj and Dean Perce, all of Manito, Ruth (Lyn) Eberle of Toulon and Claude Coats of Princeville; three great-grandmothers, Beverly Huff of Manito, Beth Abbott of Pekin and Janice Caley of Tucson, Ariz.; two uncles, Rocky (Sabrina) Crawford of Creve Coeur and Josh (Afton) Abbott of Manito; many aunts and uncles; several cousins; and her boyfriend, Celtin McGinn of Brimfield.

She is preceded in death by her grandmother Susan Foster; her great-grandmother Darlene Foster; and two great-grandfathers, Larry Huff and Elmer Abbott.

Grace's vibrant spirit, sassy charm and contagious smile left a mark on

everyone she met. She cared for others without hesitation, as can be attested by her job as a caretaker for her favorite patients, Jack-Jack and Jan.

She loved music and would sing loudly and carefree, letting the music fill her soul and brighten her days. Grace cherished the memories of her favorite concerts, Zach Bryan and Morgan Wallen. Shopping was another one of her happy places. She could find delight in anything, from a bougie treasure to a clearance find to a Goodwill gem.

Inspired by her mother, she dreamt of becoming a nurse and planned to begin her journey at Illinois Central College this spring, starting with her CNA certification. She was a nurturer at heart and was excited to begin her journey.

Above all, she adored her family with her whole heart. Her love for them was boundless and neverending. Grace spread light through her contagious laugh and incredible ability to brighten even the darkest moments. Although she may no longer be here physically, the memories she helped us create, along with her beautiful smile, will always remind us to find the good. She's now in heaven with her sweet Kennedy. Love never fails.

Grace's funeral service was Jan. 4, 2025, at Haskell Funeral & Crema-

tion Services in Princeville. Steven Foster officiated. Burial was in Princeville Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Grace Abbott Memorial Fund at Princeville State Bank, 142 E. Main St., Princeville, IL 61559.

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

Bertha J. Herrmann

PRINCEVILLE – Bertha Jean Herrmann, 88, of Princeville, passed away Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, at her home.

Born in Speer, on Nov. 8, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Sam and Lucille Bertha (Spahr) Kieser. On Nov. 10, 1957, she married Harry D. Herrmann in Princeville. He preceded her in death on Jan. 28, 2011.

She is survived by four children, Dennis (Renee) Herrmann of Edelstein, Cheryl Herrmann of Princeville, Crystal (David) Streitmatter of Elmwood and Cynthia (Bradley) Eisenmann of Lemont; 12 grandchildren, Dallas Herrmann, Victoria (Daniel) Currier, Daniel Herrmann, Destiny (Todd) Anliker, Brittany (Adam) Endress, Brooke (Kory) Wagenbach, Braden (Lydia) Streitmatter, Brianna (Joel) Stahl, Greg (Diana) Eisenmann, Ryan (Sarah) Eisenmann, Julie (Michael) Luthi and Nelson (Janelle) Eisenmann; 23 great-grandchildren; a sister, Jane

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CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF ANTHONY P. NOE, Deceased. CC 2024-PR-0000308

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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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.

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 must be filed on or before a date not less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of this notice to creditors, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Claims must be filed in the Office of the Peoria County Circuit Clerk's Office, 324 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602.

The claimant within ten (10) days after filing his or her claim with the court: (1) shall cause a copy of the claim to be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney of record, unless the representative or the attorney has in writing either consented to the allowance of the claim or waived mailing or delivery of the copies, and (2) shall file with the court proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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**, Deceased. CC 2024-PR-0000317

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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OBITUARIES

(Marvin) Leman of Princeville; sisters-in-law Shirley Kieser and Wilma Kieser; and a brother-in-law, Walter (Betty Lou) Herrmann.

Aside from her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings David Kieser, Loris (Martha) Kieser, Jerry Kieser and Bonnie Kieser.

Bertha Jean was a homemaker who wholeheartedly dedicated her life to faith and family. As a teenager, she gave her life to the Lord and has been a member of the Apostolic Christian Church for close to 70 years. She was involved in the building committee and was a Sunday-school teacher. She was grateful that her children and grandchildren also walk with the Lord.

Harry and Bertha Jean were 4-H leaders, tour hosts and farming partners together. She served for many years as an election judge, was a longtime member of the Peoria County Home Extension and a volunteer at the former UnityPoint Health-Methodist. Bertha Jean enjoyed strolling in flower gardens and decorating cakes for family gatherings.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 10, 2025, from 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at the Princeville Apostolic Church Fellowship Hall. Funeral service will be Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the Princeville Apostolic Christian

Church. A visitation will be held at the church prior to services from 9-9:45 a.m. Ministers of the church will officiate. Burial will be immediately following in Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Akron-Princeville Ambulance Service or AC HarvestCall.

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

Zachary F. Maddox

BLOOMINGTON – Zachary Free Maddox, 30, passed away Dec. 31, 2024, at 1:22 p.m., surrounded by loved ones at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Ill.

Zac was born on Jan. 26, 1994, to Lisa Wilson and Brad Maddox and grew up in Princeville, Ill.

Zac lived life to the fullest. With his infectious smile and contagious laugh, he was the center of every room. He loved with all his heart. He had an amazing love for animals, especially for cats and dogs. He was an avid sports fan, loving the New England Patriots, Chicago Bulls and the Chicago Blackhawks.

Surviving are his mother, Lisa Wilson of Princeville; father, Brad Mad-

dox of Brimfield; two sisters, Jamey Wilson of Princeville and Samantha Reatherford (niece Emily Reatherford and nephew Emmett Reatherford) of Sparland; and two brothers, Cody Maddox of Princeville and Seth Maddox of Everett, Wash.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Dunlap American Legion from 3-5 p.m. We encourage friends to come and celebrate Zac's life with us.

Memorial donations can be sent to www.drewsplots.com.

John L. Rask

VICTORIA – John L. Rask, 69, of rural Victoria, passed away on Jan. 2, 2025, at his home. He was born on Aug. 31, 1955, in Galesburg, the son of Lowell and Marilyn (Sornberger) Rask. He married Kristine L. Self on Aug. 15, 1997.

Surviving are his sons, Robert (Meta) Rask of Dahinda, Jacob (Jessica) Rask of Clearwater, Fla., Chance Rask of Victoria, Derick (Lacy) Dykeman of Williamsfield, Tyler Dykeman of Victoria and James Dykeman of Normal; seven grandchildren; his mother, Marilyn Rask of Victoria; and one brother, Robert Rask.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, with funeral services following at the Oaks Community Church, 1868 Congregation Road, Dahinda.



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(309) 678-2208
Sun. School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. Worship: 10:40 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Father Deogratias Mpewo
314 W. Clay Brimfield
(309) 446-3275
stjosephbrimfield.org
Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm
Sat. Mass: 5 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 10:30 a.m. (starting Sept. 1)
Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 a.m.

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

Union Church at Brimfield
United Church of Christ
Pastor Stephen Barch
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(309) 446-3811
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Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm
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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Ephesians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord" is found in ...? Psalms, Proverbs, Numbers, Jeremiah
3. What tree did Jesus tell a parable about? Apple, Fig, Olive, Sycamore
4. Who was John the Baptist's communion offered)

• Grief & Loss Group meets Tuesday afternoons 3-4:30 p.m. until further notice.

DAHINDA
Dahinda United Methodist Church
Pastor Zoila Marty
1739 Victoria St. P.O. Box 14
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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School during worship Church: (309) 639-2768
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
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DOUGLAS
Douglas United Methodist Church
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484 3rd St.
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father? Zechariah, Zacharias, Zephaniah, Zaccheus

5. What did the oak tree symbolize in the Bible? Growth, Strength, Weakness, Fruitfulness
6. Which is not a book of the New Testament? Revelation, Judges, Colossians, Jude

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Psalms 150:6, 3) Fig, 4) Zacharias, 5) Strength, 6) Judges
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Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 a.m.
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(Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)
Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
9910 W. Knox St. Edwards
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stmaryskickapoo.org
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.
Sun. Masses: 7 & 11:00 a.m.
Daily Masses (Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri.): 8 a.m.

ELMWOOD
Crossroads Assembly of God
Pastor Don Nuttall
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood
(309) 742-6409
crossroadselmwood.org
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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

Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.

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

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

United Methodist Church of Elmwood
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.
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(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
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God
Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
Farmington
(309) 231-8076
Sun. Worship: 10 a.m.
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.

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

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
Father Corey Krengiel
119 Saint Mary St. Princeville
(309) 385-2578
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.
Sun. Confession: 8-8:45 a.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.
Tues. Thurs. Sat. daily Mass: 8 a.m.

TRIVOLI
Brunswick Community Church
4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli
Pastor Terry England
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
(309) 403-4626

Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)
18015 W. Smithville Rd., Trivoli
Pastor Mark Schoenhals
Pastor Jay Johnson
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zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com
Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of month Worship: 8 a.m. with communion

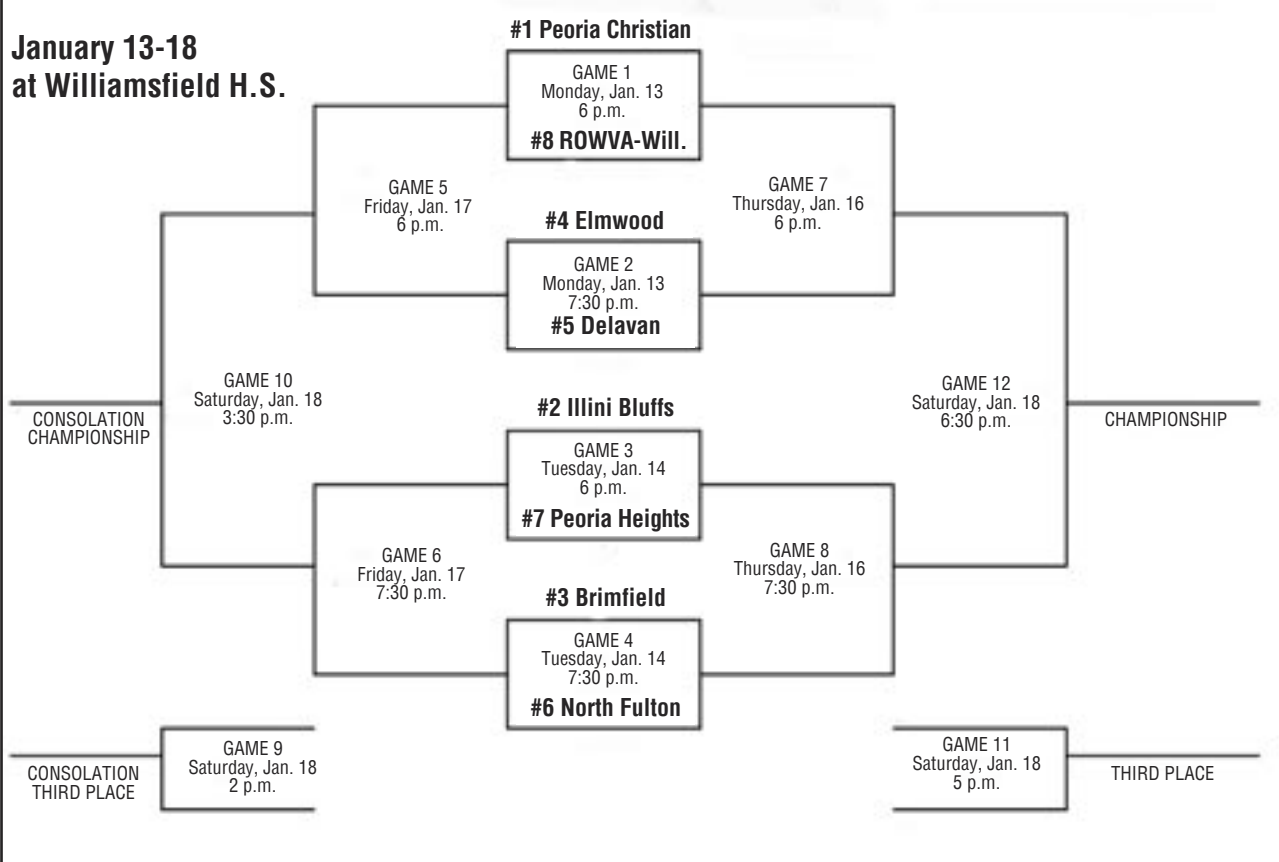
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YATES CITY
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Worship: 9 a.m.
Sun. School: 10:15 a.m.
Thurs. Choir: 7 p.m.

2025 ICAC BOYS TOURNAMENT

January 13-18
at Williamsfield H.S.



BOYS: ICAC ahead

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Farmers are to play Saturday at Peoria Christian, Brimfield is to play Friday (Jan. 10) at North Fulton and at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at home against Orion.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Bureau Valley defeated host R-W 72-57 on Jan. 3. Kole Miller had 13 points, all in the first three periods, to lead the Cougars. Dawson Traphagan had 12 points and Jeremiah Johnson scored 11. Elijah Endress had 32 points for Bureau Valley. Following a game Tuesday at Princeville, R-W (4-9) is to play Friday at Williamsfield against Elmwood.

• **Other games** – Farmington (3-6) ended its winter break on Tuesday at home against Havana. The

Princeville (10-3) plays Friday at Ridgewood seeking its eighth straight victory.

• **ICAC Tourney** – Brimfield is seeded third, Elmwood (9-6) fourth and host ROWVA-Williamsfield was picked eighth in the eight-team Inter-County conference tournament that begins Monday, Jan. 13, and ends on Jan. 18.

All games are to be played at Williamsfield. The tournament's top seed went to Peoria Christian (12-7), which plays R-W in the opening round. PC won an earlier meeting on Dec. 6, 74-43, but has lost four straight. Illini Bluffs (11-3) is the second seed.

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on January 28, 2025 at the hour of 6:30 o'clock P.M. in the Village Hall, Brimfield, Illinois the Brimfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to address the requested variance application by Michael Dawson requesting a variance to allow a 30' x 60' accessory structure which exceeds the allowed 30' x 30' structure. This structure will also protrude beyond the extended line of the front edge of principal structure. The proposed site is located at 308 E. Calhoun Street. The Zoning Board may act on the matter at its regular meeting of which this hearing is a part.

Dated: January 2, 2025.

Holly A. Johnson
Village Clerk

Published 1/9/25

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.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a copy of a form of petition to terminate independent administration to the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

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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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GIRLS: Brimfield wins despite ailments

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Rust and Schyer Meinders – for some or all of Monday’s game, the Lady Indians (12-6) won at Stark County, 54-31.

Freshman Rosalie Higgs and Jordyn Carroll were pressed into action, Coach Josh McKown said. But it was a senior, Ava Heinz, who led Brimfield with 22 points, seven rebounds, seven steals and five blocks. Kennedy Hoerr added 13 points and four rebounds and Layni Linthicum racked up 11 points to go with nine assists and five rebounds.

Brimfield was to travel to R-W on Wednesday and return home Thursday, Jan. 9, to play Bureau Valley.

• **Elmwood** – Despite shooting 4-for-15 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter, much-improved Peoria Manual (12-5) won at Elmwood on Monday, 43-41. Manual has turned its fortunes around after going 16-78 the previous four seasons.

“They’ve beaten some quality teams. For us to stay with them, I was happy,” Elmwood Coach Kevin Faulkner said. “We had opportunities at the end to win it.”

Down 13-4 after one quarter, the Lady Trojans (9-7) battled back behind 11 points from Mackenzie Caulkins, seven points from Andrea Glenn and six

from Brooke Allen. Elmwood was to face Farmington (6-12) at home on Wednesday and travel to Knoxville on Thursday, Jan. 9, before returning home Saturday to play El

Paso-Gridley. • **Elsewhere** – Princeville (8-9) canceled Monday’s game vs. Lowpoint-Washburn and is at Flanagan-Cornell-Woodland on Thursday, Jan. 9.

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Student of the Month
Abbie Ackers
Congratulations to Farmington Central High School’s December Senior of the Month, Abbie Ackers! Abbie is the daughter of Christi and Chris Matzke, and Joe and Tonya Ackers. She has four siblings; Mykenzi, Kierstyn, Gavyn, and Ayden. Abbie is an integral part of the Farmer basketball team. After high school, she plans to attend Carl Sandburg College on a basketball scholarship to continue her academic and athletic career. While at Sandburg, Abbie plans to enroll in the dental hygiene program to become a dental hygienist. During her high school career, Abbie states that her biggest accomplishments have been earning a scholarship for college on her athletic skills in addition to being crowned the 2024 Homecoming Queen. While not in school, she enjoys traveling, spending time with her family, and hanging out with her best friend. Congratulations, Abbie!
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Answers on Page 7 — **Super Crossword** — **ADDED WEIGHT**

ACROSS
1 Posh parties
6 Lumberyard tool
12 Rd. crossers
15 Quick bite
19 Japanese film genre
20 Mob code of silence
21 — au vin (chicken dish)
22 Qualified
23 Milk or egg container in a precinct refrigerator?
25 Volcanic event
27 Bible book after Genesis
28 Strike zones, to pitcher Kershaw?
30 Hefty slice
32 White-coated Scottish terrier, for short
33 Ohio city whose residents all have messy mop tops?
41 It merged with Exxon in 1999
45 Studio alert
46 Off-course
47 Dalar —
50 Brian of electronica

51 Play spiritedly
52 People evaluating a central California city?
55 Wedding vow
56 Seder bread
57 Makes public
58 Suffix with million
59 Has a feeling
61 Shepherd of “Mr. Iglesias”
64 Conjunction with a slash
65 Appliance invented by the first U.S. president?
70 “A Bell for —” (novel)
72 Caged (up)
73 “24” actress Cuthbert
76 William who played Hopalong Cassidy
77 T. Rex, e.g.
78 — status (delusion)
81 Longtime “Conan” ainer
82 Rocker known for the loud crashing noises in his songs?
87 Flagjack chain, in brief

88 Akyrold of “Soul Man”
89 Sty beasts
90 Beachgoer’s headwear
91 Phrase
92 Occur next
94 Tactful reply when Churchill asked “Who dislikes me?”
96 Glorify
100 Mai — (cocktails)
101 Name of a labor union in a city south of Los Angeles?
109 Pressure felt at liftoff
113 “Sounds right to me” (novel)
114 Clara who collected cleansing cakes?
116 See 75-Down
117 — Father
118 Songlike
119 Cleo of song
120 U. of Maryland athlete
121 Born, in Lyon
122 Gave lip to
123 Actor Murphy

DOWN
1 Stare in awe
2 Strong as —
3 “— & Stitch”
4 In the center of a vessel
5 Not religious
6 Mythical bird
7 Apple line
8 Alternative to JavaScript
9 Madrid Mile.
10 “This is not —” (warning to kids)
11 Desire
12 Act segment
13 Legal wrongs
14 Crouch down
15 “StarTalk” cable chan.
16 NYC theater award
17 ATM hole
18 Egg sources
24 Actor Morales
26 Fundamental
29 Have title to
31 Film director
33 Johnson of Britain
34 Battery pole
35 “Mo’ Money” star
36 Health expert on TV
37 Former BP gas chain
38 Shaggy ox
39 Blowup stuff
40 Ear-related prefix
42 Elze
43 Opening lines
44 Aesop’s hare, notably
47 Actress Dem
48 Playful trick
49 Mothers
52 An obi is one
53 Standard
54 One-named New Ager
56 Prefix with -dermal or -American
60 Wall St.’s “500” index
61 Big name in fuel additives
62 Weeding tool
63 Bring to a halt
64 Brings pain to
66 Cake coating
67 Taboo things
68 Mess up
69 Prince, e.g.
70 First five of 26 letters
71 Gold-medal swimmer Tom
74 Cable streaming app until 2020
75 With 116-Across, it has trembling leaves
77 Scooby —
78 With a sharp image, briefly
79 Aussie “16”
80 Abbr. on a food package
83 “— the rub”
84 “General” on Chinese menus
85 Core
86 Half of dos
87 “Such a pity”
88 “500” index
89 Sound from a cold sufferer
93 Maintenance
94 Natal lead-in
95 “Othello” foe
97 Illegal burning
98 Edition
99 Make a goal
101 Figure skater Katarina
102 Horid giant
103 Regretful person
104 CEO’s degs.
105 Law firm aide, for short
106 Baseballer Tom
107 Souan people
108 Schnozzola
110 Doping juice
111 Tor’s plea
112 Sword variety
115 Silent assent

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

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by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs

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Weekly SUDOKU

6		3		8	7
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		8	6		5
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5	7	3			1
4	2			9	

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

- TELEVISION: Which popular spinoff series originated with the drama "Breaking Bad"?
 - HOLIDAYS: What is another name for Three Kings Day, celebrated on Jan. 6?
 - LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "bona fide" mean?
 - MOVIES: In the movie "Babe," what kind of animal is the title character?
 - MEASUREMENTS: How many grams are in a kilogram?
 - GEOGRAPHY: Which strait separates Saudi Arabia from Africa?
 - SCIENCE: What are the three layers that make up the Earth?
 - FOOD & DRINK: Which breakfast food is associated with the retro series "Stranger Things"?
 - MEDICAL: What is the common name for muscae volitantes?
 - LITERATURE: Which poet wrote a six-volume biography of President Abraham Lincoln?
- Answers
- "Better Call Saul."
 - Epiphany.
 - "Good faith."
 - Pig.
 - 1,000.
 - Bab-el-Mandeb.
 - Crust, mantle and core.
 - Eggo waffles.
 - Eye floaters.
 - Carl Sandburg.
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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (PG)
 - Mufasa: The Lion King (PG)
 - Nosferatu (R)
 - Wicked (PG)
 - Moana 2 (PG)
 - A Complete Unknown (R)
 - Babygirl (R)
 - Gladiator II (R)
 - Homestead (PG-13)
 - The Fire Inside (PG-13)
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Brimfield rebounds Doe sparks 52-37 win over Galva

By **NICK VLAHOS**
 For The Weekly Post

Brimfield rebounded from a tough boys basketball loss by beating a tough opponent.

Connor Doe scored a team-high 23 points and Brady Johnson added 14 to lead Brimfield to a 52-37 victory on Jan. 3 at Galva. It was the first game for the Indians (10-4) since the finals of the Princeville Holiday Tournament, which they lost by seven points to the hosts.

Top-seeded Brimfield led by seven in the fourth quarter of that game Dec. 28. But against Galva (11-

3), Brimfield led after every period.

Doe scored eight in the first quarter and 10 in the fourth. Overall, Brimfield held Galva to 4-of-21 shooting from 3-point range.

“We won every quarter. No bad lulls in our play,” Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson stated. “Our defense was solid. Our last result probably contributed to even more determination.”

JP Sloan had 11 points to lead Galva, which won the LaMoille Holiday Classic.

Following a game set
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Connor Doe scored 23 points to help lead Brimfield past Galva on Jan. 3, 52-37. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

R-W turns to defense to end scoring slump

By **JEFF LAMPE**
 For The Weekly Post

When the outside shots aren't falling, sometimes the best bet is relying on defense to generate layups.

So it was for ROWVA-Williamsfield in a 51-29 girls basketball win on Monday. Trailing Peoria Heights 18-16 at halftime, and coming off a 56-21 loss to Kewanee Wethersfield on Jan. 4, Coach Jeff Hannam had a simple half-time message.

“I challenged the girls to turn up the defensive intensity, and we did a great job in the second half,” Hannam said. “Our defense caused them to turn the ball over and lead to some

easy baskets.

“We had contributions from a lot of girls and it was a total team effort.”

R-W (4-9) outscored Peoria Heights 35-11 in the second half. Ella Rigg and Addysen Link each scored 10 points to lead the 12 Lady Cougars who scored.

Hannam needed some of that scoring against Wethersfield, as R-W managed just two points in the fourth quarter and was led by Erin Welch's six points.

R-W was home vs. Brimfield on Wednesday.

• **Brimfield** – Despite illness and injuries sidelining four regulars – Katie Doe, Landrie Quiram, Maddie

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