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# New book by Brimfield native Carroll bridges worlds

**By BILL KNIGHT**  
*For The Weekly Post*

BRIMFIELD – Brimfield native Fred Carroll shows a sense of curiosity in examining a serious topic in his new book, and a personal sense of humor in a holiday visit home.

“Race News: Black Journalists and the Fight for Racial Justice” is a history that bridges the timeless and timely, and though the chronicle took eight years to become a fresh, readable book, some of the past it recounts seems close to present circum-

stances.

“Today, the label ‘fake news’ is hurled at credible media institutions for the purpose of partisan politicking as readily as it is used to identify propaganda intended to subvert American democracy,” says Carroll, a 1989 graduate of Brimfield High School. “Such attacks typically aim to narrow the parameters of acceptable journalistic discourse concerning politics. ‘Race News’ illustrates the limits of the doctrine of objectivity, which often serves to reinforce the status quo,

regardless of the present’s biases and inequities.

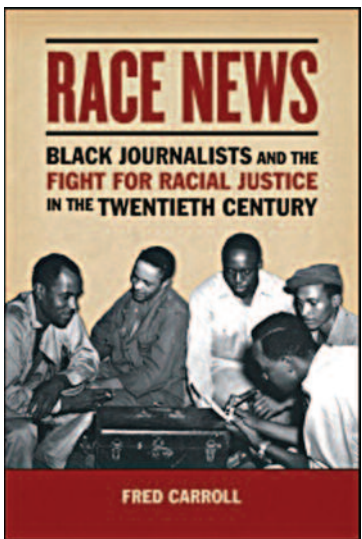
“But it also shows how we can avoid today’s sterile, both-sides-do-this political coverage by tempering objectivity with a moral perspective that seeks to uphold America’s highest ideals of equality for all, regardless of partisan objections,” he adds.

Reflecting on the background that led to his most recent work, Carroll, the 46-year-old son of Fred and Brenda Carroll, offers a self-deprecating assessment of his youth.

“I read a lot,” he says. “I participated in the FFA (I did OK in soil-judging competitions) and performed in high school plays. I followed sports, but my most notable athletic accomplishments included getting picked off first base and double-dribbling so blatantly that the referee swallowed his whistle.

“The first time I remember looking forward to school was when we studied the European explorers in Mr. Davis’s 5th grade class at Brimfield Grade

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TIME TO SHOVEL

## Removing snow is the responsibility of residents and business owners

**By BILL KNIGHT**  
*For The Weekly Post*

After the Christmas Eve snowfall and the followup storm last Friday, municipal, township, county and state road crews were busy plowing roads and streets while most of the rest of us stayed warm inside.

But...

Public workers don’t shovel your sidewalks, much less your driveways or parking lots.

If they must, you’ll be charged.

So, by law, get busy – or get an enterprising neighborhood kid – to clear a path for pedestrians.

Some saw a notice by the City of Peoria reminding residents to clean up, and maybe they scoffed.

“Sidewalks and driveways ... are the responsibility of residents and property owners,” according to Scott Reeise, Director of Public Works for the City of Peoria, whose ordinance says, “All commercial property owners including public and private schools, hospitals and churches must remove snow from sidewalks on the public right of way adjacent to their business within 24 hours after the snow stops falling, when accumulations are less

than six inches, and within 36 hours after six or more inches of snow accumulates. Snow must be removed from the sidewalk to a minimum of four feet wide to accommodate

wheelchairs and strollers. “Noncompliance could result in a civil penalty of \$50 for sidewalks less than 200 feet in length, or \$100 for sidewalks longer

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*Residents are responsible for snow removal in most of Illinois.*

# Brimfield hires Juchems as new principal

**By TERRY TOWERY**  
*For The Weekly Post*

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield School Board hired a new grade school principal and said goodbye to a longtime board member at its Dec. 20 regular meeting.

The board voted unanimously to hire Jason Juchems as grade school principal, replacing Jeannie Blane, who is retiring at the end of the current school year. Juchems, 34, of Pekin, currently serves as assistant principal at Farmington Grade School. Prior to that, he taught fifth grade for eight years for the Pekin School District.

Juchems will take over for Blane following the end of the current school year.

The board also accepted the resignation of Scott Bauer, a nine-year school board member. Bauer is moving his family to Arizona to care for his parents, board President Dan Heinz said.

“I’ve been honored to serve on this board,” Bauer said. “I’ve grown a lot and watched this district grow a lot, too.”


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Juchems

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# SNOW: Elmwood also has snow removal laws

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than 200 feet,” Reeise added. “The City may remove the snow or ice on private property when the owner fails to comply within the designated time period, and charge the cost to the owner.”

Residents of Farmington, Princeville, etc. may laugh at “the big city” and its burdensome foolishness.

But small towns with sidewalks have people who use wheelchairs and strollers, too – not to mention residents who want or need to walk for exercise or to get to work.

And they have local ordinances that require cooperation by residents and businesses.

For example, Elmwood’s Snow Removal ordinance clearly states, “Every person in charge or control of any building or lot of land within the city fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk – whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise – shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away, snow and ice from a path from so much of a sidewalk as is in front or abuts on said building or lot of land.”

Also, “snow and ice shall be so removed from sidewalks in all business districts within the city by 24 hours after cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain,” the law continues. “The path required to be cleared in the business district shall be 6 feet in width, or the whole width of the sidewalk, whichever is smaller.”

Elmwood’s ordinance isn’t unreasonable in exceptional circumstances.

“In the event snow and ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the person charged with its removal shall, within the time mentioned above, cause enough sand, cinders or other abrasive to be put on the sidewalk to make travel thereon reasonably safe; and shall then, as soon thereafter as weather permits, cause a path on said sidewalk of at least 6 feet in width to be thoroughly cleaned.”

If businesses, churches, residents, etc. can’t or won’t abide by the law, Mayor Bryan Davis is authorized to have sidewalks cleared upon request, but the enterprise or person whose sidewalk is cleared must then reimburse the city for its costs.

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# BRIMFIELD: Board has 45 days to replace Bauer

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Heinz thanked Bauer for his time on the board, specifically alluding to his “leadership and hard work” when the new high school was being built.

Bauer’s resignation is effective immediately. The board has 45 days to appoint a temporary board member to fill the remaining 13 months of Bauer’s term, Heinz said.

New Grade School Principal Juchems is married and the father of two young children. He is a graduate of Bradley University. In addition to his education work, he has worked as a zookeeper and education intern at Wildlife Prairie State Park in Peoria.

He served as the 2005 and 2008 president of the Central Illinois Herpetological Society, and has kept reptiles and amphibians for several years. In 2011, he published a 96-page manual entitled, “Poison Dart Frogs: A Guide to Care and Breeding.”

Juchems is a member of the Pekin Library Board.

“I am an educator and a zookeeper,” Juchems joked after the meeting. “As far as the grade school goes, my plan is to continue to put the children first at Brimfield Grade School, as Mrs. Blane has done. I am honored and looking forward to serving here.”

Blane has been with the district since 1994, when she was hired in as fifth- and sixth-grade language arts teacher. She was named principal in 2011.

Blane has been an educator since 1977, teaching at Pleasant Valley for 17 years before coming to Brimfield.

In other business, the board:

- Unanimously approved a new four-year contract with the district’s two crossing guards, Dale Sollenberger and Tera Reeves. Their old contract expired in June, and the new one will be retroactive to Aug. 18.
- Each guard works two shifts per day and received \$9.62 per shift. The new contract allows for raises of 30 cents per shift for this year and next, and a 20-cent raise in 2019-20.
- Heard the Brimfield High School chess team took first place in the

Brimfield Invitational Chess Tournament. Superintendent Robert Richardson said 15 teams comprising 287 individual players participated in the Dec. 2 tournament.

- Recognized nine high school students who were named Illinois State Scholars. The students are chosen from across the state for their outstanding academic achievement. Brimfield’s State Scholars are: Michael Adlington, Ellie Graham, Emily McCauley, Alyssa Roll, Elizabeth Treadway, Katelyn Golemon, Samuel Hedrick, Natalie Meyer and Jaden Stafford.
- Hired Tyler Harr as musical director, and accepted the resignation of Jenni Johnson as junior varsity softball coach.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

HOT PICKS This Week!

▲ **Boredom Buster** – Join the Morrison and Mary Wiley Library on Friday (Jan. 5) from 2-4 p.m. for Lego Afternoon.

▲ **Robotics Club** – WeDo Robotics Club will be held at Brimfield Public Library on Wednesday (Jan. 10) at 3:30 p.m. Kids in 1st-5th grade are invited. Register by calling 309-446-9575 or emailing khahn@brimfieldlibrary.org.

▲ **Senior Luncheon** – Brimfield Union Church hosts a senior luncheon Tuesday (Jan. 9) at noon. Luncheons held the second Tuesday of each month.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Partly Sunny	Sunny	Wintery Mix	Partly Sunny	Partly Sunny	Partly Sunny
9 -10	11 -9	15 14	35 26	29 14	22 5	18 11
NW 7 mph	NNW 4 mph	SSE 9 mph	S 14 mph	NW 12 mph	NW 12 mph	WNW 9 mph

This Week's Events

▲ **Free Bread** – Free bread at Elmwood Methodist Church every Friday (including Jan. 5), 10:30 a.m.

Free bread available Tuesdays (including Jan. 9) at Harrison Hall in Brimfield at 10 a.m. (309) 696-4542.

▲ **Yoga** – Brimfield Public Library hosts yoga Monday (Jan. 8) from 6-7 p.m.

Thursday of the month (including Jan. 18) at the Yates City Community Center, 4:30-7 p.m.

▲ **Whitney's Walk** – Whitney's Walk For Life Chili Cook-Off will be held at Brimfield American Legion on Saturday (Jan. 20), at 5:30 p.m. Registration is 4-5 p.m. with an entry fee of \$20. Endless bowl of chili is \$5. Come join us for food and fun.

▲ **Conservation Cropping** – Conservation Cropping Seminars will be held on Thursday (Jan. 25) in Peoria. Cost is \$20, meal is included. Register online at [www.ccswd.com](http://www.ccswd.com).

▲ **Beekeeper Class** – A class for beginning beekeepers will be held Saturday (Jan. 27) in the United Presbyterian Church fellowship hall at 2400 W. Northmoor Road, Peoria from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch provided. Cost is \$50. Register by Jan. 15. Call (309) 446-9220, 678-2831 or email [dalefmartin@juno.com](mailto:dalefmartin@juno.com).

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Future Events

▲ **Teen Night** – Join Morrison and Mary Wiley Library on Thursday (Jan. 11) at 7 p.m. for Sharpie Rocks.

▲ **Movie Time** – Farmington Area Public Library hosts "Despicable Me 3" on Friday (Jan. 12) beginning at 12:30 p.m. Popcorn provided.

▲ **Saturday Movie** – Morrison and Mary Wiley Library will host the movie, "Snow Dogs" on Saturday (Jan 13) beginning at 10 a.m.

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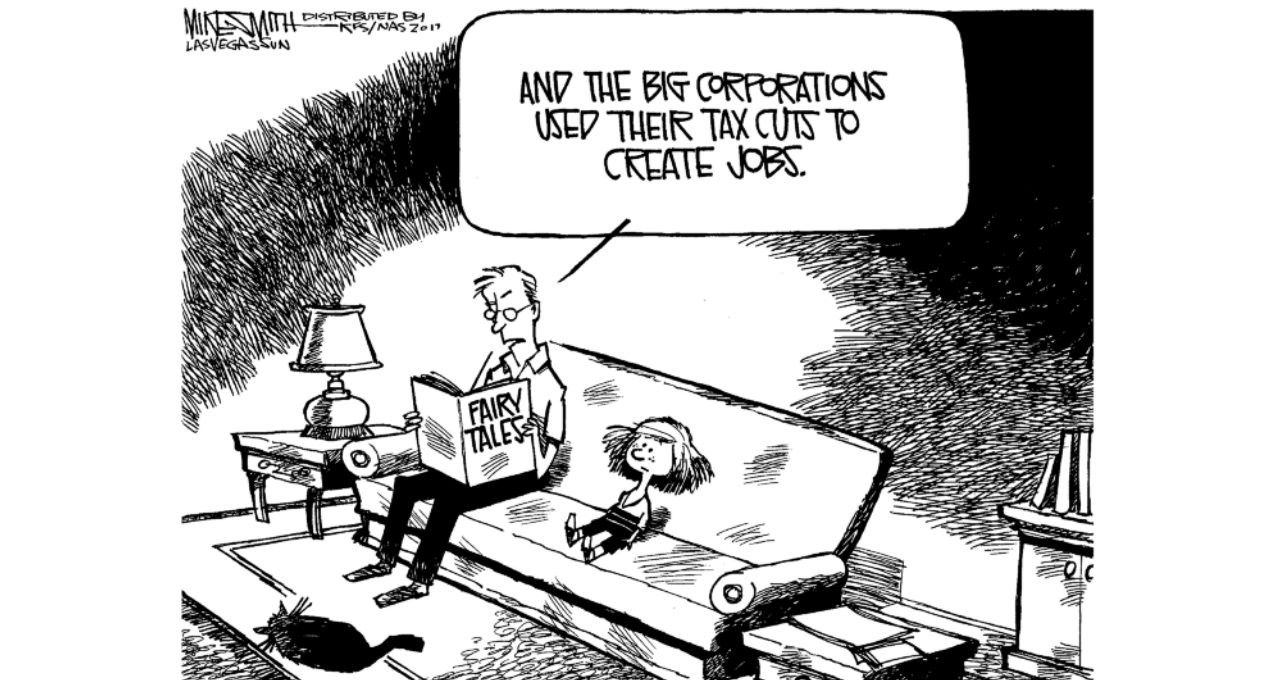
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# Of tricky drones, a wish come true & the Abyss

Rambling through central Illinois pondering the slow, reluctant return to reality.

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Welcome back and Happy New Year, reader friends. Here's hoping you still have a few unbroken resolutions – and not too many broken toys or items to return.

Seems many toys these days are designed to last about 14 hours. That gets you through Christmas Day, after which they tend to lose their newness, anyway. ... Drones are a good example. You can spend anywhere from \$25 to \$125 and get about the same quality, just in a different scale. The cheapest drone we've had, which was the size of a large insect, flew well for about a week. The latest drone, a much bigger contraption that can allegedly take pictures and videos, proved more complicated than expected. That is to say, we should have read the directions before flying the thing into the bleachers at the Elmwood football field. Having learned our lesson, we're going to try again once the temperature warms above 20. Pilots in the area, be warned.

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One benefit of age is the tendency to value simple things more. For instance, the best day of our recent vacation centered around splitting wood, shooting guns, sipping on

cold beverages, building a fire and watching snow fall all around. For that, we only had to drive 8 miles. No fancy tropical island. Just a simple trip to rural Knox County that yielded a few loads of firewood and plenty of laughs. Joy comes in many forms. ... Speaking of which, **Gavin Sibley** of Princeville had a wish answered on Dec. 27 when he got to meet rocker **Rick Springfield** during a concert at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mount Pleasant, Mich. Sibley, 18, has battled physical ailments all his life and has always been a fan of Springfield and his song, "Jesse's Girl." Sibley got to meet Springfield (the two are pictured in the casino at right), to play with one of the musician's guitars and to hear his favorite song performed live, all courtesy of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. "Make-A-Wish did a wonderful job making this happen," Gavin's mother, **Michelle Sibley** told The Alma (Mich.) Morning Sun News. "(Gavin) has been smiling and talking about it ever since."

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In case you had doubts while driving the countryside, corn is now legally the official grain of Illinois. ... In more significant legal changes for 2018, the cost of filing for an LLC in Illinois will drop from \$500 to \$150 and the annual fee will go from \$250 to \$75 per year. The previous fees were among the most expensive in the country. That's one law that will actually aid small businesses in Illinois.

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After spending part of a day driv-



ing around looking for an alleged broken water line in Elmwood, it dawned on me that perhaps the rumors were not true and that, as an alleged reporter, it was time to do some work. A call to city works director **Dan Bybee** explained exactly why Elmwood was under a boil order this week. A pipe supplying chlorine to the water supply froze, briefly, and a boil order was necessitated under EPA rules. This triggered various wild rumors and concerns, causing one observer to wonder aloud, "If I washed my clothes in that water, should I take them off and run around naked?" Despite encouragement, no such act was required, which was probably wise given the day's sub-zero temperatures. ... Parting shot: This bitter cold has had me feeling a bit guilty. After 17 years without making the NFL playoffs, the Buffalo Bills will play beyond the regular season this weekend – an event some had said would not happen again until the Abyss froze over. Hey, if that's what it takes, that's what it takes. Keep the Canada jet stream flowing.

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A few political predictions for 2018 in Illinois

First, a correction to a recent column about how “The Old South sticks it to Illinois.” Alert reader and CPA Jay Grimes of Bourbonnais (just north of Kankakee) reports that the final federal tax bill imposes a total \$10,000 limit on deductions from our state (income) and local (property) taxes paid.

I had written that the deduction limit applied only to property taxes, which I think was the case in an earlier draft. But I was wrong in print.

The effect of this apparent last-minute change is to ensure that most middle-income folks in Illinois will not pay any more federal income taxes as a result of this \$10,000 limit. But wealthy folks, often the entrepreneurs and job-creators, will generally pay more federal taxes as a result.

Now to my forecasts:  
March primary elections in Illi-

nois: Democratic gubernatorial candidate J.B. Pritzker will use his endless millions to blot out the chances of a handful of opponents, including Christopher Kennedy of the famous political family.

Gov. Bruce Rauner is being challenged by state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton. A West Point graduate, Ives makes an impressive first appearance.

The representative hopes to garner the significant support of Christian conservatives who feel betrayed by Rauner, who signed a bill to provide state funding for abortions. I predict Ives will garner 40 percent of the vote in a losing cause, yet embarrassing to Rauner.

November general elections: Although I am not a fan of Rauner, I go way out on a limb to predict he will defeat Pritzker in a tight race. My political expert buddies all disagree, saying Rauner hasn’t done anything and has little political base left to support him.

The questions are these: Will Rauner be able to use his endless millions to morph Mike Madigan

into Lucifer, who must be smote down, all other factors be damned?

And will Pritzker be able to make Rauner a clone of Trump, even though he isn’t. Nevertheless, expect ads that morph Rauner’s face into Trump’s.

Savvy political pundit Rich Miller says for Rauner to win, the governor will have to run the most negative campaign in the history of the world; well, maybe not quite so negative as Caesar’s death at the hands of Brutus and his co-conspirators.

The composition of the Illinois legislature: Present gerrymandering tilts toward the Democrats. Add that to what appears to be a typical swing to the party out of the presidency in an off-year election. Thus, no way can the GOP win a majority in either the state House or Senate.

The state budget for 2019 (fiscal year begins July 1, 2018): Even with the tax increase that brought the individual income tax back to almost 5 percent, the revenue generated is expected to be a billion or two less than the spending rate of the present

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Tax Relief: Promises made, promises kept

“The impossible became the inevitable.” Ronald Reagan made this statement at the 1985 tax bill signing ceremony. While a monumental moment, it was over 30 years ago. The world has changed, and America’s economy needs to be revitalized.

Too many individuals are living paycheck to paycheck and not saving enough for retirement. Newly-married couples are putting off buying a home. Parents are struggling to send their kids to college and worry that they will not end up better off than they were. We live in the greatest country in the world, but need to change our economic policy to help the middle class and get the economy thriving again.

This is why Republicans are following through on our promise to change the status quo. We need a tax code that allows low and middle class individuals and families to

keep more of their hard-earned paychecks, incentivizes businesses of all sizes to stay in the U.S. and hire more workers.

My colleagues and I delivered on a transparent, regular order process to reform our broken tax code, making it simpler and fairer. After multiple blueprints, legislative drafts, and committee hearings, the House and Senate worked diligently to negotiate differences and produce the final bill.

Our tax bill doubles both the standard deduction and the child tax credit for families, preserves the child and dependent care tax credit, and maintains the adoption tax credit. It preserves the mortgage interest deduction, provides relief for medical expenses, and retains popular retirement saving mechanisms like 401Ks. For the single parent of one child earning \$41,000, those savings would be more than \$1,300. For a family of four making the median income of \$73,000, the savings would be \$2,059.

Our bill also puts small, medium, and large-sized businesses on a level

playing field when competing around the globe. That is why Caterpillar, State Farm, John Deere, the Illinois Farm Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), and every other major employer in our district and the surrounding area is in full support of our tax bill.

Lastly, and importantly for the 18th district, our bill maintains the Historic Tax Credit, tax-exempt status of Private Activity Bonds, the teacher deduction for school supplies, student deductions for higher education costs, and keeps university employees’ tuition benefits tax-free.

We’ve all seen the news reports that the stock market is rising. But we need to ensure that this boom is felt not only on Wall Street, but also on Main Street. Tax reform is not the silver bullet to all problems, but getting our economy healthy again will make it easier for middle class Americans who work hard and play by the rules to succeed.

This bill achieves those goals.



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*NOTE: Charges are merely an accusation. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

New Year partying earns area intruder an arrest

BRIMFIELD – A St. Louis man who told police he’d been drinking for a few hours New Year’s Eve at Jimmy’s Bar in Peoria and was en route to stay with friends in Elmwood apparently became disoriented and entered a residence in the 18000 block of W. Southport Road (Illinois Route 8), according to the Peoria Sheriff’s Office.

George Norris, 26, about 2 a.m. Jan. 1 entered the home’s unlocked door and was confused, police said. He told residents and a responding deputy that he thought he was home, but added that he didn’t know where he was.

He was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and criminal trespassing to a residence.

The 2007 Pontiac he’d left in front of the house was towed, and he was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

Farmington man charged with endangering child

FARMINGTON – Farmington Police on Dec. 27 arrested Shawn Anderson, 40, of Farmington and charged him with endangering the life and health of a child after Canton police found an 11-year-old child left in a car, according to Farmington Police Chief Chris Darsham.

The state’s Department of Children and Family Services was summoned and sought to take four children into protective custody from the home. However, one youth – a 15-year-old girl – was disruptive and refused to go.

She was arrested for aggravated battery to a police officer, and resisting and obstructing a peace officer, and taken to the Mary Davis Detention Home in Galesburg.

Anderson was transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

Police reports

• The Bank of Farmington two weeks ago had to contact police for two different incidents. On Dec. 13 it received a check that was apparently altered from \$143 to \$1,975 and payable to a different party than intended, and on Dec. 15 it received a counterfeit \$20 bill, which Farmington Police Chief Chris Darsham forwarded to the U.S. Secret Service.

• Jeffrey E. Lee, 46, of Farmington on Dec. 16 was arrested by Fulton County Sheriff’s office for violating an Order of Protection.

• Farmington police on Dec. 16 arrested Randy Moore, 30, of Wataga and Joseph Vopat, 28, of Roseville for illegal transportation of alcohol after a traffic stop. Moore also was cited for speeding.

• Angela Bays, 48, of Brimfield on Dec. 18 was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and ticketed for improper lane usage and transported to the Peoria County Jail, where she posted bond. Her first appearance was scheduled for Jan. 23, but after she didn’t appear for a Dec. 21 review hearing, the court also scheduled a Feb. 9 bond forfeiture hearing.

• The Peoria Sheriff’s Office on Dec. 18 received a report of a theft of an entire mailbox and address numbers stolen from a residence in the 11000 block of N. Evans Mill Road in Princeville.

• Cusack Auto in rural Edwards on Dec. 20 reported the theft of more than \$2,000 in various tools, car batteries, air-conditioning units, and starters or alternators. Police are seeking persons of interest.

• Cody Harper, 26, of Farmington on Dec. 21 was arrested for an outstanding Fulton County warrant for attempting to flee and elude police, and he posted bond and was released from custody. On Jan. 2, Harper was also booked into the Peoria County Jail on a Failure To Appear warrant.

• A resident of Oak Hill Cemetery Road on Dec. 21 reported the attempted burglary or theft of a vehicle, which he interrupted, causing a 2002 maroon Chevrolet TrailBlazer to flee the scene. Later, officers from the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department in Hennepin contacted the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office that two suspects were there, and after interrogating them, 22-year-old Devonte Williams of Granville was arrested for burglary to a motor vehicle and transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• A 23-year-old Elmwood man on Dec. 23 reported the theft of a jacket containing \$275 from a chair at

Wopper’s in Elmwood.

• Bradley Stevens, 57, of Trivoli on Dec. 26 was arrested by the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office for violating an Order of Protection held by an Elmwood woman. Police accused Stevens of attempting to contact her from the County Jail, where he was incarcerated on a July case, according to County records. In a second episode Dec. 28, police say he recruited a third party to attempt to reach the woman, and he was once more arrested and returned to the County Jail.

• A 17-year-old Brimfield boy on Dec. 26 was arrested for Driving Under the Influence after he was reported to be driving southbound in the northbound lanes of Illinois Route 29 near Rome. He also was ticketed for reckless driving and released to the custody of his parents.

• Charette Harper, 49, of Farmington on Dec. 29 was arrested on an outstanding Fulton County Failure To Appear warrant on a resisting-arrest case, and posted bond in Farmington.

• Kailey Monari, 18, of Elmwood on Dec. 29 was arrested for domestic battery, aggravated assault and obstructing an officer.

• Raymond Maritano, 46, of Brimfield on Dec. 30 was arrested by Elmwood police for having no valid driver’s license and operating an uninsured vehicle, and a passenger in the 2008 Saturn Astra he was driving, Tiffany Nichols, 28, of Brimfield, was issued an ordinance citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. The car was impounded.

Deer accidents

• Dec. 13: Donna Ladd of Dahinda near the intersection of Oak Run Drive and Sherwood Camp Road in Persifer Township.

• Dec. 21: Brian Lista of Edwards in the 12300 block of Illinois Route 91 in Radnor Township.

• Dec. 22: Jacob Marion of Peoria Heights in Caterpillar’s Edwards Demonstration and Learning Center in Kickapoo Township.

NOWLAN: Look for budget that ignores deficits

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Illinois is budgeting \$8 billion (a quarter of the whole general funds budget) this year – and for decades to come – beyond what would be needed if our pensions had been adequately funded over decades past.

As I have said ad nauseam, this is the albatross that hangs around our collective neck.

The courts provide little wiggle room to adjust the pension guarantee in the Illinois Constitution.


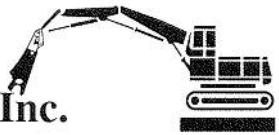
I have written that Illinois could change its pension funding model. The present model calls for amassing a huge pension asset base, which base itself would never be utilized.

Another approach would be to

continue to build the base, but more slowly. This while paying obligations in part on a pay-as-you-go basis, as Social Security pays.

This could free up to \$2 billion a year for investment in education and universities or in tax relief, that is, once the \$16 billion current deficit is paid off. More on this in the future.

There is, unfortunately, no trust between Gov. Rauner and Democrats in the legislature, so I fear another year of acrimony and dysfunction. Whoever becomes governor in November will have huge mess to start to clean up – and all during the bicentennial year of a once-proud state.

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*By The Weekly Post*

A 2018 garden calendar designed specifically for Illinois gardeners is now available.

Rhonda Ferree, Horticulture Educator with University of Illinois Extension, created the calendar, which provides garden tips for each month.

“People often ask me what garden tasks they should be doing at different times of the year,” Ferree said. “I used information from various educational sources and created lists that are appropriate for gardeners in the four counties that I serve.”

Ferree currently provides horticulture education in Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell counties.

Tips each month are categorized into three or four sections. Home tips give indoor plant and activity advice. Yard tips cover lawns, woody ornamentals, and fruits. Garden tips include flowers, vegetables, and small fruits. And, the

occasional general category gives other types of garden tips.

New this year are hyperlinks to information on various topics in the monthly tips.

February features the Peoria Master Gardeners providing gardening information at the Spring Home Show held at the Peoria Civic Center Feb. 23-25.

June shows Tazewell County Master Gardeners having fun while they teach about gardening during their annual Plant Bingo Event. Next year’s event is June 7 at a new venue in East Peoria.

The calendar is available for as a free pdf-format download at [web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt).



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Nov. 3	6817 N. Ironwood Dr., Edwards	\$265,500	Ramani/Spears
Nov. 3	320 W. Calhoun St., Brimfield	\$90,000	Household Finance/Catton
Nov. 3	209 N. Rebecca Ave., Princeville	\$250,000	Dallinger/Stone /
Nov. 6	406 E. Main St., Princeville	\$67,500	Rynearson/Bays
Nov. 7	328 S. Cottage Grove, Princeville	\$90,000	Maguire/Venegas
Nov. 8	215 E. Main St., Yates City	\$89,900	Guyer/Stobaugh
Nov. 8	106 N. Marietta, Yates City	\$60,000	GDS, LLC/Malott
Nov. 8	8026 N. McIntyre Rd., Brimfield	\$299,000	Rynearson/Jansky
Nov. 10	20024 W. Tucker Rd., Brimfield	\$412,800	Harmon/Stabler
Nov. 13	11627 W. Jubilee College, Brimfield	\$140,000	Komp/Snyder
Nov. 13	522 E. Prospect, Farmington	\$95,000	Barrett/Nickel
Nov. 13	8319 N. Blackbridge Rd., Edwards	\$181,000	Craig & Rennels/Craig
Nov. 14	387 Knox Rd. 2250 E, Yates City	\$54,600	Gast.Ripka
Nov. 14	204 W. Williams St., Yates City	\$80,000	Skaggs/Watznauer
Nov. 14	1347 Knox Hwy. 15, Dahinda	\$120,000	Morris/Nichols
Nov. 16	134 N. Main St., Farmington	\$74,900	Witham/Sanford
Nov. 20	11804 W. Kevin Ct., Brimfield	\$289,000	Rogy/Hayden
Nov. 20	405 N. Grace St., Brimfield	\$90,000	McKown & Hupprich/McKown
Nov. 20	492 Idlewhile Dr., Farmington	\$151,000	Baxter/Sudol
Nov. 21	1452 Lakeview Rd. N, Dahinda	\$57,000	Walker/Vannunik
Nov. 22	103 E. James St., Yates City	\$85,000	Ralston/Streitmatter
Nov. 22	7002 N. Ironwood Dr., Edwards	\$215,000	Cashatt/Meneses
Nov. 22	525 E. Vine St., Farmington	\$96,000	Overcash/Rose
Nov. 27	W. Brimfield-Jubilee Rd., Princeville	\$737,500	Desis Farm LLC/ Cakers Acres LLC
Nov. 27	17014 W. B'field-Jubilee, Brimfield	\$130,000	Richardson/Ludolph
Nov. 27	17006 W. B'field-Jubilee, Brimfield	\$130,000	Richardson/Ludolph
Nov. 27	17014 W. B'field-Jubilee, Brimfield	\$130,000	Richardson/Ludolph
Nov. 27	5524 W. Brookmere St., Edwards	\$170,000	Kunowski/Cartus Financial
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Nov. 27	1452 Knox Rd. 2000 E, Dahinda	\$83,000	Pender/Tomlinson
Nov. 27	133 N. Elmwood, Farmington	\$122,000	Kersh/Goodlow
Nov. 28	356 E. Vine St., Farmington	\$105,000	Petty/Hoffman
Nov. 28	6303 W. Crosswynd Ct., Edwards	\$60,000	Nettle Creek Corp./ Webb
Nov. 29	W. Legion Hall Rd., Princeville	\$150,000	Clark/Lippert
Nov. 29	8216 W. Parks School, Princeville	\$175,000	Schooley/Wagenbach
Nov. 29	7917 W. Parks School, Princeville	\$50,000	Filip/Goode
Nov. 30	318 N. Pine, Williamsfield	\$56,500	McDougall/Boyd
Nov. 30	6120 N. Kilkeny Dr., Edwards	\$279,900	Phillips/Smith & Murphy
Nov. 30	330 S. Edwards Ave., Princeville	\$108,000	Ely/Royer
Nov. 30	12409 W. Parks School, Princeville	\$121,300	Ely/Ely
Nov. 30	12409 W. Parks School, Princeville	\$135,000	Ely/Ely


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**ACROSS**

1 — law (computer industry rule)

7 WWII prez

10 Argus-eyed

15 Turn sharply

19 Haul in

20 Mendacity

21 Nerve

22 Caucus state

23 Luau libation

24 Hearth waste

25 Slight residue

26 Again

27 \*Ad Council bloodhound

31 Et — (plus more)

32 Roly-poly

33 “I knew it!”

34 Good tidbit

38 Colleague of Trotsky

40 \*They don't have qwerty layouts

46 Pen's tip

48 String after Q

49 Have — of hope

50 Gp. for fillers and drillers

51 \*At a short distance

56 \*Metro section manager

59 Deadeye's skill

60 TCBY treats

61 Bloom holder

62 PC pictures

63 Fetus feeder

65 Kotter of TV

66 Juan's “this”

68 Henry VIII's third

69 \*Tool whose teeth rotate

72 Costello and Holtz

76 Baseballer

78 Brogan part

79 Sloping

81 Bacon piece

84 Gone

85 Antsy feeling

86 Color tone

87 \*It may show acidity

90 \*Divorcée in 1991 news

92 Min. segment

93 Segment

94 Suffix with 114-Down

96 Chargers

96 \*Yale, e.g.

102 Tips, as a cap

106 Chilling

107 Golfer

108 Batter

110 Taxi readout

111 What the double-digit Roman numerals at the starts of the answers to the starred clues add up to

118 Mud in a cup

121 Haikus, e.g.

122 22nd letter

123 Goody camp

124 All tied up

125 Shul scroll

126 Be off

127 Unseat

128 Like paraffin

129 Lacking pity

130 Negatives

131 First phases

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1 Fox or ox

2 Propheisier

3 Derivation

4 Teaches new skills

5 Biblical twin

6 Rigidly formal

7 Thin-screen boob tube

8 Plate

9 Practice

10 Giant in train travel

11 Petty of film

12 Quiz's kin

13 Paella base

14 Ticked (off)

15 Pfizer drug

16 Many eras

17 She bleats

18 Bitingly cold

28 In thing

29 Chin-wag

30 Native

35 Sister of Clio

36 Rider, e.g.

37 Old rulers

39 Jenna Bush, to Jeb

41 NBA and NRA, e.g.

42 Crusty roll

43 Big name in Art Deco

44 “We did it!”

45 “See you”

47 Wild horse

51 Cartoonist Al

52 Oscar winner

53 Sharif of “Funny Girl”

54 No voters

55 On or about

56 Coup group

57 Morse “E”

58 “That's what — service!”

61 One paid to park cars

64 Sweet filling

65 Event invitee

66 Sup at home

67 Try to hit, as a fly

70 Snow-pure

71 Epic story

73 Aloha

74 “One,” on a U.S. coin

75 Process unit

77 Coll. in Lower Manhattan

80 Filled up

81 Cow of ads

82 Kitchen filter

83 Burlesque dancer Lili

84 Llama locale

85 2004 Chevy debut

88 Mudbath site

89 “It” game

90 Feeling bliss

91 Vane locales

94 Freezes

97 Church chant

98 “Icky!”

99 Full of melting snow

100 Fiats

101 Spanish plural article

103 — Islands (Danish chain)

104 Least limited

105 Has a feeling

109 Botch

112 Goes (for)

113 Blow a horn

114 Saving sort

115 Arab nation

116 Drusilla

118 Shul-goer

119 Gardner of “The Bribe”

120 Nettle

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# Farmington discusses bows and gaming

By **BILL KNIGHT**  
*For The Weekly Post*

FARMINGTON – The City Council on Tuesday took key steps to enact local laws providing regulations on using crossbows and other archery equipment, and on using a new liquor-license classification to permit video gaming at retailers other than taverns.

An initial draft of an ordinance on “firing/discharging of a bow” was discussed and referred to Police Chief Chris Darsham and City Attorney Bill Connor for additional input. The proposal is a compromise between leaving bows unregulated and potentially dangerous for neighbors in errant arrows’ “flight paths” on the one hand, and banning their use outright on the other.

The proposed ordinance prohibits their use on public grounds but not on private property as long as users know how to properly use bows, compound bows, crossbows, etc.; use must be aimed at a target on land of a property owner or tenant, and the target must be able to stop an arrows; a backstop must be used; users

younger than 16 must be supervised by adults; and archers must apply for a permit, which if granted includes a yearly check of their shooting area by local police.

The City will not charge for the application or inspection.

The language resulted from research by City Administrator Rollen Wright and Alderman Terry Dicks, and may also include backstop dimensions and details on the length of ranges to targets, after Alderman Leslye Smith and Connor suggested the additions.

“We’ll try to get this passed next month,” said Mayor Kent Kowal.

Also discussed was a new Class G classification for liquor licenses to let retailers that are not taverns offer video-gaming to customers under state law, which requires such businesses offer liquor for consumption on the premises and have separate rooms for age-eligible patrons.

Wright last month shared statistics from the Illinois Gaming Board, which reported municipality shares of video-gaming taxes through November of 2017 were \$21,115.61 in

Farmington and \$9,244.84 in Princeville, where the Village Board in 2016 passed a similar measure 4-3.

The proposed change – to be considered at the Jan. 15 council meeting – will require a \$700 annual fee and limits such local licenses to three.

In other action, the Council unanimously approved an ordinance adopting a policy prohibiting sexual harassment. The measure was based on model language from the Illinois Municipal League, with additional provisions inserted by Connor that mandate investigations of allegations.

In other news:

- Darsham, recently elected president of the Fulton County Chiefs Association, announced that Sgt. James Wireman will be leaving the force Jan. 13, and the council agreed that he should proceed with steps to fill that vacancy; and
- Farmington police in December completed 16 reports, made 40 traffic stops, handled 2 crashes, dealt with 3 crimes against people, handled 9 ordinance violations and made 1 arrest.

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# Princeville considering business law class

By **BILL KNIGHT**  
*For The Weekly Post*

PRINCEVILLE – The Board of Education at its Dec. 19 meeting started discussing the possibility of adding another dual-credit course in cooperation with Illinois Central College and local attorney Jennie Cordis Boswell.

Dual-credit courses permit students to earn high school and college credit by taking a single class.

“We think there’d be interest,” said Superintendent Shannon Duling. “We have kids interested in the legal profession – or in business – and this would give them a little experience and maybe let them figure out what they want to do.”

The school board will discuss a course description based on existing ICC offerings. Its introductory course “emphasizes formation and application of

contract, sales and secured-transactions law as it relates to business situations.”

The timing is right, Duling said.

“We’re just now building our schedule for next year,” he said. “We hope to have it approved by February.”

Last year, 37 Princeville seniors took one or more dual-credit courses, according to the Illinois State Board of Education’s Illinois Report Card.

In other news:

- social worker Felicia Collins summarized her activities, which include counseling, evaluations and case studies for Special Education, researching appropriate SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) programs, and helping students and parents identify behavioral concerns;
- Board members explained some of the teacher

feedback they got from scheduled interactions with staff, ranging from appreciation of the new Junior High collaboration area to questions about the Summit Learning Pilot;

- Duling recommended submitting a grant request to expand Bright Futures since there has been a waiting list for the last two years;
- Grade School Principal Julie Bayliss updated the Board on a new state mandate to teach cursive writing next year;
- the Board recognized

as this year’s Illinois State Scholars Tecca Hoerr, Haley Holt, Allison Kieser, Joselyn Knobloch, Paul Oelkers, Isabelle Perkins, Creighton Schock, Tegen Steidinger and Taylor Sutherland;

- the Board approved Brian Wonders as High School girls’ track coach; and
- the Board of Education will host the Joint Board meeting with the Village and the Lillie M. Evans Library on Jan. 18.

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# Peoria County’s proposal for solar regs passes first hurdles

By **BILL KNIGHT**  
*For The Weekly Post*

An update to Peoria County zoning codes to regulate solar farms in December was unanimously approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals Dec. 14 and well-received by the Land Use Committee four days later.

Before taking action, committee members requested more details about one part, according to Andrew Braun, senior planner with County Planning & Zoning.

“They had a 40-minute discussion and needed additional information on the fee structure,” Braun said. “They should be able to meet before the full County Board’s Jan. 11 meeting.”

Scott Novack, senior developer for Cypress Creek Renewables, which has been in touch with dozens of area property owners, says that’s all good news.

“Cypress Creek was pleased to see the progress, and a January 2018 time frame for ordinance passage would be very reasonable,” Novack said.

The ordinance would require solar-energy generation facilities to be set back at least 75 feet from the nearest principal residence and secured with a 6-foot fence, but need not comply with landscaping requirements mandated for other improvements – just as mobile home and developments designated as part of a Rural Community Conservation District are exempted.

Private ground-mounted solar-energy equipment would be a “permitted accessory use in any zoning district,” the proposal says, requiring a building permit. Such a solar-energy facility would be per-

mitted as a special use in either agricultural or industrial zoning districts; solar collectors “shall be designed and located to avoid glare or reflection toward any inhabited buildings or adjacent parcels, lighting shall be limited to the extend required for security and safety purposes and to meet government requirements”; a High Voltage sign shall be posted; and coordination with local fire districts, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the Federal Aviation Administration would be required.


The proposal also includes provisions for decommissioning sites once they’re shut down, requiring a plan to restore the land, and for owners to prove financial resources to complete decommissioning.

“Many counties across the state have been implementing regulations or ordinances at varying paces,” Novack said. “I think I speak for the development industry when I say it’s beneficial to have defined regulations and we’re glad Peoria County is getting closer to having just that.”

Already operating in eight states and developing solar farms in seven others, according to Novack, Cypress Creek aims to generate 200 megawatts of electricity in Illinois by 2019.

Solar farms in this area could each produce 2-20 megawatts of electricity, said Novack, who added that a 20-megawatt solar farm would need about 200 acres, he said. Cypress Creek may offer \$800 per acre annually in a lease and/or easement for about 20 years.

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# AUTHOR: History was his ‘favorite subject’

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School,” he continues. “The journeys of men like Hernando de Soto and Samuel de Champlain amazed me. History was my favorite subject after that.”

After earning an Associate’s degree at Illinois Central College, a Bachelor’s in history from Northern Illinois University, a Master’s in American studies and a Doctorate in history from the College of William and Mary, Carroll went in to journalism for a decade, working for a newspaper chain based in Elmhurst and dailies in Gastonia, N.C., and Newport News, Va.

“I initially started to study black history to become a better journalist,” Carroll says. “When I was a reporter in the South, I often found that African Americans of the Civil Rights generation would hesitate or refuse to speak to me even if they knew me to be an honest journalist. They might trust me, but they did not trust the local newspaper as an institution. Such interactions made me realize how little I really knew about race and racism in America.”

Leaving newspapers to pursue teaching, Carroll – who’s taught at Norfolk State, Elizabeth City State, and Duquesne universities, and now at Kennesaw State University – threw himself into the project.

“Scholars have written many interesting and ground-breaking books on the black press,” he says. “Those books, though, tended to focus on the lives of individual publishers or examine the federal government’s surveillance of black journalists. As a former reporter, I was more interested in how journalists’ ideas shaped news coverage. So rather than studying a particular newspaper, I attempted to explain how newswriting across the industry shifted over time. I came at the topic with an intentionally holistic approach.”

The research was demanding, he notes.

“On one hand, the leading historic black newspapers, such as the Chicago Defender, are now available on electronic databases. You just need to find the nearest library that provides access,” he says. “With keyword searches, I was able to target topics and terms in a quicker, more sophisticated manner across more newspapers than scanning rolls of microfilm would ever allow. On the other hand, finding internal newsroom communications was far more difficult. And I needed those documents to understand the journalistic decisions behind the articles I



Brimfield native Fred Carroll discusses his new history book, “Race News: Black Journalists and the Fight for Racial Justice.”

had read. My research took me to libraries in Chicago, Durham, N.C., Louisville, New York City, Oberlin, Ohio, and Washington, D.C.”

The results are fascinating. Historical roots are shown to have led to more recent events, from back-to-Africa ideas in the early 20th century to the church-based Civil Rights movement in the 1950s and ‘60s to more assertive Black Power efforts and contemporary protests against excessive force against black Americans.

Names maybe only vaguely recalled from textbooks become flesh-and-blood characters here, people with passion and differences, alliances and rivalries.

For example, the Niagara Movement was organized in 1905 by W.E.B. Du Bois, who’d edit the publication Crisis. The militant Du Bois, the Atlanta University professor who pressed for integration and equality, competed against the more conciliatory Booker T. Washington, the leader of Alabama’s Tuskegee Institute who pushed for patience and black education.

A few years later, a terrible race riot in Springfield led to the formation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and a century ago, a vicious race riot in East St. Louis unified many African-American editors to ask President Woodrow Wilson to intervene, but he didn’t. Two years later, similar attacks on blacks in Chicago caused city leaders to instead ask the black press to soften its stance.

There are surprises here, too. “When I started the project, I expected to focus almost exclusively on national and regional commercial newspapers – profit-oriented businesses that sought to reach the largest possible readership with objective news written from a black perspective,” Carroll says. “I think I made my most significant contribution to the study of black journalism by exploring the commercial black

press’s contentious relationship with the alternative black press – partisan publications shaped by activists who promoted political views they believed were neglected by the ‘mainstream’ black press. Examples include Marcus Garvey’s Negro World and the Black Panther Party’s The Black Panther [tabloid newspaper]. That ‘surprise’ ultimately became the book’s central narrative.”

During wartime, black publications rose to the challenges. Despite financial resources limiting the assignment of black reporters to Europe (where military credentials were hard to get anyway), a few correspondents covered World War I; poet and novelist Langston Hughes was among those who covered the Spanish Civil War; and four top African-American papers sent journalists into combat zones during World War II.

A decade later, the book recalls, black papers led coverage of now-familiar figures: the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, H. Rap Brown, Eldridge Cleaver and Stokely Carmichael.

While the black press generally kept up with shifting strategies, change confused the mainstream press, recalled Carmichael, head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, which had started pushing Black Power.

Whether understanding advocates of Black Power or Black Lives Matter, editorializing for non-controversial issues such as education, or covering the culture, the African-American press in the 21st century reaches about 20 million readers each week through about 200 black newspapers, according to the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Published by the University of Illinois Press, the 264-page trade paperback is available at booksellers including Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com.

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# The quiet capital: The story of Kaskaskia

By ISAAC SMITH  
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On July 4, 1778, the bell rang and the battered people of Kaskaskia gathered. They found themselves under new rule. George Rogers Clark explained that the revolutionary government was not interested in changing their faith, but wanted to give them liberty.

The once British-occupied territory had been liberated by Clark, who was fighting for the Continental Army. About four decades later, this small settlement flanked by the Mississippi River would be the home to Illinois' first capital.

There is a lot to Kaskaskia's story – a lot that wouldn't be gleaned by a visit to the sparse island on what would seem to be the Missouri side of the Mississippi River. Emily Lyons, curator for the Randolph County Archives and Museum, said she has spent the last 20 years working to preserve the county's history.

Lyons said her family can be traced in a direct line back to settlers who came to what was then the Kaskaskia peninsula in the 1700s. Lyons said the peninsula became an island after years of deforestation along the Mississippi, as well as soil erosion, created a perfect storm in April 1818 when an ice pack at a bend in the river finally caused what was left of the remaining ties to the mainland to gave way.

Lyons said Kaskaskia began as one

building – in 1703, the Jesuits built a chapel. Not long after, a small population of native peoples and 12 French settlers called the place home. By 1718, and several church buildings later, the chapel became a parish, the Immaculate Conception Church.

Lyons said the population grew, and, in 1725, Kaskaskia was incorporated by the French. She said Kaskaskia's location on the Mississippi River made it ideal for shipping the agricultural goods being produced in the region, but most valuable perhaps were the furs being trapped and sent to the garment trade in Europe. She said the once-bustling community was known as the Versailles of the West.

In fact, the Liberty Bell of the West was gifted to the Kaskaskia's Immaculate Conception in 1741 in recognition of its importance. The bell still sits among the scattered historic buildings left on the island.

Lyons said before being incorporated, the king of France had sent a military detachment to build what would be Fort De Chartres.

After the French and Indian War ended, in 1765, Britain took the fort. Lyons said because of poor conditions there, the British moved to Kaskaskia, which is where Clark

The shrine for The Liberty Bell of the West sits in what is left of Kaskaskia, Illinois' first state capital. Photo by Isaac Smith.

found them in the Revolutionary War.

Lyons said after the war ended, Kaskaskia was part of several different territories. First it was part of the Virginia Commonwealth after the Treaty of 1783. Then it was in the Northwest Territory until it was part of the Indiana Territory in 1800. Finally, in 1809, Kaskaskia was part of the Illinois Territory.

When President James Monroe signed off on Illinois being admitted as the 21st state in 1818, Kaskaskia was chosen as its first capital.

This didn't last long. Within a few months, Vandalia, which was not even populated at the time, was chosen as the state's new capital as many favored its more central location.

Kaskaskia Island now is home to an almost startling quiet. Fewer than 100 people call the island home, with miles (in some cases) between houses.

## BRIEFS

### Billtown nears takeover of 'nuisance' property

WILLIAMSFIELD – The Village has moved to take over ownership of an Olive Street property previously determined to be an “unsightly, nuisance property,” according to Village Clerk Tory Courson.

The Village was in court earlier Tuesday to foreclose on the property, on which the Village had a lien to pay for public workers to clean and maintain its appearance.

In other business, a water-pipe break has been temporarily addressed by a minor fix until spring, when workers will need to dig by hand because of other utility lines nearby, Courson said.

The Board also passed its first ordinance of 2018, adopting a policy prohibiting sexual harassment, which was required by state to take effect this month.

– Bill Knight

### Schlink joins F&M Bank as Peoria Mkt. President

PEORIA – Thomas Schlink has been hired as Peoria Market President for F&M Bank, according to Doug Sanders, President and CEO of F&M Bank.

Schlink will report to Sanders and will be responsible for all banking activities of the Peoria marketplace with a special focus on managing commercial activities including: su-

pervision of lenders, guiding all new commercial business development efforts and actively calling on loan prospects and existing clients.

He replaces Jan Kepple, who has announced her retirement as of March 31, 2018.

A lifelong Peoria resident, Schlink brings over 28 years of banking experience to F&M Bank, 20 of which involved commercial lending.

Schlink lives in Peoria with his wife, Deirdre, 2-year-old daughter, Roisin (Rosie), and three dogs. He also has two grown daughters, Annie and Sarah.

**Ameren recognizes Elmwood fourth graders**

ELMWOOD – Fourth grade students in Tami German's Elmwood Elementary School class are being recognized by Ameren Illinois for their efforts to reduce and conserve energy at home. The students were participants in the Energy Smart Classroom Challenge, an Ameren Illinois initiative to facilitate environmental stewardship among youth and broaden their knowledge of energy efficiency practices.

Students were challenged to think about how they use energy and small changes they could make to be more energy efficient.

Schlink

Students were given a savings scorecard as a way to seek out misused or wasted energy around their homes. Points were awarded based on the current energy conservation measures in place, such as the use of more efficient lighting, door and window insulation, and cleaning and replacing furnace filters. The classroom that accumulated the most points on their scorecards were declared the “winners” of the challenge and earned a pizza party.

“The kids were really energized by the Ameren Illinois presentation,” German said. “They accepted the challenge to practice good energy conservation habits in the classroom and with their families at home.”

**Local students make Bradley Dean's list**

The following area students earned a spot on the Dean's list for the fall at Bradley University.

Brimfield – Alexa A. Burek, Benjamin A. Delaney, Jessica J. Goble and Luke I. Vigue;

Dahinda – Travis D. Smith;

Edwards – Thomas C. Bowers, Belal Kherallah, and Katelyn M. Major;

Elmwood – Trenton A. Scotti and Payton E. Teel;

Hanna City – Ashley B. Beck;

Princeville – Molly K. Ely,

Mitchell W. Janssen, Alexander J. Pullen, Abby E. Rhoads and Rebecca D. Schindler;

Trivoli – Mary K. Bausman.

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# Ice fishing diehards get their wish in 2018

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
*Weekly Post Staff Writer*

While many are grumbling about the recent frigid weather conditions, there is one group of outdoors enthusiasts smiling at the cold.

Those are diehard ice fishermen, a group whose hobby depends entirely on the fickle whims of Mother Nature.

Some years, ice fishing season lasts for a month or more – some years for just a few weeks. Some years, there’s not enough ice to fish safely.

Based on conditions so far and the long-term weather forecast, ice looks to be here through mid-January, at least.

Anglers have already been reporting decent catches and abundant ice of 4-7 inches. But beware: snow serves as an insulator and has slowed the development of ice. Consider the case of an angler at Lake Storey whose pickup broke through the ice near the east boat ramp Wednesday evening.

As always, proceed with caution. Drill test holes from the shoreline to check ice thickness. It’s wise to bring along ice picks, 50 feet of rope and



Chris Rock of Princeville caught this 6-pound bass while ice fishing in Peoria County in late December.



Cody Stabler of Dahinda shot this Knox County buck during the first shotgun season.

a flotation device you can throw to someone in case of rescue. Finally, never go out alone.

On to the fun part. Catching fish that taste delicious in a fairly minimalist fishing situation that doesn’t require a fancy boat or hundreds of lures. Unfortunately this year, early ice met with extreme cold weather, which has made for hit-and-miss fishing. Many expect things will pick up once temperatures warm starting Sunday.

Near Elmwood, Fred

Lantz has been hitting the hard water hard and reports good catches of bluegill up to 10 inches.

Closer to Princeville, Chris Rock has landed nice bass, including one specimen that weighed 6 pounds and hit on a tiny jig and waxworm. But he too laments the relative lack of ice.

“As cold as it’s been, you think we’d have 8 inches of ice all over and we don’t,” Rock said.

There have been few reports of crappie biting, however. And at least one report of a winter kill has already been turned in by a pond owner who drilled a hole and discovered dead fish floating.

**Deer season** – Archery deer season runs through Jan. 14 and the second late-winter season is Jan. 12-14. Hunters report herds of deer in standing beans – a tip worth remembering while preparing food plots next year.

**Turkey permits** – Illinois hunters have until the close of business on Jan. 11 to apply for the second lottery for permits to hunt

wild turkeys in the 2018 spring season. This period is open to all first-time applicants, those who were unsuccessful in the initial lottery and non-residents.

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## OBITUARIES

**Roberta A. Groeper**  
BRIMFIELD — Roberta A. Groeper, 76, of rural Brimfield, passed away at 2:51 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25, 2017, at UnityPoint Health-Proctor in Peoria.

Roberta was born Nov. 22, 1941, in Peoria, the daughter of Ernest H. and Hazel B. (Jones) Schoenbein. She met the love of her life Sept. 19, 1959 and married Jack Groeper on Sept. 17, 1961, at the Ontario Congregational Church in Oneida. He preceded her in death Aug. 29, 2016.

Surviving are one daughter, Robin (Robert) Forney of Brimfield; three sons, Ron and Roy Groeper both of Brimfield, and Russell (Teresa) Groeper of Laura; eight grandchildren, Zachery, Jacob (Sara), Jordan (Emily), and Isaac Forney, and Kyli (Mike) Whittle, Dalton, Caleb and Cassidy Groeper; three great-grandchildren, Dean, Addison and Emma and several nieces and nephews.



Groeper

She was also preceded in death by her brother, E. Roger Schoenbein and one daughter, Rhonda Kay Groeper.

Roberta enjoyed crocheting winter scarves, hot pads and baking coffee cakes, giving as many as 30 to 40 for Christmas gifts every year. She was a member of the Peoria County Farm Bureau and Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria.

A funeral service was Dec. 29, 2017 at Haskell-Hott Funeral Homes in Princeville. Burial was to be in Brimfield Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to BYE Ambulance or Brimfield Fire Department.

Condolences may be left for Roberta's family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellhott.com](http://www.haskellhott.com).

**Dorothy Hasselbacher**  
ELMWOOD — Dorothy Hasselbacher, 90, of Metamora, passed away at 4:30 p.m., on Dec. 20, 2017.

She was born Nov. 17, 1927, in Jubilee Township, Peoria County, to William and Bertha Fussner. She married Everett Hasselbacher, on

**This Week's Obituaries**

- V. Charlene Beecher, 91, Farmington
- Judith Bitner, 74, Farmington
- Phyllis Daniels, 83, Farmington
- Barbara Emken, 77, Princeville
- Richard J. Emken, 84, Yates City
- Arthur W. Gillinsky, 91, Brimfield
- Roberta Groeper, 76, Brimfield
- Dorothy Hasselbacher, 90, Elmwood
- Marvin 'Bud' Huber, 88, Elmwood
- Carla A Jenkins, 46, Edwards
- Joni Johnson, 55, Farmington
- Isaac 'Lee' Miles, Elmwood
- John G. Morlock, 90, Princeville
- Michael J. Sasso, 81, Princeville
- Betty Shelton, 87, Elmwood
- Georgia L. Shores, 82, Dahinda
- Nancy Skaggs, 71, Farmington
- R. Wayne Slone, 82, Elmwood
- Marian Bell Stanford, 93, Farmington
- Irma Tucker, 85, Princeville
- Pauline E. Untz, 85, Elmwood

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Dec. 22, 1947, in Brimfield. He preceded her in death on May 16, 1988.

She is also preceded in death by her parents, six sisters and three brothers. Surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothy was a resident of Elmwood from January 1995 until moving to Snyder Village in Metamora, March 24, 2015.



Hasselbacher

Dorothy was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening, farm life and being outdoors. She spent her spare time reading and working puzzles.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Graveside services and burial of ashes were held Dec. 30, 2017, at Brimfield Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Snyder Village "Residents in Need Fund", 1200 E Partridge St., Metamora, IL, 61548.

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com)

Oak-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

**Marvin 'Bud' Huber**  
ELMWOOD — Marvin "Bud" Paul Huber, 88, of Easton passed away Dec. 26, 2017, at the Abra-

ham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1929, in Kilbourne, Ill., the son of Alvin and Bessie (Williamson) Huber. He married Rose Mary Giehl in Port Hueneme, Calif., on June 26, 1952. She survives.

Also surviving are six children, Patti Strader of Easton, Stephen (Eileen) Huber of Elmwood, Jim (Lori) Huber of Sherman, Cathy (John) Scarcliff of Canton, Bill (Debbie) Huber of LeRoy and Karen (Rob) Leinweber of Easton. Bud is also survived by nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and five siblings, Marilyn Seacrist of Creve Coeur, Lyle Huber of Havana, Leland (Ilse) Huber of Columbia, S.C., George (Nancy) Huber of Huntley, Ill., and Larry (Sandy) Huber of Huntley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert Huber and Donald Huber.

Bud was in the U.S. Navy Seabees and proudly served his country. He was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing. He loved farming and worked for the Mason County FS for 27 years.

Funeral services were Dec. 30, 2017, at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Burial was in the Easton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Easton Park District.

Condolences may be left online at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

**Isaac 'Lee' Miles**  
ELMWOOD — A Celebration of Life for Isaac Lee Miles will be held Saturday, Jan. 6, starting at 3 p.m. at Elmwood's Crossroads Assembly of God, 615 E. Ash St.

A memorial service will be held starting at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Tom Wright will officiate.

Private burial will be held at a later date.

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### CryptoQuote

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People generally enjoy dancing to songs that have words and are of reasonable length.  
— Fran Lebowitz

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OBITUARIES

“And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.”

– Job 19:25-26

R. Wayne Slone



Slone

ELMWOOD – R. Wayne Slone, 82, of Elmwood, died on Dec. 26, 2017, in St. Paul, Minn.

He was born on July 29, 1935, in Fulton County to Clyde and Marjorie (Baty) Slone.

Wayne married M. Diane Butterfield on Oct. 21, 1956, at the First Presbyterian Church in Elmwood. She preceded him in death on June 30, 2016, after over 59 years of marriage.

He is survived by one daughter, Pamela (David) Serdar; one son, Mark Slone; two grandchildren, Adam Serdar and Brenna (Jesse) Danko; one great-granddaughter, Mackenzie Danko; and his special friend, Trudy Cline.

Wayne was a fighter pilot who served from 1955 to 1975 in the Air Force and Air National Guard, retiring as a Lt. Colonel and Squadron Commander of the 169th Guard Unit, in Peoria.

Wayne joined CILCO in 1958 as an apprentice lineman and held various positions related to sales and operations until he was appointed commercial activities manager in 1974. He was the manager of rates and regulatory affairs in 1981, Vice President in 1983, Senior Vice President in 1986 and President and CEO in 1988. He became Chairman in 1991, before retiring in 1995 with over 37 years of service.

He was a director of the Edison Electric Institute, the Heartland Partnership and the Agriculture Research and Development Corporation. He served as a past board member and chairman of the Proctor Hospital board.

He also served as a director of University Bank and Jefferson Bank of Peoria.

Wayne served as a trustee of the Eureka College, past president of the Elmwood Community Unit School District, an elder for the Elmwood First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Elmwood Township Library board.

A funeral service of Death and Resurrection was held Jan. 3, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church in Elmwood.

Memorials may be made to the Elmwood First Presbyterian Church, 201 West Evergreen Street, Elmwood, IL, 61529.

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.oakshinesfuneral-home.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneral-home.com)

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

V. Charlene Beecher

FARMINGTON – V. Charlene Beecher, 91, of Farmington died Dec. 21 at Farmington Country Manor.

Survivors include children Allen (Rebecca) Beecher of Hanna City, Jeanne (Gary) Hurst of Trivoli, Janet (the late Louis) Hecox of Farmington and Joyce (Mark) Mehaffey of Houston, Texas, 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and sister Ruth Crawford of Georgia

Services were Dec. 28 at Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington, with burial at Smithville Cemetery in Smithville.

Condolences may be left online at [www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com)

Judith Bitner

FARMINGTON – Judith E. Bitner, 74, of Trivoli, mother of Farmington residents, died Dec. 27 at UnityPoint Health Methodist in Peoria.

Survivors include her husband, David W. Bitner; son Terry (Christina) Bitner and daughter Debra (David) Bohanan, both of Farmington; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother David (Sherrie) Passmore of Hasting, Mich.; sister-in-law Vicki Passmore of Lewistown and brother-in-law

Donald (Bertha) Bitner of Bellevue.

Per her wishes, cremation was accorded and no services will be held.

Condolences may be left online at [csmico.com](http://csmico.com).

Phyllis Marie Daniels

FARMINGTON – Phyllis Marie Daniels, 83, of Farmington died Dec. 17 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Surviving are children Patricia Delatorre of Farmington and Sandra (Bruce) Meade of Tennessee; grandchildren Jeff Meade, Jeremy (Angela) Meade, Jason (Kristen) Daniels, Justin Daniels, and Brandon Delatorre; brother David Long; sister Marilou Zink; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremations rites were accorded and burial of ashes at Foster Cemetery will be held at a later date.

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Barbara Emken

PRINCEVILLE. Barbara (Baldwin) Emken, 77, a long-time resident of the Brimfield-Princeville area, died Dec. 30 at her residence following a long illness.

Born on May 10, 1940, to Harold and Hazel (Burns) Baldwin, she married Edward Emken on May 9, 1964. He survives.

She is also survived by her two sons, Bruce (Jeneva) Emken of Newport Beach, Calif., and Charles (Rachel) Emken of Spring Grove, Ill.; four grandsons, Vaughn, Carter, Zachary, Joshua. Her brother, Robert Baldwin of Lebanon, Tenn.; and one niece and one nephew also survive her.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Condolences may be left online at [www.haskellhott.com](http://www.haskellhott.com).

Betty Shelton

ELMWOOD – Betty Shelton, 87, of Kingman, Ariz., died on Dec. 28, 2017.

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood is in charge of services.

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[stjosephbrimfield.org](http://stjosephbrimfield.org)

Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm

Sat. Mass: 5 pm

Sun. Mass: 10:30 am (10 am in the summer)

Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 am

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204 W. Clay St., Brimfield

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Pastor Donald Blasing

11724 Maher Road

Brimfield, IL 61517

(309) 446-3571

[brimfieldefree.org](http://brimfieldefree.org)

Worship: 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:30 am

AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm, ages 3-12

Brimfield United Methodist Church

Pastor David Mustain

135 S. Galena St., Brimfield

(309) 446-9310

Sun. Worship: 9 am

Sun. School: 9 am

Thurs. Bible Study: 7 pm

Union Church at Brimfield

United Church of Christ

Pastor Stephen Barch

105 W. Clay Street, Brimfield

(309) 446-3811

[brimfieldunionchurch.org](http://brimfieldunionchurch.org)

Sunday Worship: 9 am

Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten free communion offered)

DAHINDA

Dahinda United Methodist Church

1739 Victoria Street, PO Box 14, Dahinda IL 61428

Church phone: 309-639-2768

Email: [williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com](mailto:williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com)

Sunday services: 9:30 am

EDWARDS

Bethany Baptist Church

7422 N. Heinz Ln., Edwards

(309) 692-1755

[bethanycentral.org](http://bethanycentral.org)

Sun. Worship 8:15 & 11 am

Wednesday Awana: 6:15 pm

Christ Alive!

Community Church

Pastor Lance Zaerr

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[christalivecc.com](http://christalivecc.com)

Sun. School: 9:15 am

Worship: 10:30 am

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Father Joseph Dondanville

9910 W. Knox St., Edwards

(309) 691-2030

[stmaryskickapoo.org](http://stmaryskickapoo.org)

Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm

Sat. Mass: 4 pm

Sun Masses: 7 & 11:00 am

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ELMWOOD

Crossroads Assembly of God

Pastor Tim Cavallo

615 E. Ash St., Elmwood

(309) 830-4259

[crossroadselmwood.org](http://crossroadselmwood.org)

Wed. Worship: 7 pm

Sun. Worship: 10:30 am

Elmwood Baptist Church

Pastor Dennis Fitzgerald

701 W. Dearborn St., Elmwood

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Sun. School: 9:30 am

Sun Worship: 10:30 am, 6 pm

Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood

Reverend Marla B. Bauler

201 W. Evergreen, Elmwood

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[firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org](http://firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org)

Sun. Worship: 10:30 am

Sun. School: 9:30 am

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Father Joseph Dondanville

802 W. Main St., Elmwood

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Sat. Mass: 5:30 pm

Sun. Mass: 9 am

Tues. Mass: 8 am

Tues. Confession: After mass

United Methodist Church of Elmwood

Pastor David Pyell

821 W. Main St., Elmwood

(309) 742-7221

[elmwoodumc.org](http://elmwoodumc.org)

Sun. Worship: 9 am, 10:30 am

Youth Sun. School: 9 am

Adult Sun. School: 8 am

FARMINGTON

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Reverend Dr. Linda Philabaun

83 N. Cone Street, Farmington

(309) 245-2914

[firstpresfarmington.com](http://firstpresfarmington.com)

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Fellowship: 10:30 am

Worship: 11:00 am

New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God

Pastor Tom Wright

1102 N. Illinois Route 78

Farmington

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Sun. Worship: 10 am

Wed. Worship: 7 pm

PRINCEVILLE

Princeville United Methodist Church

Pastor Zach Waldis

420 E. Woertz, Princeville

(309) 385-4487

[princevilleumc@mediacombb.net](mailto:princevilleumc@mediacombb.net)

Sun. Worship: 9 am

Sunday School: 10:15 am

WILLIAMSFIELD

St. James Catholic Church

Father John Verrier

Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N Williamsfield

(309) 446-3275

[stjameswilliamsfield.org](http://stjameswilliamsfield.org)

Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 am

Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 am in the summer)

Williamsfield United Methodist Church

Pastor Jennifer Lynn Bradford Seder

430 N.. Chicago Ave.

Williamsfield

(309) 639-2389

Sun. School 9:30 am

Hospitality (coffee & finger foods) 10:30 am

Sun. Worship 11 am

YATES CITY

Faith United Presbyterian Church

Reverend Marla B. Bauler

107 W. Bishop St., Yates City

(309) 358-1170

Worship: 9 am

Sun. School: 10:15 am

Thurs. Choir: 7 pm


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Thank you for the thoughtful and kind acts of sympathy and support we have received during Jack's illness and passing. All were greatly appreciated. The Family of Jack Morlock.

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OBITUARIES

Richard J. Emken



YATES CITY – Richard “Dick” J. Emken, 84, of Knoxville, brother of a Yates City man and an Elmwood woman, died Dec. 28 at the Knox County Nursing Home in Knoxville. Dick was born Feb. 26, 1933, in Salem Township, son of Phillip and Pearl (Stewart) Emken. He married Shirley I. Archdean on May 8, 1954, in Galesburg. She survives. Also surviving are daughters Pamela (Richard) Inness of Galesburg, Michele (Steve) Johnson of Acworth, Ga., and Elaine (Ron) Thomas of Galesburg; 7 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother David (Claudia) Emken of Yates City and sister Betty (Russell) Watkins of Elmwood. A memorial service was Jan. 2 at the Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Home & Crematory in Knoxville. Inurnment will be at the Fairview Cemetery in Fairview at a later date. Condolences may be left online at [hurd-hendricksfuneralhome.com](http://hurd-hendricksfuneralhome.com).

Arthur W. Gilinsky



BRIMFIELD – Arthur William Gilinsky, 91, of Peoria, father of a Brimfield woman, died Dec. 25 at Cornerstone Healthcare in Peoria Heights. Art is survived by his children, Nancy (Jay) Grimm of Brimfield and Jim (Pam) Gilinsky of Peoria; 8 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. A funeral Mass was Jan. 3 at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church, with burial at St. Mary’s Cemetery in West Peoria. Condolences may be left online at [www.wrightandsalmon.com](http://www.wrightandsalmon.com).

Carla A. Jenkins

EDWARDS – Carla A. Jenkins, 46, of Edwards died Dec. 21 at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. She is survived by her father, August Ponzel, of Peoria; children Emily (Dallas) Boswell, Austen, Alison and Alexis Jenkins, all of Edwards. Funeral services were Dec. 27 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Brimfield, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery in Oak Hill. Condolences may be left online at [www.ClaryFunerals.com](http://www.ClaryFunerals.com).

Joni Johnson

FARMINGTON – Joni Marie Johnson, 55, of Canton, daughter of a Farmington woman, died Dec. 28 at her residence. Born June 20, 1962, in Peoria to Dale and Patricia (Stear) Adkins, she is survived by her mother of Farmington; her lifetime partner David Johnson, children Andy Kingsley of Pekin, Patricia (Matt Parish) Kingsley of Hanna City, Shelby Johnson of Canton, and McKenzi (Clayton McDermet) Johnson of Canton; brothers Dale (Patty) Adkins of Farmington and John (Helen) Adkins of West Peoria; sister Rhonda (Mark) Dawson of Farmington and eight grandchildren: Emilie, Madison, Jorden, Gavin, Jarren, Journey, Onna and Osker. Funeral services were Jan. 3 at the Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Canton with burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington. Condolences may be left online at [www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com).

John G. Morlock



PEORIA – John G. “Jack” Morlock, 90, of Peoria, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017 at Unity-Point Health - Methodist in Peoria. Jack was born on March 2, 1927 in Peoria, the son of Gordon Lester and Josephine Audrey (Wiseman) Morlock. He married Janet Graves on April 23, 1977, in Peoria; she survives. He previously was married to Gladys Wieland, the mother of his children. Also surviving are three children, Debra Bukovi of Hollywood, Fla., Gregory Morlock and wife, Joan, of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., and Julie Edwards and husband, John, of Princeville; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Linda; son, Mark; sister, Arlene Gassen; brother, Richard Morlock; and son-in-law, Gene Bukovi. At the age of 17, Jack joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS LSC(L)(3)-50 as a cook and baker during World War II. He left the Navy to work for his father at National Oil Company in Peoria. He then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served during the Korean Conflict. Following his discharge, he worked for auto dealerships and moved to Dallas, Texas, where he became an auto salesman. He later worked at Graves Motor Company in Princeville for 25 years. He Purchased Graves Motor Co. in 1983 and became the owner and operator of Jack Morlock Chevrolet in Princeville until 1988. His funeral service was Dec. 27, 2017 at Princeville United Methodist Church. Private burial was in Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria. Condolences may be left online at [www.haskellhott.com](http://www.haskellhott.com).

Michael J. Sasso



PRINCEVILLE – Michael J. Sasso, 81, of Crawfordsville, Ind., husband of a former Princeville resident, died Dec. 18. Surviving are his wife, Mary Sheila (Harmon) Sasso, formerly of Princeville; children Douglas M. (Cindy) Sasso of Laguna Hills, Calif., Karen Eugenia Sasso of Aliso Viejo, Calif., and Sheila Marie Sasso of Scottsdale, Ariz.; his “buddy,” Kato; and numerous Harmon relatives in the Peoria area. Funeral services were Dec. 28 at Fred C. Dames Funeral Home in Joliet, to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Joliet, where a Mass of Christian Burial was held. Enshrinement followed at Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville. Condolences may be left online at [fredcdames.com](http://fredcdames.com).

Georgia L. Shores

DAHINDA – Georgia L. Shores, 82, of Knoxville, a Dahinda native, died Dec. 28 at the Knox County Nursing Home in Knoxville. Born May 2, 1935, in Dahinda, the daughter of Lloyd and Laura E. (Ott) Howard, she graduated from Williamsfield High School in 1953. Surviving are children Claudia Oakley of Galesburg, Gene (Paula) Shores of Knoxville, Mike Shores of Knoxville, Steven Shores of Altona, Laura (Arnie) Carlson of Little York, Richard (Shirley) Shores of Knoxville, and Ronald (Tiny) Shores of Virginia; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild due in February. Inurnment will be in the Knoxville Cemetery in Knoxville. Condolences may be left online at [hurd-hendricksfuneralhomes.com](http://hurd-hendricksfuneralhomes.com).

Nancy ‘Noni’ Skaggs

FARMINGTON - Nancy "Noni" Skaggs, 71, of Hanna City, mother of a Farmington man, died Dec. 29 at her residence. Survivors include children Ryan (Carla) Skaggs of Farmington, Denise (Jack) Strube-Pieper of Canton, Jeffrey (Jamie) Skaggs of Trivoli, and Toby (Dawn) Skaggs of Hanna City; brother Tom Thompson of Bellevue; 11 grandchildren, Lacey, Alex, Corey, Jessee, Victoria, Kyle, Macae, McKenzie, Seth, Zach and Kamrie; and 3 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were Jan. 2 at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Canton. Cremation rites were accorded. Condolences may be left online at [www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com).

Marian Bell Stanford

FARMINGTON – Marian Mae Bell Stanford, 93, of Farmington, died Dec. 27 at Courtyard Estates in Farmington. Surviving are daughters Artha (Chuck) Bell Siebel of The Villages, Fla., Paula (Doug) Bell Ternet of McKinney, Texas, and Patricia Bell of Elgin; sons Thomas (Chris) Bell of Mapleton and Arthur (Jane) Bell Jr. of Peoria; step-daughters Linda (Allen) Bailey and Pamela (Denny) Greiner, both of Creve Coeur; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and sister Betty (Bob) VanNattan of Pekin. Funeral services were Jan. 3 at Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes & Crematory in Pekin, with burial at Mason City Cemetery. Condolences may be left online at [www.preston-hanley.com](http://www.preston-hanley.com).

Irma Tucker

PRINCEVILLE – Irma Tucker, 85, of Princeville died Dec. 28 at her home. Irma is survived by sisters Willie Stahl of Toulon and Virginia Schneider of Princeville; children Carol Diefendorf of Farmington, Debbie (Donald) Gaught of Peoria, Lori Maskil of Wisconsin, Randy (Liz) Tucker of Mendota, Richard Tucker of Chillicothe, and Sheri Tucker of Princeville; 6 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. A celebration of life service will be 4-6 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Brandywine Crossing Clubhouse in Peoria. Online condolences may be made at [csmico.com](http://csmico.com).

Pauline E. Untz

ELMWOOD – Pauline E. Untz, 85, of Hanna City, mother of an Elmwood man, died Dec. 19 at her residence. Survivors include her husband, Robert W. Untz; son Paul (Helen) Untz of Elmwood; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Untz; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister Eileen Rusk. Services were Dec. 23 at Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington, with burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington. Online condolences may be made

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by Mike Marland

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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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**FOR ANSWERS  
SEE PAGE 14**

**CryptoQuote**

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

**TRIVIA TEST** By Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What is the first element on the Periodic Table?

2. MUSIC: What is the title of Disney's theme song and who sang it in the movie "Pinocchio"?

3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to live in the White House?

4. HISTORY: In what year did England, Scotland and Wales unite to form Great Britain?

5. CARTOONS: What type of dog is Scooby Doo in the "Scooby Doo" TV series?

6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many hearts does an octopus have?

7. FOOD & DRINK: What is hummus made of traditionally?

8. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Fort Knox located in the United States?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What well-known pediatrician and author won a gold medal for rowing in the 1924 Olympics?

10. MOVIES: What was the name of the whale in the movie "Free Willy"?

Answers

1. Hydrogen

2. "When You Wish Upon a Star" sung by Jiminy Cricket

3. John Adams

4. 1707

5. Great Dane

6. Three

7. Chickpeas

8. Kentucky

9. Dr. Benjamin Spock

10. Keiko

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**top ten**

**MOVIES**

1. Star Wars: Episode VIII — The Last Jedi (PG-13)

2. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13)

3. Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13)

4. The Greatest Showman (PG)

5. Ferdinand (PG)

6. Downsizing (R)

7. Coco (PG) animated

8. The Darkest Hour (PG-13)

9. Father Figures (R)

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unload the Midwest Food Bank items each month! We are a

blessed community with so many kind and generous people!

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT PRINCEVILLE TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2017			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property Taxes - \$277,589; Replacement Tax - \$18,136; Interest - \$1,683; Miscellaneous - \$9,108.			
<b>TOTAL REVENUES: \$306,516</b>			
<b>EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</b>			
Mike Nauman - \$25,639; IORMA - \$8,416; Internal Revenue Service - \$8,138; German Bliss - \$3,215; Ace in the Hole - \$25,869; Princeville State Bank (Equipment Loan Payments) - \$25,792; Midstate Asphalt - \$20,820; Card Service Center - \$4,078; Martin Equipment - \$3,315; Riverstone Group - \$3,101; Ron Dubois - \$2,624; Robert Engle - \$2,503. All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$38095. <b>TOTAL VENDORS: \$171,600</b>			
<b>COMPENSATION SUMMARY</b>			
Range: Under \$25,000: David Gibbs; James Cochran; Jerry Broadfield; Joanna Tockes; Jon Bateman; Marjorie Dubois; Mariys Ely; Mary DeBord; Ralph Richoz; Robert Ingie; Summer Rice; Joseph Hott; Ray Delbridge; Shawn DeBord; Steve Potter. <b>TOTAL COMPENSATION \$40,107</b>			
<b>SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION</b>			
	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>Total</b>
Revenues	\$85,407	\$221,109	\$306,516
Expenditures	(58,531)	(153,176)	(211,707)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	26,876	67,933	94,809
Transfers In	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0
Bond Proceeds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	26,876	67,933	94,809
Previous Year Fund Balance	97,706	448,754	546,460
Other	0	0	0
Current Year Ending Fund Balance	\$124,582	\$516,687	\$641,269
<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>			
	<b>OUTSTANDING BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>ISSUED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>RETIRED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR</b>
	11,979	38,271	24,794
			<b>OUTSTANDING END OF YEAR</b>
			25,456
Subscribed and sworn to this <u>14<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>November</u> , 2017			
<u>Summer Rice</u>			
Summer Rice - Treasurer			
I, Mariys Ely, Clerk of Princeville Township, Princeville, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.			
<u>Mariys Ely</u>			
Mariys Ely - Clerk			

**CLAIM NOTICE**

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

In Re **ESTATE OF FRANK J. GIOVIANNIA, Deceased.**

No. 17-P-00458

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **FRANK J. GIOVIANNIA** on August 27, 2017. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **TISHA A. NELSON**, of 621 East Madison Avenue, Chrisman, Illinois 61924, 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 **22nd day of June, 2018**, 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 shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 4th day of December, 2017.

**TISHA A. NELSON, Executor of the Estate of FRANK J. GIOVIANNIA, Deceased.**

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Attorneys for the Executor  
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Telephone: (309) 742-3611

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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

**BETTER BANKS, an Illinois Banking Corporation,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**CHRISTINE D. GOSS, STEPHEN M. KELLER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,**

**Defendants.**

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# GIRLS HOOPS: Brimfield faced strong foes at Bloomington tourney

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Rockford Lutheran in the afternoon and 60-55 to Champaign St. Thomas More in overtime in the morning.  
The Lady Indians battled back from a first-period deficit to a 22-20 halftime lead, followed by a 34-32 lead after three, but couldn't overcome a strong 16-11 Rockford Lutheran

fourth.  
Kamryn Cuevas double doubled for 21 points and 12 rebounds. Mallory Meinke scored 14 in the effort.  
Brimfield fought back and forth with St. Thomas More in the morning, up two after one, down two at half and down six after the third. An 18-12 fourth took the contest to the overtime, but the Lady

Sabres took the extra period 9-4.  
Meinke was the scoring leader for the Lady Indians with 17. She was followed by 14 from Cuevas and nine each by Haley Wallace and Delaney Smith, who also pulled down 11 rebounds.  
Brimfield also fell to Bloomington Central Catholic, 56-44, last Thursday in tournament play. The Lady Indians were up 25-19 at the intermission, but BCC came up with a 37 point second half for the difference.

Wallace scored 15 points for Brimfield in the effort. Meinke contributed, while Smith had 10 points to go along with six rebounds.  
The Lady Indians play in the State Farm Classic began last Wednesday with a 56-39 win over El Paso-Gridley.  
Brimfield survived a two-point second quarter with a 23-7 third. Meinke and Wallace each registered 16 points for the Lady Indians and Cuevas scored 14 and grabbed eight rebounds in the win.  
Brimfield's next game is Thursday (Jan. 4) at

home versus Abingdon-Avon.  
**Elmwood**  
Elmwood (8-10) finished competing in the Princeville Holiday Tournament last Thursday with a 55-39 setback to Galva. The Lady Trojans stayed strong in the first half down just 28-23, but a 16-4 third period deficit proved to be too much.  
Grace LaFollett was the leading scorer with 15. Montana Ledbetter was also in double digits scoring 12.

"Overall, we didn't play as well as we had hoped. It was nice to get two wins, but we still have some things to improve upon," Elmwood coach Marcy Brugger said. "It will be nice to get some more practicing in to be able to do so."  
At this point in the season, Ledbetter leads the team in scoring at 9.2 points per game. Shelby Glover and Zofia LeHew are both over 5 ppg. Taylor Herman leads in rebounding at 5.9 rebounds per game, and LaFollett leads in steals and deflections.

Elmwood completed a good day in the Princeville Tournament last Wednesday with a 48-32 win over Midland. A 20-10 halftime advantage, and a 38-24 third period lead helped to provide the solid final advantage.  
Herman and Ledbetter were both in double digit scoring with 11 and 10 re-



Princeville guard Caitlin Pullen has raised her scoring average to 9.6 points per game after a solid showing in the Princeville Holiday Tournament. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

spectively. LaFollett had seven points, while Paysley Carver and LeHew each added six.  
The Lady Trojans did not allow the Lady Patriots more than four points in any quarter. Herman paced Elmwood in scoring with 13. LeHew got seven, followed by Glover at six and Carver with five.

The Lady Trojans were bested in a tough matchup by tournament host Princeville last Tuesday afternoon 66-33, while yielding 38 points in the first half, then scoring only 10 in the second half. Glover and Ledbetter each scored 10, while Herman got eight, and LeHew had six.

Elmwood fell to Bushnell-Prairie City in its first game at Princeville last Tuesday, 52-31. A strong first-half lead of 28-13 by BPC was way too much for the Lady Trojans to overcome. Ledbetter scored nine for Elmwood, followed by five for LeHew and Carver, while Glover had four.  
The Lady Trojans travel to Havana Thursday (Jan. 4) for Prairieland Conference play.

**Farmington**  
Farmington (12-3) had a long layoff since mid-December but will get back to game competition Saturday (Jan. 6) with a non-conference trip to Tremont.

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# BOYS HOOPS: A-Town upsets Farmington

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play two tough teams on Saturday,” Farmington coach Jeff Otto said. “I was happy with the way our kids responded.”

Farmington downed Monmouth Roseville (59-54) and Macomb (50-42) to place fifth. Jarod DePriest scored 17 points and Nick Johnson added 13 to upend Monmouth Roseville and Johnson went for 21 and Jake Uryasz had 19 against Macomb.

Johnson missed the loss to A-Town (9-3) to attend his brother’s wedding and his absence did not help the Farmers – who struggled mightily to score despite forcing 24 turnovers.

“They shot 70 percent in the first quarter. When they weren’t turning it over, they were making shots,” Otto said of A-Town. “And we could not buy a basket.”

The Farmers topped A-Town 61-40 on Dec. 1. But the Tornadoes have been hot since, winning seven straight before falling to West Hancock in the Macomb title game, 45-33.

Farmington opened tourney play with a convincing 52-25 win over Rockridge, as DePriest (11), Uryasz (11) and Johnson (10) were all in double figures.

“If you told me at the beginning of the season that I’d be sitting here after Christmas break with a 13-1 record I’d be pretty happy about that,” Otto said.

Farmington is at Havana Friday (Jan. 5) and then has a key Prairieland Conference home game Tuesday (Jan. 9) vs. Bushnell-Prairie City.

## Brimfield

Seeded second at Princeville, the Indians (9-5) were poised to deliver

on that rating in a semifinal with Galva. But after a few rushed shots, some missed free throws and a last-second shot by Galva’s Mason Kaiser, Brimfield found itself in overtime.

Prior to Kaiser’s shot, Brimfield had missed the front end of a one-and-one. Galva went on to score the final 11 points in overtime for a 56-45 win.

“It felt like that was a game we had and kind of let slip away,” Brimfield coach Scott Carlson said. “Down the stretch we maybe rushed some shots and had a couple turnovers and missed some free throws. Then they hit a big shot at the end and had the momentum going in and we couldn’t hit anything.”

That seemed to carry over to the third-place game, when the Indians fell to Elmwood, 44-23.

“I thought our defense was real good,” Carlson said. “We were a little quicker on defense and got to some guys better. We just didn’t shoot at well at all. From the field we shot in the 20s and in the teens from the 3.”

Reece Teubel led Brimfield with eight points vs. Elmwood. In the tourney opener, Teubel (team-high 12 points per game average) and Parker Pillman (11 ppg) paced Brimfield with 15 points apiece in an 83-15 win over Lowpoint-Washburn.

“Parker may be our most valuable player so far,” Carlson said.

Brimfield is at North Fulton on Friday (Jan. 5) and then plays host to the ICAC Tournament starting on Monday (Jan. 8).

## Princeville

How far have the Princes (6-8) come in the past few weeks? Well consider that on Dec. 9, Princeville

lost to Elmwood, 63-33. At home. And two weeks later, in the opener of the Princeville tournament? The Princes were within a few shots of pulling an upset of Elmwood in a 59-53 loss in the first round.

From there Princeville went on to win its next two games to claim the consolation championship.

“We feel like our defense is where it needs to be. That’s one thing we’ve really worked hard on in practice,” coach Jeff Kratzer said. “We’re holding people to where we have a chance to win. Now it’s just finding a way to win with these guys.”

That includes a younger lineup, as freshman Cole Daily and sophomore Cody Thole have been keys to the Princes’ recent resurgence. Daily (12 ppg) and Talon Smith (12 ppg) are leading the scoring load for Princeville, while Thole has been a defensive spark (and was the main defender in a box-and-one on Elmwood’s Brown).

Smith had 21 points against Elmwood, while Daily had 16 points in a win over North Fulton (58-27) and Smith (15) and Daily (12) also led a 53-36 victory over Henry.

Next up for Princeville is a Tuesday (Jan. 9) road trip to Mercer County.

## ROWVA-Williamsfield

While other teams spent their post-holiday time in tournaments, R-W (7-5) spent its time practicing.

The Cougars’ last game was a 56-43 win over Knoxville back on Dec. 22. In that game, Austin Batterson led R-W with 18 points, Isaac Cordle added 15 points and Tucker Sams chipped in 12 for the Cougars.

R-W is at Elmwood on Friday (Jan. 5).

# Pairings set for Jan. 8-15 ICAC tournament

By The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Pairings are set for the 2018 ICAC Tournament to be held at Brimfield High School Jan. 8-15. Here is the schedule.

## Monday, Jan. 8

5:00 - North Fulton vs. Illini Bluffs  
6:30 - Delavan vs. Elmwood  
8:00 - ROWVA-Williamsfield vs.

Brimfield

## Wednesday, Jan. 10

5:00 - Elmwood vs. North Fulton  
6:30 - Illini Bluffs vs. R-W  
8:00 - Brimfield vs. Delavan

## Friday, Jan. 12

5:00 - R-W vs. Delavan  
6:30 - Illini Bluffs vs. Elmwood  
8:00 Brimfield vs. North Fulton

## Saturday, Jan. 13

2:00 - Delavan vs. Illini Bluffs  
3:30 - North Fulton vs. R-W  
5:00 - Elmwood vs Brimfield

## Monday, Jan. 15

4:00 - North Fulton vs. Delavan  
5:30 - Elmwood vs. R-W  
7:00 - Brimfield vs. Illini Bluffs



Elmwood’s Vince Lenzi attracts plenty of attention from Princeville’s Justin Janssen and Talon Smith. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

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Members of the 1968-69 Western Illinois University basketball team pause for a picture while boarding a flight to San Francisco on Dec. 13, 1968. WIU went 0-2 on the road trip, losing at Pacific and Nevada. Three area residents are in the photograph. John Tanney of Princeville is fourth from the left in the front row. To his immediate right is Terry “T-Bone” Farquer of Williamsfield. To the immediate right of Farquer in the front row is Bob Anderson of Williamsfield, who averaged 17 points per game that season and ranks as the fourth-leading scorer in WIU history. Photo courtesy of John Tanney.





Princeville's girls team poses after winning the Princeville Holiday Tournament. Pictured are – Front row (left to right): Melissa Martin, Chloe Lane, Caitlin Pullen, Marisa Horton-Meza, Emma Lane and Libby Martin. Back row (l to r): coach John Gross, Jordan Gehrig, Morissa Martin, Taylor Baird, Lucy Waid, Ashleigh Brawley, Brinlee Bauman, Peyton Kraft and assistant coach Ken Baker. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

## Princeville girls win own tournament

By PHIL JOHNSON

For The Weekly Post

Princeville (15-2) finished a sweep of the Princeville Holiday Tournament last Thursday with a 50-33 victory over Bushnell Prairie City. The Lady Spartans made a temporary comeback with a 15-6 third quarter to take a 33-32 lead, but the Lady Princes shut out BPC 18-0 in the fourth.

Marisa Horton-Meza was the leading scorer for Princeville with 16 points. Lucy Waid followed closely with 14, and Brinlee Bauman finished with 11.

“On offense, we’ve been shooting better and scoring with very good balance, but sometimes our defense comes out flat,” Princeville coach John Gross said. “The next two weeks will be big for us, as we play very strong conference competition of Annawan, Stark County, and Wethersfield. Right after that, those same teams will be around again in the Lincoln Trail Tournament.”

The Lady Princes continued to roll in their holiday tournament last Wednesday afternoon with a 62-35 victory over Galva. A 23-point first quarter and a yielding of just 12 points total in the second half were big factors in the win.

Horton-Meza was the scoring leader with 18. Caitlin Pullen followed with 17 and Bauman added 15.

Princeville easily beat Midland



Brinlee Bauman had several good games for Princeville en route to a tournament championship last week. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

59-25 at its tournament last Wednesday morning, jumping ahead 33-14 at the half and increasing it to 52-18 after three. Pullen’s 21 led the hosts in scoring. Bauman and Waid were in double digits with 12 and 10 respectively.

The Lady Princes downed Weekly Post area rival Elmwood 66-36 in their second contest of their tournament last Tuesday. A 25-10 first quarter lead helped as the Lady Trojans made inroads with a 16-10 second period, but the hosts easily sealed the game by outscoring Elmwood 20-5 in the third.

Pullen finished with 23 points,

followed closely by Waid’s 22. Bauman scored seven, and Horton-Meza got six.

Princeville began play in its tournament last Tuesday with a 73-25 crushing of Peoria Heights by getting out to a 22-6 first-quarter lead and a 28-5 third quarter advantage. Pullen continued her strong scoring pace with 21. Waid kept scoring in double digits at 15, while Horton-Meza got eight, and Emma Lane and Taylor Baird had six each.

Back on Dec. 21, the Lady Princes crushed Peoria Christian 62-35 on the road in a non-conference matchup. A 19-6 first-period lead and 39-16 halftime advantage more than put the game away.

Three players scored in double digits, with Pullen getting 14, Horton-Meza 13 and Waid 10.

On the season to this point, Waid averages 13.8 points per game, followed by Horton-Meza at 10.3 ppg, and Pullen at 9.6. Waid is the rebounding leader with 10 per game, and Bauman averages 8.6 rpg. Horton-Meza leads in assists with 41 total.

Princeville got back in action Thursday (Jan. 4) with a trip to Peoria Heights for non-conference action.

### Brimfield

Brimfield (13-6) played twice last Friday at the State Farm Classic in Bloomington and came away with two very close losses, 48-45 to

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## Elmwood third, Farmers fifth in holiday tournaments

By JEFF LAMPE

Weekly Post Staff Writer

While no area boys teams ended up with a tournament championship over the holidays, most teams at least entered the New Year with reason for optimism.

That includes Elmwood, a third-place finisher at the Princeville Holiday Tournament, and Farmington, which placed fifth at Macomb.

### Elmwood

One year ago, Elmwood (9-4) fell to DePue in the Princeville championship game, 45-37. While this year’s rematch came in the semifinals – due in large part to dubious seeding – and again ended up as a loss, coach Josh Fugitt saw improvement this time in a 44-41 defeat.

“I felt like we were in a little more control than last year,” Fugitt said. “I was pretty happy with what we were doing defensively. Despite a few bad possessions that won it for them, we held a pretty good team to 44 points. We just have to be better offensively.”

Those few possessions included a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left by Eddie Moreno, whose late shot offset 12-point outings by Trojans guards Jacob Brown and Charlie McKinty.

“If that shot misses, we get to hold for the last shot,” Fugitt said.

Defense was again key for Elmwood in the third-place game against Brimfield, a team the Trojans handled one week earlier, 62-25. While the Elmwood offense was not clicking as well, defense was still strong in a 44-23 victory.

Brown (12 points), Vince Lenzi (11) and McKinty (10) led Elmwood, which held Brimfield to 11 first-half points.

In the first game at Princeville, Elmwood struggled against a box-and-one defense by the hosts that limited Brown to 3 points. Lenzi helped make up the difference with 24 points in a 59-53 victory over the Princes. McKinty, in his second game back from a collarbone injury, had 14.

Next up for Elmwood is a home game Friday (Jan. 5) vs. ROWVA-Williamsfield.

### Farmington

Playing for fifth was not what No. 2 seed Farmington expected heading to Macomb. But after a 40-33 upset loss to Abingdon-Avon on Friday, the Farmers (13-1) rebounded with two wins on Saturday to show their mettle.

“What I’m most happy about was the way we bounced back from a tough loss on Friday night to come back and

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Jacob Brown had 12 points in each of Elmwood’s final two games at Princeville. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

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