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LOCAL WRITER ON CNN

History buff Brimfield author publishing book on racial justice

By **KEITH BUTTERFIELD**
For The Weekly Post

Growing up on the farm near Brimfield, Fred Carroll never was all that decided about his career path.

There probably were some early indicators, he acknowledges, as he discusses the journey that includes the recent completion of his first book and being featured last month on a C-SPAN II “Book TV” segment.

“In the eighth grade, I asked for a subscription to Newsweek, and I almost always was the first one in the family to grab the Journal Star in the morning, reading all of the sections,” says the 1989 Brimfield High School graduate, now a visiting assistant professor of history at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

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Brimfield native Fred Carroll discusses his upcoming book, “Race News: Black Journalists and the Fight for Racial Justice in the Twentieth Century”, during a recent episode of C-SPAN’s “Book TV.” Carroll now lives in Pittsburgh, where he is an assistant professor of history at Duquesne University.

series, will publish Carroll’s book – “Race News: Black Journalists and the Fight for Racial Justice in the Twentieth Century” – next year. The work garnered attention last month when the “C-SPAN Cities Tour” featured Carroll in an interview as part of a weekend highlighting Pittsburgh and selected local authors.

Connecting with events – current or

past – is the common thread to where his careers have taken him, says the son and one in a family of eight children of Fred and Brenda Carroll of rural Brimfield.

Even though it wasn’t apparent early on, Carroll says now: “I realize I really enjoy historical writing.”

In a way, he’s come full-circle to

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Brimfield board grants special use ordinance

By **TERRY BIBO**
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Despite pointed questions from the audience and an unusual split vote, the village board granted a special use ordinance for the Sprayer Specialties property along U.S. Route 150 to become a mini-storage facility.

Owner TRECK LLC must fulfill several specific requirements which were added by the village board at Monday’s regular meeting. After discussing the issue twice, the Zoning Board of Appeals had deadlocked 3-3 and gave no recommendation for the special use.

“My greatest concern is that the needs of Brimfield are not addressed by this application,” said Rita Kress, owner and President of Kress Corp.

Kress brought a court reporter and attorney Tim Groenewald, who had a list of concerns. From demographics and market research to traffic patterns, landscaping and color choices, Groenewald pressed for more details. As the list of issues continued, longtime board president Dan Fishel repeatedly told the lawyer information was not available.

“I don’t think this board has ever received a feasibility study in the history of

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Tree honors Farmington sports

By **JEFF LAMPE**
Weekly Post Staff Writer

FARMINGTON – What with Christmas being the season of magic and all, it seems only fitting that a Christmas tree at Snips Hair Studio in Farmington is fitted with sports-themed decorations.

After all, this has been a magical sports season for the Farmers.

The extended playoff run of the football team is one obvious success story for Farmers Nation. And that has been followed by a fast start by the boys and girls high school basketball teams.

Winning also extends to the junior

high level, as the Farmington seventh grade girls team will play for a state title tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Auburn against Germantown Hills.

All of that is part of the reason Karen Bishop and her daughter, Courtney Weaver, came up with the idea for a 9-foot-tall, all-Farmers Christmas tree. Larger versions of the ornaments are also displayed on the windows at Snips.

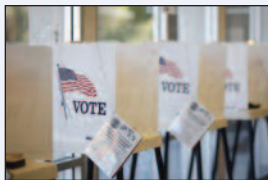
“My mom really enjoys hand-making Christmas ornaments. Everything we have at our houses and Snips is hand-made by her or I,” Weaver said. “This is not something you can find anywhere

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How We Voted

While recount-mania is gripping parts of the country, Weekly Post writer Bill Knight spent time gathering detailed voting results from local precincts. Did The Donald win your neighborhood back on Nov. 8? See detailed voting totals for all local results in last month’s election. **Page 9.**



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AUTHOR: ‘Lingering distrust of the media’

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one of his earliest career aspirations.

“My initial plans were to teach high school history. But by the time I was wrapping up college (at Northern Illinois University with a bachelor’s in history in 1993), the idea of staying in school didn’t appeal to me.

“So then I bounced around a bit,” he says, recalling even trying a stint with a uniform delivery company. “I realized that wasn’t for me and that’s when I decided I wanted to go back and take some journalism classes.”

That led to a newspaper career in suburban Chicago, Gastonia, N.C., and Newport News, Va.

While he was happy with the newspaper business, he also wanted deeper understanding of the context of events. That led to completing a master’s degree in American Studies from the College of William and Mary in 2004 while still working at the Daily Press in Newport News.

“I did it largely because I thought it would assist me in my newspaper work,” he says. His interest was fully understanding why some sources – particularly if they were African American – seemed to hold the press at a distance.

“Both of my last two newspaper jobs were in cities (Gastonia and Newport News) that were part of the Confederacy,” he says. “What I realized after a while was there was a lingering distrust of the media because of the stance they had taken

against ending segregation in the 1950s and 1960s. I thought, we had already gone through the civil rights and voting rights movements – that they were things of the past from 50 years ago. I realized I didn’t know as much about race as I thought or as much as I wanted to know.”

Even though he’d embarked on the advanced degree to enhance his skills as a journalist, Carroll also soon realized a couple of things: First, “newspapers were changing, and not all for the better,” he says, noting layoffs were becoming more common at papers – including two rounds that already had hit his paper by 2006.

Carroll’s second realization was that he liked researching, discussing and writing about the past, perhaps even more than working with the present. His epiphany was the greater satisfaction in sharing the “complete” perspective of historical vs. current events. It also doesn’t hurt, he adds, laughing, that as opposed to his newspaper days, his subjects – such as lawyers and politicians – are most often “dead as opposed to alive.”

But his journalism background had kindled his interest in ongoing research focusing on African Americans’ fight for racial justice. He earned his doctorate in history from the College of William and Mary in 2012, again focusing on race for his research and thesis.

“Once you get into it, as a historian, I tell people that the issue of

race to America is so central, you can’t ignore it ... It shows America at its worst, but it also shows America at its most hopeful.”

Prior to his current position at Duquesne, Carroll also has been a lecturer at Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Va., and a visiting professor at Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC.

As for his new status as a soon-to-be published author and recent subject of a C-SPAN program, Carroll says not much has changed. After watching the C-SPAN program with his family, “My youngest daughter, Melissa – she’s 9 – said, ‘Well, Dad, you’re famous now’, ” he says, laughing. “And I guess I’ve had a couple of people want to follow me on Twitter and Linked-In. Also, my siblings were nice to recognize it on Facebook. But there hasn’t been too much more than that. It was C-SPAN II, after all.”

Even so, the book has been a long labor of love, with the research and numerous conference presentations over eight years leading to attaining a publisher, says Carroll, who lives with wife Lisa and daughters Emma, 14, and Melissa in Newport News.

University classrooms and libraries are a primary target market, but the book also will be available on Amazon in fall of 2017.

Carroll’s appearance on the C-SPAN program can be viewed at: www.c-span.org/video/?4187711.

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- ▲ **Blood Drive** – Donate blood at Princeville Christian Church on Monday (Dec. 12), 12:30-6 p.m. Visit redcross.org or 1 (800) 733-2767 for appointment.
- ▲ **Church Luncheon** – Brimfield Union Church Senior Luncheon Tuesday (Dec. 13), 12 p.m. Luncheon continues second Tuesday of every month.

This Week's Events

- ▲ **Story Time** – Mom and Tot story time at Salem Township Library in Yates City is today (Dec. 8), 10 a.m. Stories, crafts and snacks.
- ▲ **Family BINGO** – Family BINGO at Morrison and Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood is today (Dec. 8), 6-6:45 p.m.
- ▲ **Senior Citizens** – Senior citizens breakfast at Elmwood High School is Friday (Dec. 9), 8 a.m. RSVP (309) 742-2851.
- ▲ **Free Bread** – Free bread available at Elmwood Methodist Church Friday (Dec. 9), 10-11 a.m.
- ▲ **Book Club** – Book club coffee chat at LME Library in Princeville is Monday (Dec. 12), 3 p.m. in Turner room. Discuss favorite books of past year and preview selections for 2017.
- ▲ **Ladies Night** – Ladies Night Out Cookie Exchange at Morrison and Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood is Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m. Bring two dozen cookies to

- trade. Ladies night continues on third Thursday of each month.
- ▲ **Family Movie** – Movie night featuring “The Secret Life of Pets” at Brimfield Public Library is Dec. 15, 5-7 p.m. Sponsored by Princeville State Bank.
- ▲ **Manna Meal** – Elmwood United Methodist Church Manna Meal is Dec. 15, 12 p.m.
- ▲ **Harvest Home** – Harvest Home Festival fund raiser dinner Dec. 15. Chicken and noodles served 4:30-7 p.m.
- ▲ **Cookie Walk** – Brimfield Union Church Cookie Walk is Dec. 17, 8:30-11 a.m. Variety of cookies and candles.
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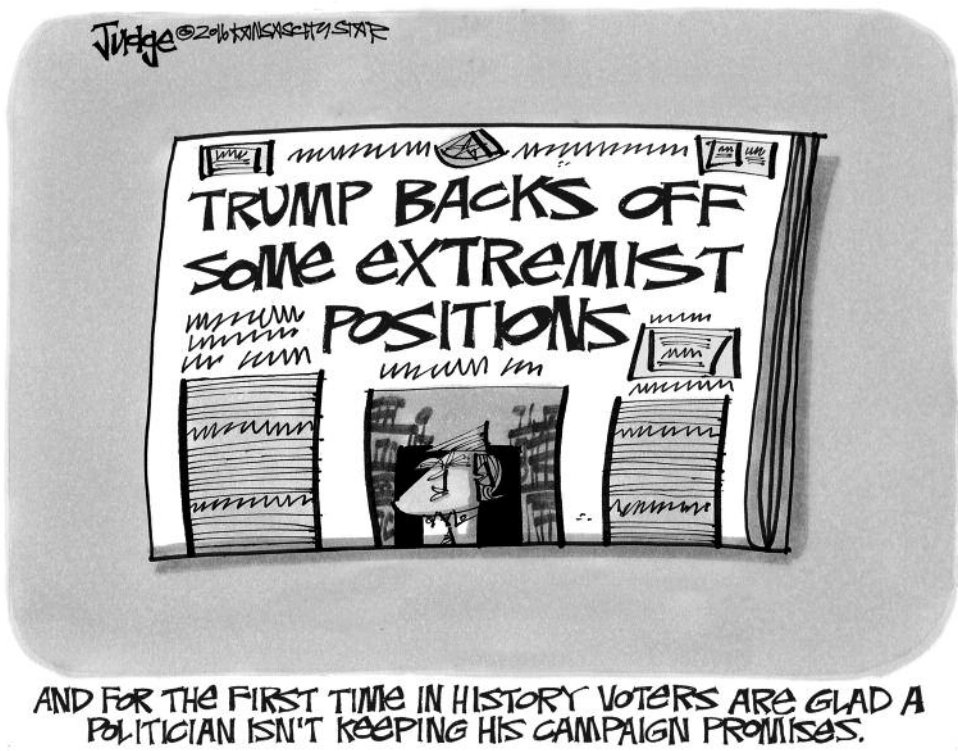
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- Dick Gregory

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Kids write the darndest things to Santa

Years ago, bored at Grandma Eick’s house in Iowa, I remember spending hours laughing while reading books by Art Linkletter about kids who say the darndest things.

Never did it occur to me that some day I would channel my inner-Art for my own good.

But he was right. Kids do say the darndest things. And other than Art Linkletter and elementary school teachers, nobody knows that better than Santa Claus.



Jeff
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Go online and you can find all sorts of lists of “best ever” letters to Santa. My personal favorite was a young girl who asked if Santa “could make it so she could turn into a dragon.” How any parent or husband will ever please that young lady is beyond me.

But it’s still fun to read.

So when the fine folks at Elmwood Insurance Agency gathered letters for Santa in the past few weeks, I was lucky enough to get a chance to read them.

Many had a common theme of goodness, which obviously weighs heavily on the minds of kids this time of year – right up until they open their gifts and turn back into their normal selves.

Scrawled one, “I’ve been a pretty decent little boy this year.”

Another ramped up the goodness, writing, “I’ve been a good boy this year and I promise to be nice to my sister.”

Yet another tried to gain at the expense of a sibling: “I’ve been a good boy this year. My brother not so much.”

The most notable letter to me was from a 13-year-old who – I hope – was having fun with the concept when she wrote, “I need cold hard cash. ... All I want for Christmas is lots of green and I ain’t talking about mistletoe. I’m talkin’ some benjamins. If you can’t tell, I can’t spell. But when I have money I’ll pay people to spell for me.”

If that doesn’t get you into the Christmas spirit, here are a few that should remind you just how sweet and innocent kids can be – also how much Santa needs a mind-reader to decode some requests.

Dear Santa,

I want a horse for Christmas. Oh! I will have a present for you. Thank you Santa!

Love Sophia

Dear Santa,
My name is Noah. I want a PS4. I have been a good boy.
P.S Leave it under the tree.
Thank you.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like some season 6 Shopkins and a lego set that is a lego Carnival set.

Love Addison

Mom would like something nice and so would Daddy.

Dear Santa,
I want the nerf brain saw, nerf football, Rolo Steine the board game, Bomber basketball shirt, elf on the shelf.

Dear Santa Claus,
I’ve been very good this year. For Christmas I would like an American Girl doll kitchen set. I’m 10 years old.

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GUEST VOICES

Exelon nuke bailout a bogus decision

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But lawmakers managed to bail out Exelon, a highly-profitable company (\$2.2 billion last year), who says two of their nuclear plants are “losing money.” Exelon, with help from

Ameren, just muscled through a bill to keep two “unprofitable” nuclear plants (nukes) – Cordova (one of Illinois’ oldest) and Clinton (Illinois and the US’s newest) – open. The governor is expected to sign it.

Who pays? We do, of course.
Exelon owns all of Illinois’ 11 remaining nukes and the transmission and distribution company Commonwealth Edison. In other words, Exelon’s nuclear unit sells a lot of its power to another subsidiary of its company. To be catty about it: the company takes money from the left pocket and puts it into the right.

Profit? Loss? What does any of that mean?
My old organization, the Citizens Utility Board (board member for 15 years, board president for 9 of those), supported this bill and says it will save consumers money through the energy efficiency and clean energy initiatives contained in it. CUB admits that ratepayers (including commercial firms) will pay more but that it will be a net benefit for consumers.

All the “Greens” seem to like it also.
I hate to disagree with my friends at CUB, but I’m highly skeptical that Exelon’s nukes were “losing money,” as they repeatedly argued.

To get the bill passed, which was called the (gag) “Future Energy Jobs Bill,” they pegged its passage as the only alternative to the loss of good jobs and property tax revenue.
If they closed those two plants, both things would indeed be true: jobs in those nukes would eventually be gone and property tax revenue from them would be reduced to zero.

I, however, have several questions:
• How do you define “unprofitable,” Exelon, when you, yourself buy much of the power those plants generate?
• You made more than \$2 billion in profits last year. Is it necessary for every item in your inventory to be profitable if your entire company is? Is there any company that’s that efficient?
• Were you really going to close those plants, or was it a stunt to extract rate increases from Illinois consumers? Yes, decommissioning operations were initiated in both, but was that for real?
• Is this entire thing about efficiency, keeping nukes open, etc., or about share price on Wall Street? For most companies, “the street” has become their primary concern.
• While I’m glad there are “green” provisions in the bill, why is it that the only time we consumers can get anything from the General Assembly is after big corporations get another pile of cash from Illinois’ rate payers?

Ultimately, though, I ask this question: All these corporate guys wanted nothing more than freedom from regulation. They got it in 1997 and have, since, been asking the legislature, time and time again, for concessions (read: handouts).

What do you really want, Exelon & Ameren? A “free market,” or more financial gifts from the people of Illinois, mandated by its legisla-

ture, while you pad your bottom line?
On a side note: I think there are two basic problems with nuclear power. Both would have been fixable when the first nukes were built in the 1950s but, in the rush to get them on line (non-polluting, practical and useful use of nuclear energy and all that), “future” problems were ignored.

The most important of these is permanent storage of nuclear waste: used fuel rods. Had we, from the 1950s on, transported waste to a permanent facility we would think nothing of it today. But we didn’t.
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After the U.S. spent billions on Yucca Mountain in Nevada, Nevadans have protested its use and no waste has been moved there from temporary storage. It may never be.

The other problem is location.
Not nearly enough thought was given to putting these plants in safe places. Nukes need lots of water, so most are located near rivers.
For instance, in the recent, worst flooding along the Missouri River, at least one plant’s levee was within inches of being breached by the river. This is also true internationally. Two words suffice: Fukushima Daiichi.

If the plants are so darned safe, why aren’t there two or three in Lake Michigan, just off the shore in Chicago (the water level in the lake changes only slightly, and there’s lots of water)? It is, after all, metro Chicago that needed all that power in the first place.



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Elmwood man arrested after chase by police

FARMINGTON – John Foose, 61, of rural Elmwood on Dec. 4 was arrested on multiple charges after Farmington police attempted to question him about 9:30 p.m. at County Market here, according to Farmington Police Chief Carl Powell.

Foose fled the scene and a Farmington officer pursued Foose until he abandoned his vehicle and ran into a corn field, according to reports.

Officers from Peoria County and Elmwood Police also responded, and Foose was apprehended without further incidents.

Foose was arrested for fleeing and eluding police, possession of stolen license plates, operating an uninsured vehicle, driving with no valid driver’s license, and a felony, possession of an open title, said Powell, who added that Foose was transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

Trial set for township right-of-way dispute

ROSEFIELD – Judge Katherine S. Gorman of the 10th Judicial Circuit in Peoria has scheduled the final pre-trial appearance and a date for a bench trial in the request by five Rosefield Township residents for a permanent injunction against Rosefield Township Road Commissioner Matt Windish and three associates in connection with a dispute over Rockhill Road property and the public right-of-way.

The pre-trial appearance is set for Monday (Dec. 12) and the trial scheduled for next Thursday (Dec. 15), according to court records.

The dispute stems from allegations by Mark and Megan Vicary, plus Max and Olivia Hutchison and Alex Cusack that Rosefield Township improperly claimed jurisdiction over land adjacent to a township road.

In addition to Windish, the defendants are Shane Richards, Josh Walker and Richard Walker. Windish stopped work in the area, but the plaintiffs seek a permanent injunction on proposed projects.

Windish in court filings responded through lawyer Scott Umland that he disputes much of the claim, and asks Gorman to deny the request for a permanent injunction, and to also declare that a 66-foot dedicated public right-of-way exists across the property in question.

Disagreements over township right-of-way jurisdiction are also in Peoria County courtrooms concerning a dispute in Kickapoo Township and an unrelated matter in Rosefield also involving the Vicarys.

Police reports

• Thomas Gilles, 54, of Monica, on Nov. 17 reported the theft of a Hoyt Element carbon riser hunting bow, the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office reported this week. Gilles valued the item at \$1,399.

• Nicholas Cooper, 37 of Bartonville was ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident after the 2004 Jeep Liberty he was driving struck a 2014 Mazda drive by 23-year-old Lacey Zaerr of Elmwood

• Phillip Price, 38, of Farmington on Nov. 27 was arrested for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and other traffic offenses, according to the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office.

• Kristen Daniel, 42, of Elmwood on Nov. 28 reported an incident at Brimfield Grade School that police are investigating as dis-

orderly conduct.

• Paul Putney, 32, of Farmington on Nov. 29 was taken into custody for three Failure to Appear warrants and held for another agency at the Peoria County Jail.

• Stephanie Kehayias, 34, of Princeville on Dec. 2 reported the theft of a wallet valued at less than \$300 from Dollar General on Santa Fes Avenue.

• Pierre McFadden, 32, of Brimfield on Dec. 2 was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm without a valid Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) card in connection with an incident involving a .22-caliber Smith & Wesson handgun. He was taken into custody at the Peoria County Jail.

Deer accidents

• Nov. 13: Justin Brown of Dunlap near Brimfield-Jubilee and Shane Roads in Jubilee Township.

• Nov. 22: Sain Tuch Nlambe of Galesburg on Interstate 74 near the Gilles Road overpass in Kickapoo Township.

• Nov. 23: Seth Padilla of Pontiac on Interstate 74 near the Kickapoo-Edwards intersection in Kickapoo Township.

• Nov. 25: Stephen Christiansen of Mapleton on Illinois Route 78 near Lorance Road in Millbrook Township.

• Nov. 27: Mark Marlott of Brimfield on U.S. Route 150 near old Tower Line Road in Kickapoo Township.

• Nov. 27: Caldon Anderson of Farmington near the intersection of U.S. Route 150 nd Heinz Lane in Kickapoo Township.

• Nov. 27: Natalie Cokel of Princeville near the intersection of Princeville-Jubilee and Akron Roads in Princeville Township.

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Billtown board discusses water issues

By BILL KNIGHT
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – Water figured prominently in the Village Board’s meeting on Monday, when Trustees voted to reject the sole bid on changing the water flow in the reverse-osmosis plant, approved a plan to build a wooden shell covering a pump in the old water building, and voted to apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Flood Insurance Program.

“The only bid we received was higher than we’d thought, so we decided to re-bid it in the spring,” said Village President Michael Gray. “We think we’ll probably get more bids at that time.”

Work to address lost heat at the old water building was set for the short term, and also postponed until spring for a more permanent solution, said Gray, who explained the shell to be constructed over the remaining pump will let the Village avoid heating the entire build-

ing, which will probably be torn down next year.

As to the unwanted water of flooding, a new property was informed that it was in a floodplain and needed flood insurance, so the Village is trying to accommodate their needs and future residents’ needs by joining the flood-insurance program.

“We’d never had anyone seeking flood insurance until recently, but it came up, and if we join the national program, the homeowners can get flood insurance much cheaper through the program,” Gray said.

- In other news:
- The Illinois Department of Transportation began surveying and other work before its project to widen Illinois Route 180. “We’re happy they’re starting the process,” Gray said. “The project is part of IDOT’s five-year plan, but we’re hoping it’ll happen quicker.”
 - After a caucus, incumbents Lee

Wight and Pam Courson were nominated for April balloting, and Stanley King also was nominated to run for the seat held by Jim Folger, who decided not to run again.

- The Board authorized a site at Veterans Park in the 100 block of East Gale Street for a Vietnam Service monument to be donated by the Spoon River chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Two cases of unsightly properties are being tackled. The Village has placed a lien on one, and a second was billed for work done by public employees and the Village has been reimbursed.
- The Village will be making some changes in water collections, as the person who’s been handling the task moved to a new employer, who asked the Board to find an alternative.

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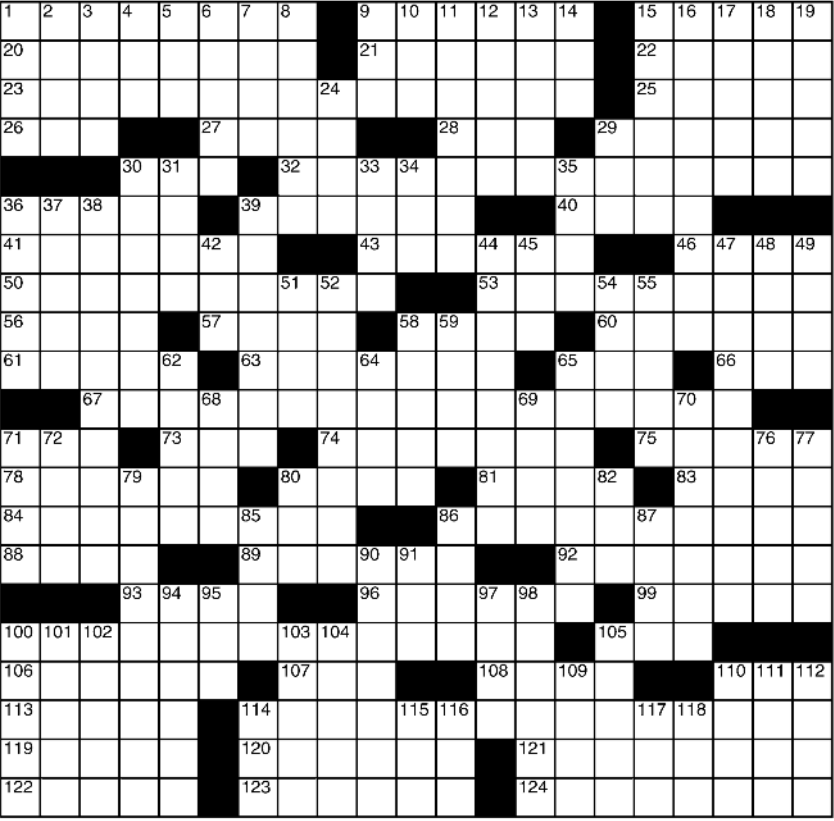
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9 Super deals
15 Stage backdrop
20 Aired in installments
21 Martial arts instructor
22 City near Dallas
23 Focus applied when covering a surface with concrete?
25 Styx setting
26 Illi, to Italians
27 Jai —
28 Solo in sci-fi
29 Hanker for
30 Prefix for tax or charge
32 College between two hills?
36 Suggest
39 Puts forward as fact
40 Bakery decorator
41 Try to be like
43 “Pinball Wizard” band
46 Shrek is one
50 Great review from the wife of George Washington?

53 Scandianavian king’s lubricant?
56 Certain iPad
57 German coin
58 Harvest yield
60 Crooner Vic
61 Tailor, e.g.
63 Cut, as a 58-Across
65 Hitler Gehrig
66 Cause trouble to
67 Question to an animal doc at an amusement park?
71 Star, e.g.
73 “Illmatic” rapper
74 Drop-leaf table
75 Chief city of the Ruhr
78 Butlers
80 Ruby and scarlet
81 See 31-Down
83 Crooner Perry
84 Caesar’s hail to a maniner?
86 Buck that’s toiling away?
88 Enumeration
89 Loafier liner
92 Grand Slam tennis events

93 Completely engrossed
96 President before Bush
99 — -lance (pit viper variety)
100 Seamstress who was Adam’s mate?
105 Downed
106 Italian cry at a dinner table
107 Canon — (camera line)
108 Caspian Sea feeder
110 “Attack, mutt!”
113 Not as young
114 Tennis great Rod who keeps every-one safe?
119 Pixar figures
120 “In this way”
121 1970s-90s carrier to Lima
122 Collagist Max
123 Positive responses
124 Eased up on

DOWN
1 Month after Aug.
2 On — with (equal to)
3 Paris’ — Gauche
4 “— already said ...”
5 Actor Voight
6 First name of Poe
7 Perfumery bottle
8 6x9-inch book size
9 One-eighty from NNW
10 “X” amount
11 Psych up
12 Like a Thai
13 Téa on TV
14 Moral error
15 Ball
16 School unit
17 Arm bones
18 Nonreactive
19 Amble along
24 Aunts, in Baja
29 Month after Nov.
30 More briny
31 With 81-Across, Beehive State NCAA team
33 Lo-fat
34 Suffix of ordinals
35 Cello forerunner
36 “Byzantium” actress Arterton
37 AOL letter in some equipment
39 Scrutinizes
42 — kwon do (martial art)
44 Carpenter’s adhesive
45 Clued in
47 Is a little too proud of
48 Queen in a sari
49 Stunt master Knievel
51 Boot part
52 Sailors, say
54 Take too much of, for short
55 Member of an early-1900s art movement
58 Debt memos
59 Director Clair
62 “— -Cop” (1988 film)
64 Commercial on the tube
65 Olympic sled course
68 “How — to know?”
69 Celebration
70 Jailbreaker
71 Indy path
72 Shankar on the sitar
76 Edit, as text
77 Scandianavian
79 Hormones in some replacement therapies
80 Harry Potter pal Weasley
82 Draft initials
85 Its cap. is Vilnius
86 Kaput
87 Toss high up
90 Brother of Iphigenia
91 Director Ang
94 Something novel
95 Sch. org.
97 Supply that’s too abundant
98 Operating skyward
100 Theatricalize
101 Courage
102 Finish with
103 Weird
104 Out-of-the-way corners
105 Bygone Olds
109 Bygone Chevy
110 Swedish film shooter Nykvist
111 French noun suffix
112 Gunky stuff
114 Use skillfully
115 Ending for Brooklyn
116 Abbr. in trig
117 Part of L.A.
118 Lemur cousin



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Precinct Voting Breakdown						
Canvassing and confirmations on the Nov. 8 vote were completed by Dec. 1, when County Clerks from Fulton and Knox and the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners provided this breakdown of balloting.						
Precinct	President	U.S. Senate	17th Dist.	18th Dist.	State amendment on road spending	
Farmington 1	Trump* 232	Kirk 208	Bustos* 231		Yes 303	
	Clinton 143	Duckworth* 155	Harlan 171		No 71	
Farmington 2	Trump 88	Kirk 82	Bustos 86		Yes 112	
	Clinton 54	Duckworth 61	Harlan 68		No 26	
Farmington 3	Trump 84	Kirk 84	Bustos 75		Yes 95	
	Clinton 44	Duckworth 42	Harlan 60		No 30	
Farmington 4	Trump 54	Kirk 55	Bustos 63		Yes 79	
	Clinton 40	Duckworth 45	Harlan 47		No 27	
Farmington 5	Trump 204	Kirk 199	Bustos 243		Yes 303	
	Clinton 156	Duckworth 163	Harlan 143		No 63	
Farmington 6	Trump 156	Kirk 149	Bustos 192		Yes 226	
	Clinton 129	Duckworth 137	Harlan 116		No 48	
Elba	Trump 118	Kirk 116	Bustos 77		Yes 110	
	Clinton 41	Duckworth 42	Harlan 89		No 41	
Salem	Trump 281	Kirk 260	Bustos 265		Yes 370	
	Clinton 164	Duckworth 196	Harlan 226		No 87	
Truro	Trump 228	Kirk 213	Bustos 213		Yes 281	
	Clinton 145	Duckworth 159	Harlan 180		No 86	
Brimfield	Trump 296	Kirk 313		LaHood* 390	Yes 442	
	Clinton 184	Duckworth 195		Rodriguez 153	No 86	
Elmwood 1	Trump 252	Kirk 260		LaHood 316	Yes 348	
	Clinton 156	Duckworth 177		Rodriguez 151	No 102	
Elmwood 2	Trump 175	Kirk 180		LaHood 236	Yes 284	
	Clinton 164	Duckworth 166		Rodriguez 139	No 81	
Elmwood 3	Trump 232	Kirk 239		LaHood 301	Yes 323	
	Clinton 154	Duckworth 166		Rodriguez 120	No 87	
Jubilee 1	Trump 331	Kirk 363		LaHood 417	Yes 396	
	Clinton 131	Duckworth 124		Rodriguez 92	No 102	
Jubilee 2	Trump 344	Kirk 382		LaHood 421	Yes 419	
	Clinton 157	Duckworth 141		Rodriguez 120	No 111	
Kickapoo 1	Trump 390	Kirk 388		LaHood 447	Yes 511	
	Clinton 193	Duckworth 208		Rodriguez 175	No 88	
Kickapoo 2	Trump 379	Kirk 360		LaHood 430	Yes 455	
	Clinton 159	Duckworth 173		Rodriguez 135	No 97	
Kickapoo 3	Trump 272	Kirk 266		LaHood 316	Yes 357	
	Clinton 169	Duckworth 166		Rodriguez 160	No 105	
Millbrook	Trump 146	Kirk 140		LaHood 178	Yes 192	
	Clinton 62	Duckworth 74		Rodriguez 53	No 33	
Princeville 1	Trump 198	Kirk 208		LaHood 233	Yes 230	
	Clinton 76	Duckworth 78		Rodriguez 66	No 61	
Princeville 2	Trump 256	Kirk 247		LaHood 310	Yes 326	
	Clinton 131	Duckworth 132		Rodriguez 111	No 84	
Radnor 1	Trump 291	Kirk 339		LaHood 400	Yes 432	
	Clinton 131	Duckworth 167		Rodriguez 136	No 92	
Radnor 2	Trump 332	Kirk 342		LaHood 402	Yes 462	
	Clinton 170	Duckworth 180		Rodriguez 151	No 89	
Radnor 3	Trump 416	Kirk 462		LaHood 515	Yes 524	
	Clinton 175	Duckworth 156		Rodriguez 130	No 101	
Rosefield 1	Trump 232	Kirk 219		LaHood 249	Yes 234	
	Clinton 77	Duckworth 89		Rodriguez 76	No 84	
Rosefield 2	Trump 233	Kirk 244		LaHood 276	Yes 271	
	Clinton 99	Duckworth 102		Rodriguez 86	No 87	
Fulton-only contested races						
Precinct	Circuit Clerk	9th Circuit Judge (Bordner)	9th Circuit Judge (Stewart)			
Farmington 1	Yurkovich* 198	Harrell 175	Hansen 184			
	Whiteman 189	Cavanaugh* 212	Benson* 203			
Farmington 2	Yurkovich 72	Harrell 63	Hansen 56			
	Whiteman 69	Cavanaugh 82	Benson 87			
Farmington 3	Yurkovich 71	Harrell 59	Hansen 59			
	Whiteman 62	Cavanaugh 74	Benson 75			
Farmington 4	Yurkovich 61	Harrell 52	Hansen 46			
	Whiteman 46	Cavanaugh 57	Benson 63			
Farmington 5	Yurkovich 199	Harrell 179	Hansen 177			
	Whiteman 168	Cavanaugh 185	Benson 195			
Farmington 6	Yurkovich 152	Harrell 141	Hansen 148			
	Whiteman 141	Cavanaugh 154	Benson 148			
Knox-only contested races						
Precinct	74th Dist.	Coroner	County Bd 5	9th Circuit Judge (Bordner)	9th Circuit Judge (Stewart)	
Elba	Butts 50	Thomas* 61	Shreves* 58	Harrell 47	Hansen 51	
	Swanson* 112	Anderson 94	Sandoval* 97	Cavanaugh* 111	Benson* 105	
Salem	Butts 191	Thomas 211	Shreves 206	Harrell 191	Hansen 185	
	Swanson 281	Anderson 257	Sandoval 257	Cavanaugh 278	Benson 285	
Truro	Butts 152	Thomas 203	Shreves 164	Harrell 176	Hansen 154	
	Swanson 235	Anderson 176	Sandoval 218	Cavanaugh 198	Benson 220	
Flesner 143						
Peoria County-only contested races						
Precinct	Road tax	School tax	Vet tax	Auditor	Coroner	10th Circuit Judge
Brimfield	Yes 249	Yes* 268	Yes* 302	VanWinkle* 265	Harwood* 328	Hoos* 254
	No* 296	No 275	No 240	Paredes 261	Ingersoll 218	Cusack 291
Elmwood 1	Yes 181	Yes 220	Yes 260	VanWinkle 252	Harwood 189	Hoos 222
	No 282	No 243	No 204	Paredes 207	Ingersoll 277	Cusack 242
Elmwood 2	Yes 177	Yes 230	Yes 225	VanWinkle 206	Harwood 169	Hoos 197
	No 197	No 144	No 142	Paredes 162	Ingersoll 207	Cusack 174
Elmwood 3	Yes 212	Yes 268	Yes 250	VanWinkle 203	Harwood 199	Hoos 183
	No 203	No 154	No 165	Paredes 198	Ingersoll 218	Cusack 235
Jubilee 1	Yes 191	Yes 180	Yes 211	VanWinkle 188	Harwood 257	Hoos 188
	No 316	No 321	No 290	Paredes 309	Ingersoll 251	Cusack 321
Jubilee 2	Yes 217	Yes 205	Yes 259	VanWinkle 202	Harwood 286	Hoos 187
	No 322	No 335	No 280	Paredes 325	Ingersoll 255	Cusack 348
Kickapoo 1	Yes 256	Yes 232	Yes 294	VanWinkle 270	Harwood 277	Hoos 259
	No 360	No 380	No 315	Paredes 330	Ingersoll 342	Cusack 352
Kickapoo 2	Yes 237	Yes 236	Yes 280	VanWinkle 235	Harwood 254	Hoos 184
	No 320	No 319	No 280	Paredes 320	Ingersoll 310	Cusack 382
Kickapoo 3	Yes 172	Yes 230	Yes 263	VanWinkle 231	Harwood 214	Hoos 217
	No 296	No 236	No 203	Paredes 231	Ingersoll 251	Cusack 247
Millbrook	Yes 93	Yes 93	Yes 112	VanWinkle 90	Harwood 145	Hoos 66
	No 132	No 132	No 113	Paredes 137	Ingersoll 82	Cusack 136
Princeville 1	Yes 104	Yes 125	Yes 119	VanWinkle 92	Harwood 187	Hoos 107
	No 194	No 173	No 178	Paredes 195	Ingersoll 111	Cusack 190
Princeville 2	Yes 167	Yes 201	Yes 227	VanWinkle 177	Harwood 305	Hoos 182
	No 255	No 222	No 197	Paredes 230	Ingersoll 118	Cusack 237
Radnor 1	Yes 216	Yes 228	Yes 256	VanWinkle 220	Harwood 237	Hoos 188
	No 314	No 302	No 271	Paredes 301	Ingersoll 292	Cusack 338
Radnor 2	Yes 211	Yes 215	Yes 278	VanWinkle 226	Harwood 241	Hoos 211
	No 348	No 343	No 276	Paredes 325	Ingersoll 316	Cusack 347
Radnor 3	Yes 264	Yes 244	Yes 310	VanWinkle 216	Harwood 263	Hoos 192
	No 380	No 395	No 338	Paredes 406	Ingersoll 378	Cusack 446
Rosefield 1	Yes 123	Yes 116	Yes 153	VanWinkle 132	Harwood 145	Hoos 109
	No 202	No 207	No 167	Paredes 185	Ingersoll 182	Cusack 216
Rosefield 2	Yes 144	Yes 136	Yes 174	VanWinkle 142	Harwood 170	Hoos 102
	No 220	No 235	No 191	Paredes 214	Ingersoll 194	Cusack 263
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Farmington council discusses 2017 levy

By BILL KNIGHT
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The City Council on Monday discussed a proposed tax levy for next year that would bring in \$329,497 out of the city’s \$2.9 million budget for 2016-2017.

Breaking down the levy by line items, the proposal provides \$53,000 for General Corporate, \$80,600 for liability, unemploy-

ment and worker’s comp insurance, \$15,000 for police, \$96,786 for Social Security and Illinois Municipal Retirement funds, \$21,186 for garbage collection, \$35,000 for the audit, \$15,000 for Playground and Recreation, \$7,575 for street lighting, and \$4,750 for the cemetery.

The Council will consider the levy at its Dec. 19 meeting.

In other action, the Council ap-

proved Mayor Kent Kowal’s appointments to the Community and Economic Development Commission.

Named to two-year terms were Kowal, CEDC chair, John Asplund, Keith Balagna, Dave Gignoni, Kim Gilstrap, Joe Higgs and Diane Toohill.

BRIMFIELD: Zoning approved by 4-2 vote

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the board,” said Fishel. “...I feel like I’m on trial here. How am I doing?”

When a little laughter broke the tension, Fishel quickly added he didn’t want to seem as if this special use is not a serious matter, because it is.

TRECK representative Bill Garrett had opened the discussion with an overview of the project. At full capacity, Lot 2 could hold a total of 78 tenants. Each bay would have a light and parking would only be allowed in front.

Garrett said they had received engineering advice on how to control stormwater, including retention ponds.

Then Fishel indicated the board might want to limit this use to two buildings initially, requiring TRECK to return for further expansion. He told Groenewald the village had settled on commercial

zoning rather than industrial because it offered more control over the property.

Kress said Brimfield’s real needs are for things like housing, water and promotion. Fishel agreed some of those things are needed, but said the village gets few requests for new business and has limited resources.

“We have very little budget for grand plans or to do business in a grand manner,” Fishel said, adding later that grant applications to expand have been denied repeatedly.

Dennis Gilles said he is 64, has lived on land adjoining this new development for 40 years and fears the expansion will decrease his property values.

“I would like this to look better than (sic) Sprayer Specialty. That thing is ugly,” he said, even as Fishel cautioned him to stick to the issue. “There’s right ways and wrong ways to do things.”


“I can assure you we’re going to do our best to do things the right way,” Fishel said.

In a series of amendments that were unanimously agreed upon, the board required a buffer of arbor vitae trees along the property line, restricted parking, determined that the color of the buildings should be earth-toned and uniform, and said TRECK must return to get additional board approval for more than two buildings.

Despite the restrictions, the vote split 4-2. Brian Porter, Joe Arbogast, Kevin Gilles and Paul Dye were in favor; Mike Meinders and Allison Porter opposed.

Fishel said he hoped the issue would not overshadow the Farmers Club donation of its building by the American Legion Hall. Eventually, area churches may be able to use it for a food pantry.


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OUTDOORS

Begner bags buck of a lifetime with bow

By JEFF LAMPE
Weekly Post Staff Writer

Thanks to a rule change,
Lyle Begner of Peoria
Heights has the bowkill of
a lifetime.
Hunting Saturday (Dec.
3) during the third day of
the second firearm deer
season on his father's
farm near Princeville,
Begner used his bow to
down a 20-point buck.
That Begner was able to
hunt with a bow during
gun season is thanks to a
new rule change imple-
mented by the Illinois De-
partment of Natural
Resources this year.
"I had to wear orange
and tag it with a shotgun
tag and be on private
property," Begner said. "It
was kind of a neat thing."
What made it extra neat
for Begner is that he
would not have been hunt-
ing if not for the new reg-
ulation.
"I'm more of a
bowhunter than a gun
hunter," he said. "I would-
n't have been hunting if it
wasn't for the rule
change."
As it was, seeing the
impressive Peoria County
20-pointer was unex-
pected. No trail cameras
had snapped pictures of
the buck and no neighbors
had mentioned seeing it,
Begner said.
"It just came out of the
(Spoon River) bottoms, I
guess," said Begner, who
hunts just a quarter-mile
from the Spoon.
The memorable hunt
had plenty of family ties
for Begner, as well.
For one, he was wearing
his father's lucky orange
vest.
"He said, 'Then that's
my deer'," Begner
laughed.
For another, the buck
earned Begner top honors

in the ongoing family
bowhunting pool, which
his son Blake had been
leading with a wide 8-
pointer.
"I was only out with the
intention of trying to beat
my son in the deer contest
and then up walked that,"
Begner said. "How lucky
can someone be."
Finally, for Begner it
was once again a reminder
of his late friend Howard
Rieck, who got him into
bowhunting 13 years ago.
As for the season over-
all, Begner said hunting
was much better than in
the past three years.
"We've seen a lot more
deer and I've heard of a
lot more big deer," he
said.
Including his own.
• Duck totals – Snow up
north pushed mallards
into Illinois last week, but
most opted for the Missis-
sippi River.
Mallard counts along
the Mississippi increased
94 percent in one week to
222,095 birds. That's right
at the 10-year average and
boosted total duck abun-
dance on the Mississippi
to 623,160 – 50 percent
above the average.
Things are not as good
on the Illinois River,
where mallards are still 24
percent below average.
The lack of mallards in
the Illinois River Valley
has had a negative impact
on duck hunting locally.
Aaron Yetter conducts
weekly surveys to count
waterfowl and explained
this year's waterfowling
woes as such.
"We all know mallards
are 'king' when it comes
to duck hunting in Illinois,
and mallards drive the
harvest rate and duck
hunter satisfaction in Illi-
nois.
"So when mallard num-



Bowhunter Lyle Begner of Peoria Heights shot this
20-point buck on his father's farm near Princeville on
Dec. 3.

bers are average or below,
hunter success and satis-
faction will be down. Fur-
ther, I believe most of the
other ducks have been
here for at least a couple
of weeks and many for
about a month. The major-
ity of the ducks have fig-
ured out where to avoid
gunning pressure.
"Additionally, our mal-
lards have started feeding
late in the afternoon and
into the night. I have
heard multiple reports of
mallards moving from
refuges to the duck clubs
at sunset to avoid hunting
pressure.
"One of my colleagues
joked that we have turned
them into bats, forcing the
ducks to feed at night to
get a reprieve from the
duck hunters."
Duck season in the Cen-
tral Zone runs through
Dec. 20. Canada goose
seasons lasts until Jan. 31.
• Et cetera – Hunters can
donate whole deer to the
Illinois Sportsmen Against
Hunger program to help
Illinois families in need.
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sors turn the donated deer
into ground venison for
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BRIEFS

More Illinois residents eligible for Obamacare

Already, about 8.8 million Americans, and 259,701 Illinoisans, who buy health insurance through HealthCare.gov receive tax credits that help make coverage more affordable. But about 12 million more Americans, including 363,000 Illinoisans, may also be eligible for help during this Open Enrollment, but not know it.

This group includes:

- Current HealthCare.gov consumers: 22,000 Illinois consumers who didn't get tax credits last year could be eligible for tax credits in 2017, even if their income remains the same, because financial assistance moves along with rates. That's 25 percent of currently unsubsidized Illinois Marketplace consumers.

- Off-Marketplace individual consumers: About 130,000 Illinoisans who currently pay full price for individual coverage off-Marketplace could be eligible for tax credits if they purchase a 2017 plan through HealthCare.gov instead.

- The remaining uninsured: About 211,000 uninsured Illinoisans earn incomes indicating they, too, could be eligible for financial assistance. Nationwide, 84 percent of Marketplace-eligible uninsured Americans have incomes suggesting they are tax credit eligible.

In Illinois, 68,192 people have already signed up for coverage in the first month of Open Enrollment, more than last year at this time. But many more Illinoisans might benefit from visiting HealthCare.gov before the Dec. 15 deadline for Jan. 1 coverage and checking out their options for affordable, quality health insurance.

The Marketplace's tax credits are designed to keep pace with premium increases. This means that for many consumers already receiving tax credits, the value of that financial assistance will increase this year to keep pace with the cost of coverage in their area. It also means that more individuals may qualify for tax credits as premiums rise.

For example, in 2017, a 27-year old in Illinois making \$25,000 per year will pay \$142 per month to purchase the benchmark plan, almost the same as in 2016. That's because the 27-year old will, on



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average, get a \$156 tax credit – 140 percent higher than in 2016. Visit HealthCare.gov to browse and shop for quality, affordable health plans. More than 53 percent of current Illinois Marketplace consumers will find plans for less than \$75 per month.

Camp Big Sky receives foundation grant

GALESBURG – Camp Big Sky has been awarded a \$1,900 Capacity Building grant for equipment and technology from the Galesburg Community Foundation.

Funds will be used to purchase donor management software, develop an endowment fund brochure and conduct trainings for volunteers.

The mission of Camp Big Sky is to provide education, training and skills development to children and adults with disabilities through participation in accessible outdoor activities. All services are provided at no cost at the camp located in northern Fulton County near Middle Grove to any person of any age with any disability and their families, friends and caregivers.

For more information visit www.campbigsky.org and www.facebook.com/Camp-BigSkyIL.

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OBITUARIES

Joyce Ramsay


ELMWOOD – Dolores J. Ramsay, 83, a long-time resident of Elmwood, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016, at her home.

Joyce was born on June 16, 1933, in Toluca, Illinois, to the late James Henry and Marjorie Mae (Burwell) Porter.

She grew up in Peoria and attended Manual High School and beauty school. At the age of 18, she began employment with Caterpillar. It was there that she met her husband, the late Thomas F. Ramsay.

They were married on July 6, 1952, and remained in Elmwood, raising their six children.

Joyce was later employed by CILCO, working there until her retirement in 1994. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, her parents, and two siblings, Donald Porter and William Porter. A sister, Lynn Schertz of Peoria, survives.



Ramsay

Joyce was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan and enjoyed recounting past players or friendly banter with any Cubs fan. She was a member of the Evangelical Free Church in Brimfield, and a woman of strong faith.

Joyce is survived by her children, Barbara (Greg) Mitchell of Georgia, Brenda Bender of Peoria, Thomas (Chris) Ramsay of Elmwood, Donna (Steve) Elliott of Elmwood, Kim (Dan) Runyon of Brimfield and David (Caren) Ramsay of Elmwood. She also leaves a sister-in-law Marilyn (Gary) Stewart of Elmwood. Marilyn was like a sister, and both she and Gary were incredibly helpful to Joyce.

This Week's Obituaries

- Holland Beetler, 85, Yates City
- Norma Dunbar, 89, Elmwood
- Joan McWhirter, 72, Brimfield
- Kevin Potts, 53, Dahinda
- Joyce Ramsay, 83, Elmwood
- Leland Wake, 92, Farmington
- Mabel Yentes, 87, Princeville

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In addition, she is survived by her sister-in-law, Betty Snider of Wyoming; 13 grandchildren, Megan, Sara, Amy, Alyssa, Leanne, Matt, Nikki, Nicole, Courtney, Isaac, Holly, Alli, Tom and Mackenzie, 14 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Dec. 10, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., at the Evangelical Free Church in Brimfield, 11724 N. Maher Road, with Pastor Don Blasing and Joyce's nephew, Pastor Ken Stewart, presiding.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to B.Y.E., Brimfield Evangelical Free Church, and St. Jude's Research Hospital.

GOD is our refuge and strength (Psalm 46:1).

Arrangements made by Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood.

Ruth (Aaron) Brown, June Beetler, Connie (Luke) Powell, and Judy (Tim) Gunsteens, sons Gene (Anita) Beetler, Mark (Lori) Beetler, John (Sigita) Beetler, and Alan (Hermina) Beetler. Grandchildren include Matthew (Sarah) Brown, Michelle Brown, Sara Boesen, Timothy Beetler, Danielle Beetler, Anastasia Beetler, Nick Beetler, Nathan (Mia) Sipe-Powell, Eric Sipe, Andrew Powell, Jameson Wilkins, Nathan Wilkins, Samantha Gunsteens, Megan Beetler, Alyssa Beetler, Veronica Ramos, Miguel Ramos, and Gabriel Ramos; five great-grandchildren; and sibling Donald Beetler, Bob Beetler and Barbara Waldarski.

Holland was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Rena Beetler, Ruth Broadfield, Harold Beetler, and Lois Mayer; and by sons-in-law, Douglas Sipe and Matthew Boesen.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving for nearly two years, stationed in Germany, as a jeep mechanic, before returning home to Knox County, where he spent his life as a farmer. When Holland was not working on the farm, being a man of strong Christian faith, Holland was a board member of the Galesburg Rescue Mission.

Beetler is also remembered as having helped build Faith Bible Camp in Yates City, where he was a charter board member, and as being a song leader and teacher at Calvary Bible Church in Williamsfield.

Cremation rites were accorded and memorial services held Dec. 2 at the Hope Community Bible Church in Spring Hill.

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CryptoQuote

answer

He dreamed he was eating shredded wheat and woke to find the mattress half gone. — Fred Allen

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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OBITUARIES

Norma Dunbar

ELMWOOD – Norma J. Dunbar, 89, of Peoria, mother of an Elmwood man, died on Nov. 26 at Lutheran Hillside Village.

Survivors include her husband of 70 years, Walter Dunbar; sons Alvin (Jolene) Dunbar of Elmwood, Walter (Cherie) Dunbar of Glasford and Robert Dunbar of Peoria; daughter Nancy (John) Snarr of Dunlap; 7 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were Nov. 30 at Swan Lake Memory Gardens.

Condolences may be left online at www.woolsey-wilton.com.

Joan McWhirter

BRIMFIELD – Joan “Joanie” Beverly McWhirter, 72, of Peoria, stepmother of a Brimfield man, died Nov. 22 at Kindred Hospital,

Survivors include her husband, Gary McWhirter; daughters Dawn Jordan Jones of Avon, Ind., and Nichole Jordan of Indianapolis; stepsons Terry (Marie) McWhirter of Brimfield and Rodney McWhirter of O’Fallon, Mo.; three grandchildren; brothers Charles Curtwright and Bradford Curtwright, both of Denver, Colo.; two nieces and many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Cremation rites were accorded and a memorial service held Dec. 3 at the Church of Christ Northwest in Peoria, with interment at

the family vault at Swan Lake Cemetery.
Condolences may be left online at csmico.com.

Kevin Potts

DAHINDA – Kevin E. Potts, 53, Galesburg, brother of a Dahinda man, died Nov. 29 at his home.

Survivors include his children, Chad Potts and Cody Potts of Galesburg; siblings, Randy (Angie) Potts of Dahinda, Keith “Butch” (Janie Slis) Potts of Phenix City, Ala., and Amanda (Rod) Wagher of Knoxville.

Cremation rites were accorded. There will be no service.

Condolences may be left online at hurd-hendricksfuneralhome.com.

Leland Wake

FARMINGTON – Leland R. Wake, 92, of Peoria, formerly of Farmington, died Nov. 30 at his residence.

Born on May 5, 1924, in Farmington to Richard and Viola Abel Wake, he married Phyllis Putman on July 2, 1961, in Peoria. She survives.

Also surviving are daughters Debra (Stephen) Dellinger of West Peoria, and Denise (the late David) Dellinger of Peoria; two grandchildren; and sisters, Mary Page, Judy Thurman and Marge Plumer.

Four brothers, Don, Arnold, Bill and David, also preceded him in death.

Leland served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired

from Caterpillar Tractor Co. after 38 years of service.
He attended First Baptist Church in Peoria.

Funeral services were Dec. 3 at the Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Canton with burial at the Mt Zion Cemetery in rural Fiatt.

Condolences may be left online at www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Mabel Yentes

PRINCEVILLE – Mabel L. Roeschley Yentes, 87, of Morton, sister of a Princeville woman died on Dec. 4 at Apostolic Christian Restmor, Inc. in Morton.

Survivors include children Stephen (Lynn) Roeschley of Morton, Roger (Becky) Roeschley of Morton, Karen (Charles) Sinn of Eureka, Kathi (Fred) Hermann of Scottsdale, Ariz., Keith (Marcie) Roeschley of Frisco, Texas, and Sally (Brent) Yordy of Morton; 25 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; sisters Virginia Streitmatter of Princeville and Bernice (Willis) Knapp of Eureka; and sister-in-law Doris Bauman of Morton.

A funeral service was Dec. 7 at Morton Apostolic Christian Church, with burial at Morton Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

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FARMINGTON: Bench helped in semifinals

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that eventually resulted in three starters fouling out in the fourth quarter, the first with three minutes remaining.

“We had people come off the bench and do a great job for us,” Forysthe said. “When we started to realize we could do it, we started to gut it out a little bit.”

Prior to that, Farmington had routed Watseka Glenn Raymond in the first round, 40-15.

Putrich racked up 13 points to lead all scorers in that game while Foster added 11, Evans had six

and Jansen had six.
Farmington raced to a 15-2 lead and never looked back in its first game at state.

To reach state, Farmington defeated Havana, 34-18, in sectional play on Nov. 30.

Germantown Hills advanced with a semifinal win over Riverton (31-19) and a first round rout of Teutopolis (31-10).

Other Farmington team members include Mary Halcomb, Laura Stevens, Adriane Morse, Faith Wheeler, J’Lynn Haist, Kaydence Sprout, Alexis Stufflebeam,

Lynzie Perdue and Kenzie Johnson.

A fan bus will leave from the Farmington Junior High parking lot at 5 p.m. today. Cost is \$5 per person. The bus is expected to return to the junior high at approximately 10:45 p.m.

The cost of admission for the state title game is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

In the third-place game at 6 p.m., Piasa Southwestern (24-1) plays Riverton (10-13).

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GIRLS HOOPS: Princeville wins road test

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son with a 45-27, non-conference win over ROWVA at home last Thursday.

A 25-9 halftime lead was plenty to finish off the Lady Tigers.

Allie Meyers led with 17 points and seven rebounds. Rachel Jacobson was also in double figures with 10, while Regan McFall scored six and Montana Ledbetter and Zofia LeHew had five each.

Grace LaFollett defended well with four steals.

“Along with some big steals from Grace, she helped with seven assists. She’s the team leader in assists,” coach Gregg Meyers said. “K. Hampton has played good help-side defense for us, and Regan’s defense and shot selection has her playing good, all-around basketball for us.”

In the Lady Trojans’ 57-52 non-conference loss last Tuesday at Manito against Midwest Central, Jacobson had 21 points and three steals. Meyers had 12 points, pulled down 10 rebounds, dished out six assists and had three steals.

Elmwood plays tonight (Dec. 8) at Bushnell-Prairie City and faces West Central at noon Saturday at Knoxville in tournament play.

Farmington

Farmington (5-2) fell 54-42 in a Prairieland matchup at Knoxville on Monday. Morgan Powell was the scoring leader for the Lady Farmers with 15. Julia DePriest scored eight in the contest.

“We competed better than the final score indicated. Whenever we got close, we let them have an offensive rebound, fouled, or turned the ball over,” Farmington coach Jim Noonan said. “Our effort was good enough to win, but we just couldn’t execute good enough to beat a quality team on the road.”

The Lady Farmers overcame a 10-point deficit at the end of the third quarter with an 18-3 fourth-quarter outburst for a 47-42 non-conference victory over Ridgewood on the road last Thursday.

Megan Gilstrap led the team ef-



Brimfield senior guard Nicole Thurman drives to the basket earlier this season against Marisa Horton-Meza of Princeville.

fort with 19 points and eight rebounds. Payton Peckham had eight points, followed by five each from Abbey Brown and Powell.

“I was very proud of the way we competed throughout the game. We struggled shooting, but continued to defend and trusted that our shots would eventually fall,” Noonan said. “I thought we handled the adversity well.”

Farmington is home against Peoria Heights tonight (Dec. 8) and faces Illini Bluffs Saturday at noon at Abingdon in tournament play.

Princeville

Princeville went to 6-2 on the season Monday night with a 57-42 win on the road versus a strong Mercer County team. A 29-16 second-half advantage worked very well in the victory for the Lady Princes.

Lucy Waid and Caitlin Pullen each finished with 18 points. Marisa Horton-Meza was also in double figures with 12.

“Mercer was a big and physical team that previously had beaten a very good Knoxville squad. Everybody stepped up for us tonight,” Princeville coach John Gross said. “Even without Brinlee (Bauman), who’s out for about a week with an ankle sprain, our guards ran the of-

fense very well in the second half.”

The Lady Princes had very little trouble at home on Wednesday of last week in a 61-32 win over ROWVA. Princeville jumped out to a 15-3 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 31-11 halftime advantage.

The onslaught continued with a 51-16 lead after three. The Lady Princes got scoring from nine players, as Waid led with 14, followed by 11 from Jessica DeVries, nine from Karlen Sandall and seven from Pullen.

Princeville was at ROWVA on Wednesday (Dec. 7) and is home against Tremont today (Dec. 8).

Princeville Holiday Tournament
Monday, Dec. 26

9 a.m. - Princeville vs. Peoria Heights
10:30 - Elmwood vs. Bushnell-PC
Noon - Roanoke-Benson vs. Midland
3 p.m. - Bushnell-PC vs. Princeville
4:30 - Peoria Heights vs. R-B
6 - Midland vs. Elmwood

Tuesday, Dec. 27

9 a.m. - Princeville vs. Midland
10:30 - Elmwood vs. R-B
Noon - Peoria Heights vs. B-PC
3 p.m. - Peoria Heights vs. Elmwood
4:30 - B-PC vs. Midland
6 - R-B vs. Princeville

Wednesday, Dec. 28

9 a.m. - Midland vs. Peoria Heights
10:30 - B-PC vs. R-B
Noon - Princeville vs. Elmwood.

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NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of CHARLES J. STEPHENSON. Letters of Office were issued to ANDREA K. AULT, 528 South Walnut Avenue, Princeville, Illinois, as Executor, whose attorney is KERRY R. CORDIS, Attorney at Law, 129 North Walnut Avenue, P. O. Box 445, Princeville, Illinois 61559.

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14

CryptoQuote

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What was Grace Kelly's character's name in the movie "High Noon"?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the phobia called "cryophobia"?
- LITERATURE: What was the name of the island inhabited by tiny people in "Gulliver's Travels"?
- U.S. CITIES: What city bills itself as "The Sweetest Place on Earth"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Gulf of Riga located?
- HISTORY: How many human beings have walked on the moon?
- ART: Which post-impressionist painter created the series titled "Sunflowers"?
- LANGUAGE: What product was slangily known as a "Tin Lizzie" in the early 20th century?
- ASTRONOMY: What is the largest planet in our solar system?
- MUSIC: Which 1960s rock group recorded the hit song "A Whiter Shade of Pale"?

Answers

1. Amy Fowler Kane
2. Fear of extreme cold, ice or frost
3. Lilliput (the Lilliputians)
4. Hershey, Pennsylvania, home of the Hershey chocolate company
5. Northern Europe
6. 12
7. Vincent van Gogh
8. Model T Ford
9. Jupiter
10. Procol Harum

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top ten

MOVIES

1. Moana (PG) animated
2. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13)
3. Dr. Strange (PG-13)
4. Allied (R)
5. Arrival (PG-13)
6. Trolls (PG) animated
7. Bad Santa 2 (R)
8. Almost Christmas (PG-13)
9. Hacksaw Ridge (R)
10. The Edge of Seventeen (R)

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ALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Brimfield girls win 8th grade regional

Make that two junior high regional titles for Brimfield girls basketball this season.

Brimfield (23-1) defeated Elmwood, 38-31, last Friday to win the Brimfield Class 8-2A regional title. That followed a seventh-grade regional championship last week.

Prior to winning against Elmwood, Brimfield defeated Princeville, 40-19, while Elmwood beat Peoria Norwood, 39-16.

Brimfield was to play Wednesday (Dec. 7) against Illini Bluffs (15-7) at the Brimfield Sectional. Winner of that game plays Saturday (Dec. 10) at Lewistown at 1 p.m. against the winner between Champaign St. Matthew (8-15) and Arcola (18-5).

Last Thursday, Farmington lost in the 8-3A regional semifinals to Washington Central, 43-30.

• **Farmers wrestling** – Farmington won one and lost two last Thursday at its lone home meet of the year. The Farmers topped Peoria Heights, 41-30, and lost to Tremont (66-18) and Eureka (64-12).

Juniors led the Farmers. Jon Schmidgall was 3-0 at heavyweight on the day, Evan Marion was 2-1 at 195 pounds and Adam Peters was 2-1 at 145.



Members of Brimfield's 8-2A regional championship team are: Front row (left to right): Sophie Bedell, Ella Lune, Megan Bowers, Halley Wallace and Ellyn Peterson. Back row (l to r): Assistant Coach Erin Self, Emma Wagner, Emma Lister, Autumn Mueller, Sarah Cramer, Sarah Updyke, Jadynn McKown and Head Coach Angel Frail.

Overall, coach Jacob Durbin has 11 wrestlers out this season.

Schmidgall was a regional qualifier last year along with sophomore Tim Fultz (106). Senior Jonah Cecil is also expected to contribute for the Farmers at 160.

“The rest are hard-working freshman that aren’t afraid to scrap and wrestle hard,” Durbin said.

• **Hoops rankings** – In its first ranking of local small-school boys basketball teams, the Journal Star rated Farmington No. 4, behind: 3. Illini Bluffs, 2. Tremont and 1. Quest. Brimfield was fifth, Elmwood was sixth and Princeville was eighth.

On the girls side, Princeville was rated first ahead of: 2. Brimfield, 3. Peoria Christian, 4. Elmwood, 5. Tremont, 6. Eureka and 7. Farmington.

• **Top recruit** – Glasford is suddenly on the map for mid-major college basketball coaches in the Midwest.

That’s thanks to 6-foot-7 senior Taylor Bruninga, who was averaging 38 points and 16 rebounds per game through the first five contests for Illini Bluffs.

Bruninga has said he does not have any Division I scholarship offers yet, but he has entertained interest from Illinois State, Northern Iowa, Valparaiso, DePaul and Loyola.

Illinois and Texas A&M have also made inquiries about Bruninga, according to his AAU coach, Gavin Sullivan.

A good chance to see Bruninga in action will be Jan. 9-16 at the ICAC Tournament held in Williamsfield this year.

Other chances to see Bruninga play this winter include:

- Dec. 9 – Illini Bluffs at Princeville
- Dec. 17 – IB at Farmington
- Jan 20 – Elmwood at IB
- Jan. 24 – Brimfield at IB
- Feb. 11 – IB at ROWVA-Williamsfield.

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“Being down 12 to them is like being down 20,” Otto said. “I’m proud of the kids for their fight.”

Higgs scored 24 of his points in the second half and Jakob Uryasz added eight and two treys.

Uryasz had also hit two big 3-pointers the night before in a 56-51 win over visiting Abingdon-Avon (4-1).

“He does so much else for us it’s nice to see him get that confidence,” Otto said.

Uryasz finished with 9 points, as did sophomore Jarod DePriest. Higgs led all scorers with 25.

“Abingdon is good,” Otto said. “They have some very solid guard play, about four kids who can handle the ball and a veteran team that has been through it before.”

Next up for Farmington is a trip to Peoria Christian on Friday.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

R-W (1-6) got a much-needed win Tuesday at Brimfield, rolling to a 61-45 road victory.

“We still have a lot of work to do, but this sure helps,” coach Bob Anderson said. “We played well. We did a good job on the boards, we did a pretty good job against their 1-3-1 and we shot the ball like we thought we could.”

R-W was 17-for-18 from the free throw line and made six 3-pointers

Charlie Gibbons had 17 points, Tucker Sams scored 16 and Austin Batterson tallied 15 and three treys.

Gibbons scored nine straight to help R-W break open a tight game in the third quarter and early in the fourth. Batterson and Gunner Johnson then hit a few big treys down the stretch and the Cougars shot free throws well and outrebounded their taller foes.

“In the first half we had them outrebounding us on the offensive boards 10-1 and we’re the bigger team,” Brimfield coach Scott Carlson said. “They played really well. They were hitting their 3s and we were missing our layups.”

That was a far cry from last Wednesday, when R-W lost at Delavan, 76-33. Delavan was 33-for-44 from the field and led 23-4 early.

“It was incredible to watch, really. There was nothing we could do,” Anderson said. “I’m not sure I’ve seen a Class A team play against us



Jakob Uryasz had two big 3-point shots and 9 points in Farmington’s 56-51 win over Abingdon-Avon last Friday. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

that had a streak as good as what they threw at us last Wednesday.

“However far they go this season won’t surprise me. I told our kids, ‘Delavan is going to guard you better than anybody you’re going to play. If you can run an offense against them, you can run an offense against anybody.’ And we couldn’t run an offense.”

Brimfield

Brimfield (3-4) suffered a tough home loss against R-W on Tuesday. Darren Novak led Brimfield with 15 points and Parker Pillman had nine of his 12 in the first half.

That followed a 45-28 win over Knoxville last Friday, during which Tyler Baysingar scored 12 points and Tucker Teubel grabbed nine rebounds.

“Our defense was pretty good. Offensively we just really weren’t hitting shots,” Carlson said. “I’m still looking for that go-to guy. I think we’ve got some talent there that could emerge and maybe one or two players could stick out from the rest.”

Ahead 21-16 at halftime, Brimfield switched from its 1-3-1 zone to a 2-3 zone on defense to eliminate Knoxville’s 3-point shooting.

Brimfield is at Havana Friday.

Elmwood

Elmwood (3-4) hit the road riding a three-game win streak and came

back facing reality after a 54-43 loss to Delavan that was not as close as the final score.

Down 21 after three quarters, Elmwood struggled to find an offensive rhythm against the physical Delavan defense.

“When you look at our kids (against other teams) we give up probably 15-20 pounds in matchups in some games,” Trojans coach Josh Fugitt said. “We definitely are a little undersized and under-strength. It’s something we know we’re going to have to overcome and it comes with our youth and inexperience. But we’ll get there.”

Junior Cooper Hoffmann led Elmwood with 12 points and Vince Lenzi added 10.

“The first thing their coach said to me after the game was, ‘As soon as you get back in shooting form, you guys are going to be a tough game to play come the end of the season,’” Fugitt said.

Elmwood has home games Friday against Rushville and Saturday against Princeville (5 p.m. JV start).

Princeville

Practice on Monday was a downer for a Princeville team that was feeling good after a win against Midland last week. During practice, sophomore starter Justin Janssen “tweaked his knee,” according to coach Jeff Kratzer, and will likely be “out for a bit.”

“We’re not sure what he did, but the good news was we had the trainer there (Monday) and Justin was walking on it,” Kratzer said.

Losing the 6-foot-2 Janssen hurts the already undersized Princes (2-3), but didn’t matter Tuesday in a 78-17 win over Lowpoint-Washburn. Noah Bauman had 25 points and all 12 Princeville varsity players scored.

“We’ve worked on shooting this whole week,” Kratzer said. “We’re trying to get them out of football mode and to knock down some shots.”

On Friday, Princeville gets a first-hand chance to see Division I recruit Taylor Bruninga of Illini Bluffs.

“I told the kids there might be some Division I scouts in the stands so they better play well,” Kratzer said.

Princeville also plays at Elmwood Saturday.

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Weekly Post Sports

Farmers in title game

Farmington vies for 7th grade state title

By **JEFF LAMPE**
Weekly Post Staff Writer
AUBURN – Farmington’s seventh grade girls basketball team will play for an IESA state championship tonight at Auburn High School.

Farmington (24-1) meets Germantown Hills (24-1) in a 7:30 p.m. tipoff for the Class 7-3A title.

“It will be an interesting matchup,” Farmington coach Jaci Forsythe said. “Both of us lost our only games to Canton (Ingersoll) and in looking at a lot of our other common opponents, we beat teams by a lot more.”

Germantown Hills lost to Ingersoll by three earlier in the year. In the final game of the regular

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season, Farmington lost by five points to Ingersoll after having been tied with one minute to go.

“I think it helped,” Forsythe said of the loss. “It was good for us to regroup before regionals and know what we need to work on.”

A victory tonight would give Farmington its first junior high girls basketball state championship, said Forsythe. Farmington’s eighth-grade girls finished second in Class 8-3A in

2009. The Lady Farmers also made it to state in 7-3A in 2008.

Farmington advanced to the title game with a 29-21 victory over Piasa Southwestern in the semifinals.

Reece Putrich led with 11 points, while Riley Jansen added six, Delaney Foster was 5-for-7 from the free throw line for five points and Emma Evans scored five.

“We’ve been really balanced all year,” Forsythe said. “I’ve had six or seven leading scorers.”

The game was tied 14-14 at halftime before Farmington pulled away in the second half. That came despite foul trouble

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Farmington coach Jeff Otto (purple shirt) addresses his team during a break in last Friday's 56-51 win over Abingdon-Avon. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

Last-second loss

Farmington loses 1st on buzzer beater

By **JEFF LAMPE**
Weekly Post Staff Writer

Not that anybody was counting on it, but any thought of Farmington following its unbeaten football regular season with an unbeaten basketball regular season ended Saturday.

More precisely, they ended with a shot by West Hancock freshman Drake Hammel that either beat the buzzer or did not – depending on your view of the clock, shot etc. Agree or not, the shot sealed a 57-56 victory in the title game of the Spoon River Classic at Cuba.

“It’s not so bad losing like that in late November or early December, as opposed to late February or early March,” Farmington coach Jeff Otto said. “Those are the ones you don’t want to lose, but it could help us as we move on and learn.”

Just three seconds before Hammel’s shot, Eric Higgs had scored on a 16-foot jumper to give Farmington its first lead of the game at 56-55.

That was the second of two very close games for the Farmers last week. Here’s more on those games and on others involving local boys teams.

Farmington

After Higgs scored the last of his game-high 26 points against West Hancock (6-0), the Titans set up a successful last-second play.

Kolton Johnson threw a pass from



Farmington sophomore Jarod DePriest goes up for a shot. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

under the Farmers’ basket to Hammel at the free-throw line. Hammel took a dribble, spun and hit the game-winning shot for the last of his team-high 15 points.

“It was almost like the Christian Laetner play (for Duke vs. Kentucky in the 1992 NCAA tournament),” Otto said.

That offset a major comeback for Farmington (5-1), which trailed by 12 at one point to the deliberate, tough defensive Titans.

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Brimfield girls win 7th straight

By **PHIL JOHNSON**
For The Weekly Post

Brimfield’s two losses in its first two games of the 2016-17 girls basketball season now seem like a distant memory.

The Lady Indians (7-2) made it seven victories in a row on Monday at home, routing Prairieland and ICAC opponent North Fulton, 59-29.

The outcome was never in doubt with Brimfield up 20-2 after the first quarter, 31-10 at halftime and 50-17 after three.

Mallory Meinke led in scoring with 15. Nicole Thurman was right behind with 14. Camryn Swietek had nine and Kamryn Cuevas came in with six.

“After the first two games we made defensive adjustments, and our best offense has come from our defense,” first-year Brimfield coach Maribeth Dura said. “On the offensive end of the court, we feel anybody should be able to score if the situation warrants it. We have 11 players who can score.”



Meinke



Swietek

The Lady Indians continued their winning ways last Thursday at home in a Prairieland contest against Bushnell-Prairie City, winning 36-32.

In a game that was very close throughout, Swietek was the Brimfield scoring leader with 14. She added six rebounds. Thurman had eight points and Cuevas scored seven to go with 11 rebounds.

Brimfield is at Midwest Central tonight (Dec. 8).

Elmwood

Elmwood improved to 4-3 on the sea-

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