

# Welch launches bid to be House speaker

By **JERRY NOWICKI**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – One day after state House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, announced a suspension – but not a withdrawal – of his campaign for another term as speaker, a state representative who has been accused of being a staunch Madigan protector has launched a bid for the post.

Rep. Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, has the backing of House Black Caucus members, a voting bloc that had previously supported Madigan’s reelection. Of the 22 House members of the Black Caucus, all but Maurice West, D-Rockford, had supported Madigan for another term.

But in a closed-door meeting of the Black Caucus Monday evening during a pause in floor debate of its massive legislative agenda, Welch was put forward as a candidate in the race that is not scheduled for an official public vote until Wednesday.

“I am honored to be called upon by my colleagues from the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus to put my name in for consideration,” Welch said in a Tuesday morning statement. “This historic moment in Illinois and across the country calls for new representation and unity of democratic beliefs. I want to thank Speaker Madigan for his leadership – it has been a challenging year for us all but I am grateful for his commitment to serving the public.”

Despite Madigan’s campaign suspension, Steve Brown, a Madigan spokesperson, said in an email Monday that Madigan “has no plans to support another candidate. Announced or

otherwise.”

• **Republican criticism** – Republican leadership offered harsh criticisms for their Democratic counterparts Tuesday as the Illinois General Assembly neared the end of its lame duck session.

In a virtual news conference Tuesday, House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, and Senate Republican Leader-designate Dan McConchie, of Hawthorn Woods, accused embattled House Speaker Michael Madigan of pushing legislation through without sufficient input during the session.

Debate of an economic equity bill backed by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus was cut off after about 45 minutes Monday night, and several major pieces of legislation – in-

cluding a sweeping criminal justice overhaul – were expected to be heard well into the night Tuesday.

Durkin also criticized House Democratic leadership for imposing strict rules on public access to the Bank of Springfield Center, where the Illinois House of Representatives has been conducting legislative session since Friday.

Currently, no members of the public can view House or Senate proceedings in person, and a limited number of media are allowed into the chambers to cover legislative action at any given time.

“It’s very unfortunate that the lack of accessibility of not just the media but also the general public is taking place, and it goes against our democracy,”

Durkin said.

Witnesses at public committee hearings are also limited and have been giving testimony remotely in the House. While the changes are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Durkin suggested other reasons for the rules.

“It’s because the majority party is fractured and wants to keep things as under the rug as possible,” Durkin said.

Durkin spoke as House Democrats struggle to rally around a single candidate for speaker of the next General Assembly, which was to start Wednesday.



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**Murray E. Campbell**

**DUNLAP** – Murray E. Campbell, beloved father, husband, grandfather and friend, 73, of Dunlap, passed away at 6:28 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, at UnityPoint Health Methodist in Peoria.

Murray was born Sept. 16, 1947, the youngest child to Robert E. and Vera (Carver) Campbell. A graduate of Princeville High School, he married the love of his life, Patricia Ann Carmody in Peoria. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert (Bob) Campbell and an infant brother.



**Campbell**

Surviving are his wife Pat of Dunlap; sons, Corey (Audrey) Campbell of Princeville, Ryan (Allison) Campbell of Peoria; sister, Rebecca (Donald) May of Princeton; and his greatest joy, four grandchildren, Lainey, Ella, Nora and Henry Campbell of East Peoria.

His passion was for farming, but he also worked for many years at Illinois News Service. Murray had an incredible laugh and always enjoyed life to its fullest. He loved driving around on the farm and in his later years, growing flowers and pumpkins at the family farm in Dunlap.

A graveside service and burial was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, at the Prospect Cemetery in Dunlap. Rev. Linda Vonck of Prospect United Methodist Church officiated. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville assisted the family with arrangements.

The family of Murray Campbell would like to extend their sincere thanks to the Dunlap Fire Department, Advanced Medical Transport and Pastor Linda Vonck. A special thank you goes to the brave men and women at Unity Point Health

Methodist who cared for Murray and risk everything, every day to combat this horrible pandemic.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dunlap Fire Department.

Condolences may be left for Murray's family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

**Robert D. 'Bob' Forney**

**BRIMFIELD** – Robert Dean "Bob" Forney, 58, of Brimfield, passed away at 1:37 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at UnityPoint Health – Methodist in Peoria. Bob was born on Dec. 1, 1962 in Fort Hood, Texas, the son of Kenneth E. and Mariann (Broadfield) Forney. He married Robin Groeper on June 30, 1984, in Princeville; she survives.



**Forney**

Also surviving are his mother, Mariann (Wayne Cross) Forney of Brimfield; four sons, Zachery (Lyndsey) Forney of Brimfield, Jacob (Sara) Forney of Kewanee, Jordan (Emily) Forney of Bloomington, and Isaac (Katrina Crowley) Forney of St. Charles, MO; seven grandchildren, Ella, Kevin, Kynzie, Dean, Emma, Addison, and Alexis; and one brother, Troy (Cindy) Forney of Brimfield. He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Forney, and one sister, Donella Groeper.

Bob currently worked for the Peoria County Highway Department and previously worked for Alcoa for 17 years. He was member of the Brimfield Community Fire Protection District for 25 years, with 5½ years as the Fire Chief.

He was also a member of Laborers Union Local 165, the Peoria County 4-H on their auction committee and as their poultry superintendent, and a long-time member of the Brimfield United Methodist

Church.

On Jan. 8, 2021, Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville was open for visitors to pay their final respects to Bob. Family and friends were invited to his graveside service on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, at Brimfield Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brimfield Community Fire Protection District.

Condolences may be left for Bob's family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

**Irma M. Hoerr**

**CHILLICOTHE** – Irma Marie (Begner) Hoerr, 85, of Chillicothe, passed away peacefully Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, at her residence.

Irma was born Feb. 18, 1935, in Princeville, Ill., the daughter of William and Norma (Stoecker) Begner. She married her high school sweetheart James G. Hoerr, on Aug. 1, 1954, in Peoria, thus beginning 40 years of farming together. After years of hard work, they enjoyed traveling the country in their motor home for 36 years, always stopping to see family along the way.



**Hoerr**

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, James; their three children, Colette (Bob) Ahlberg of Salem, Wis., Bret (Deena) Hoerr of Peoria and Laura (Tony) Ehnle of Edelstein; seven grandchildren, Samantha, Anders, Gregory, Bena, Erin, Paige, and Christian; four great-grandchildren, Max, Hugh, Landon, and Quinn; two sisters Mary (Jess-Dec'd) Arnold, and Laura (Bob) Daniels and one brother, Fred. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister and brother-in-law, Illena "Rosie" (Marvin) Fitzpatrick.

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Rain is grace; rain is the sky condescending to the earth; without rain, there would be no life.  
— John Uddike  
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painting, stained glass, and needlepoint. She loved zany de'cor, the brightest, cheeriest colors, and always knew the latest fashion. She spent hours tending to her massive and beautiful flower beds. Full of spunk, wit, and an appreciation for sweets, her family could always count on a laugh and a cookie or chocolate muffin when stopping by to visit. But above all else, her legacy will be marked by her generosity and unconditional boundless love for her family.

There will be no visitation. Her funeral service was to be private for family on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Veronica Haskell, Certified Funeral Celebrant was to officiate. Burial will be in Prospect Cemetery, Dunlap. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis, TN, 38105.

Online condolences may be left for Irma's family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Harold L. Kelley

**WILLIAMSFIELD** – Harold Lee Kelley passed away in his home in Elba Township on Thursday Jan. 7, 2021.

Harold was born April 29, 1937 to Chester Lee and Louise Belle (Clark) Kelley in rural Elba Township. Harold had

three children, Pat (Kent) Willard, Bloomington Ill., Duane Kelley, Kewanee, Ill., and Marcy (Matt) Hennenfent, Dahinda, Ill. Harold loved his granddaughter, grandsons and great grandsons. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, sister Louise Geraldine "Gerry" Lebda and daughter Marcy Hennenfent.



Kelley

Harold attended school in Williamsfield until graduation in 1955. Later he married Margene McWilliams on May 29, 1971.

Harold had a passion for welding that never left him short of work, many of his projects still exist today. Harold worked for the coal mines in Victoria and Farmington where he maintained the large coal shovels. He then took his skills to Wight Chevrolet Service shop for years. While working around big equipment he grew to love to operate them as well. Harold took pride maintaining the roads of Elba Township whether it was pushing snow or grading gravel.

In his later years Harold enjoyed traveling the back roads around the countryside and visiting with friends over breakfast.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A visitation was to be held from 1-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, at Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Homes and Crematory, Knoxville. Family were to be present from 5-7 p.m. Due to COVID-19, face masks, social distancing and attendance measurements were to be required.

Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Homes and Crematory, Knoxville has been entrusted with arrangements. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choosing.

Online condolences and/or expressions of sympathy may be sent through [www.hurd-hendricksfuneralhome.com](http://www.hurd-hendricksfuneralhome.com).

### John A. Satzler

**DUNLAP** – John Alan Satzler, 54, of Dunlap passed away Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, at 3:58 p.m. at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born Oct. 6, 1966, in Peoria to parents, Ronald and Mary (Montgomery) Satzler.

He is survived by his parents of Princeville; one sister, Carol Montgomery of Bowling Green, Ky.; two

aunts, Darlene Pollard of Lee's Summit, Mo., and Marjorie (James) Wilburn of Ripley, Miss.; two uncles, Darrell Montgomery of Memphis, Tenn., and Carl (Susan) Satzler of Harveyville, Kan.; and many cousins and nieces.

John's intelligence was something to be admired. He was brilliant and loved to challenge his intellect.

After graduating high school, he attended a technical school to learn about electrical circuits and how to install them. He enjoyed reading manuals and understanding technical workings. He previously worked at Nelsons, Inc. for a few years and went on to enjoy 26 years at Caterpillar as a supervising technician, testing analyzer, and fixing transmissions that had initial assembly flaws.

He studied and constructed a few elaborate computers, virtually flew a small airplane around the world, flew drones that took aerial pictures, and studied and chased airplanes and trains.

There will be no public service due to the current circumstances. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be left for John's family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to AC Skylines, Peoria.

### Mary E. Allen

**DAHINDA** – Mary E. Allen, 88, of Galesburg and formerly of Abingdon, mother of a Dahinda woman, died on Dec. 31, 2020, at Heartland Health Care Center in Galesburg.

She was born June 22, 1932, west



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The family of Betty Morse would like to thank everyone for their kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort during this difficult time.

Thank you to Country Comfort staff for the wonderful care they gave our mother these last few years and to VISTAS Hospice for their compassionate support during her final days. To the town of Elmwood, thank you for lining the streets to pay your respects on our mother's final journey. She loved this community and our hearts are full of gratitude.

Sincerely, Ray & Sally Morse Family, Arlan & Ronna Morse Family, Debra Morse, Brian & Kate Morse Family and Tammy & Pat McCoy Family.

## AREA CHURCHES

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Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-7221 <a href="http://elmwoodumc.org">elmwoodumc.org</a> Sun. Worship: 9 am, 10:30 am Youth Sun. School: 9 am Adult Sun. School: 8 am</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON</b> <b>Farmington Bible Church</b> Pastor Tony Severine 497 N. Elmwood Rd. Farmington (309) 245-9870</p>	<p>Sunday School: 9:30 Worship Service: 10:30</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church of Farmington</b> Reverend Andy Sonneborn 83 N. Cone Street, Farmington (309) 245-2914 <a href="http://firstpresfarmington.com">firstpresfarmington.com</a> Sunday School: 9:15 am Worship: 10:30 am Fellowship: 11:30 am</p> <p><b>New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God</b> Pastor Tom Wright 1102 N. Illinois Route 78 Farmington (309) 231-8076 Sun. Worship: 10 am Wed. Worship: 7 pm</p> <p><b>PRINCEVILLE</b> <b>Princeville United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Zach Waldis 420 E. Woertz, Princeville (309) 385-4487 <a href="mailto:princevilleumc@mediacombb.net">princevilleumc@mediacombb.net</a> Sun. Worship: 9 am Sunday School: 10:15 am</p> <p><b>St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church</b> Monsignor James Kruse 119 Saint Mary St., Princeville (309) 385-2578 Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm Sat. Mass: 4 pm Sun. Mass: 8 and 9 am</p>	<p>Mon.-Sat Daily Mass: 8 am</p> <p><b>WILLIAMSFIELD</b> <b>St. James Catholic Church</b> Father John Verrier Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N Williamsfield (309) 446-3275 <a href="http://stjameswilliamsfield.org">stjameswilliamsfield.org</a> Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 am Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 am in the summer)</p> <p><b>Williamsfield United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Teresa Shane 430 N. Chicago Ave. Williamsfield (309) 639-2389 Sun. School: 9:30 am Hospitality (coffee &amp; finger foods): 10:30 am Sun. Worship: 11 am</p> <p><b>YATES CITY</b> <b>Faith United Presbyterian Church</b> 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</p>
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**OBITUARIES**

of Canton in Joshua Township, Fulton County, the daughter of Cecil and Frances (Keefauver) Lundry. She married R. LaVerne Allen on Feb. 23, 1952, in Knoxville. He preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 2001. She was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Robert Lundry and one sister, Louella Thurman.

Mary is survived by one son, Dan (and Ellen) Allen of Weatherford, Texas; one daughter, Jeanne (and Mike) Gumm of Dahinda; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

A private funeral service was held Jan. 8, 2021. Burial was in the Abingdon Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.h-p-w.com](http://www.h-p-w.com).

**Richard N. Bott**

EDWARDS – Richard Neil Bott, 72, of Edwards, died on Jan. 5, 2021, at UnityPoint Proctor Hospital in Peoria. Neil was born on Feb. 3, 1938, in Kewanee to Mae French Bott and Charles Bott. He moved to Peoria when he was 12 years old. As

a very young man he learned to work hard and to take on whatever job was available. He carried this work ethic for the rest of his life, working up to three days before he died.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Shirley Brockway Bott; one son, Mike (Sue Hein) Bott; grandson, Kevin (Brittany) Bott; three grandchildren, Carter, Christian and Camden Bott; one sister, Harriet Brasher of Dunlap.

Graveside services were held.

Condolences can be left online at [www.wrightandsalmon.com](http://www.wrightandsalmon.com).

**Helen M. Doubet**

HANNA CITY – Helen M. Doubet, 91, of Hanna City died Jan. 4, 2021, at Farmington Country Manor. She was born on Feb. 26, 1929, in Hanna City to George and Fama Jane (Donaldson) West. She married Donald D. Doubet on July 22, 1950, in Hanna City. He preceded her in death in 1992.

Surviving are two children, Jane (Edward) Fussner of Wheaton, and David (Debby) Doubet of Hanna City; two grandsons; one great-grandchild on the way; and one brother, William (Arlene) West Sr. of

Hanna City.

**Beverly A. Sherlock**

EDWARDS – Beverly Ann Sherlock of Edwards has died.

The Wilton Mortuary of Peoria is in charge of arrangements.

**Donald M. Weller**

FARMINGTON – Donald Michael Weller, 72, of Farmington, died Jan. 4, 2021, at his home.

Mike was born Jan. 22, 1948, in Peoria to Donald and Dolores (Harmon) Weller. He married Mary Heady on March 15, 1979, and she survives. He is also survived by his children, Vikki (Robert) Orso, Lisa (Randall) Cunningham, Schotsie (Scott) Noel, Carrie Weller, and Annette Weller; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and siblings, David Weller, Terry Watkins, and Sandy Walck.

He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Felicity Sale; and siblings, Rhonda Neltner, Rick Weller, and Donny Weller.

Cremation has been accorded.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS**  
ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
LESLIE B. HARLAND; THE GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS  
NO. 19-CH-00477  
Judge Mark A. Brown  
Address: 1208 West Willow Lane  
Peoria, IL 61614  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 26, 2020, I, Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois, will on February 10, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 PM at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Rm B-20, Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, sell at public auc-

tion to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
LOT TWENTY (20) IN WILLOW LANE, A SUBDIVISION OF THE MIDDLE TEN (10) ACRES OF THE WEST THIRTY (30) ACRES OF THE NORTH HALF (N1/2) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-NINE (29), TOWNSHIP NINE NORTH (T9N), RANGE EIGHT EAST (R8E) OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.  
COMMON ADDRESS: 1208 West Willow Lane, Peoria, IL 61614  
P.I.N.: 14-29-203-008  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$97,577.05  
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be

open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.  
Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 19 7555.  
Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois  
Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC  
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**CLAIM NOTICE**  
In Re ESTATE OF )  
BETTY E. MORSE, ) No. 20-P-00432  
Deceased. )

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of BETTY E. MORSE, on November 26, 2020. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to RAYMOND K. MORSE of 4100 Berkshire Road SW, Rochester, Minnesota 55902, BRIAN L. MORSE of 4303 West Lora Ann Lane, Peoria, Illinois 61615, and TAMMY J. McCOY, of 211 East Butternut Street, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, as Executors, 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 representatives or both on or before the 23rd day of July, 2021 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives 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 representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.  
DATED this 31st day of December, 2020.

**RAYMOND K. MORSE, BRIAN L. MORSE and TAMMY J. McCOY, Executors of the Estate of BETTY E. MORSE, Deceased.**

**STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, ESQ. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executors 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 stephanie@whitneyandpotts.com Published 1/14, 1/21, 1/28/21**

**VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Village of Princeville will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00pm, in the Princeville Village Hall, 206 N. Walnut Ave., Princeville, Illinois 61559 to provide interested parties an opportunity to comment on the draft Village of Princeville Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to gather additional information, comments, and suggestions prior to the Village Board vote and approval of the Comprehensive Plan on Monday, March 1, 2021. The community is invited and encouraged to participate.

Due to the Governor's Executive Order regarding COVID-19 and the relaxing of the Open Meetings Acts requirements, this public hearing may be attended in person, as the number of individuals in the board room allows, or remotely via Zoom.

Attend via computer or smartphone:  
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Meeting ID: 949 5053 0016  
Passcode: 139upM

Or call in with any telephone:  
(312) 626-6799  
Meeting ID: 949 5053 0016  
Passcode: 943351

A 30-day public comment period will follow the Public Hearing. The draft Comprehensive Plan is available for viewing on the Village website - [www.princeville.org](http://www.princeville.org) and the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission website - [www.tricountyrpc.org](http://www.tricountyrpc.org). Copies of the draft plan are also available at the Princeville Village Hall, Monday thru Friday, during regular business hours.

For additional information concerning the Public Hearing and Comprehensive Plan, please contact the Princeville Village Hall by phone at (309) 385-4765, or email [villagehall@princeville.org](mailto:villagehall@princeville.org).  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS**  
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Samuel A. Gorham; et. al. DEFENDANTS  
No. 20-CH-00167  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/28/2020, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on February 17, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse  
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**NOTICE Princeville Township Road District Load Limit Posting**

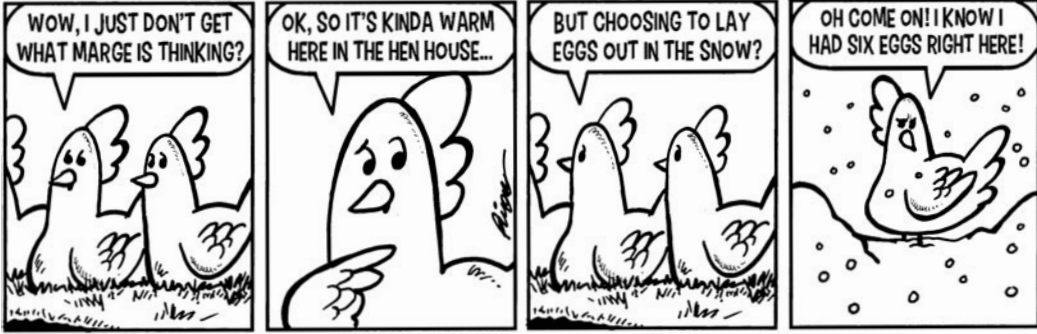
Princeville Township in accordance with Illinois Vehicle Code "625 ILCS 5/15-316" will impose weight limitations On all Princeville Township roads effective for 90 days, (FEB. 5, 2021, THROUGH MAY 5, 2021)

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**Therefore, no vehicle shall be operated upon Princeville Township Roads having a gross vehicle weight greater than 8 tons (16,000 pounds) Feb 5, 2021, through May 5, 2021.**

Any questions contact Princeville Township Highway Commissioner Darrell Fuchs or call 309-635-2520.  
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Who was the first African American to win the Academy Award for Best Actor?
- ASTRONOMY: How many phases does the Moon go through each month?
- MEDICAL: What are leukocytes?
- TELEVISION: What are the names of the three animated "Powerpuff Girls"?
- INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing the first battery?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest country in Africa in land area?
- MEASUREMENTS: What does a Geiger counter measure?
- LITERATURE: What item did the crocodile swallow in "Peter Pan"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is grenadine made from?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby goat called?

Answers

- Sidney Poitier, in 1964
- Eight
- White blood cells
- Blossom, Buttercup and Bubbles
- Alessandro Volta
- Algeria
- Radiation
- A clock
- Pomegranates
- A kid

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10

### CryptoQuote

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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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XSD DPCXS; FHXSJEX CPHY,  
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— KJSY EQIHZD

### TOP 10 VIDEOS ON DEMAND

- Wonder Woman 1984 (PG-13)
- The Croods: A New Age (PG)
- News of the World (PG-13)
- Monster Hunter (PG-13)
- Fatale (R)
- Promising Young Woman (R)
- Pinocchio (PG-13)
- The War with Grandpa (PG)
- Alien (R)
- Come Play (PG-13)

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### CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF THOMAS M. DuBOIS, Deceased. ) No. 21-P-00001

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of THOMAS M. DuBOIS, on December 13, 2020. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to JERALD L. DuBOIS, of 128 Tamarack Avenue, Morton, Illinois 61550, and PEGGIE S. SANDERS, of 2937 West Parkwood Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61614, as Executors, 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 representatives or both on or before the 23rd day of July, 2021 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives 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 representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 4th day of January, 2021.

JERALD L. DuBOIS and PEGGIE S. SANDERS, Executors of the Estate of THOMAS M. DuBOIS, Deceased.

ROBERT L. POTTS, ESQ. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executors 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 becky@whitneyandpotts.com Published 1/14, 1/21, 1/28/21

### NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of )  
JOAN K. McNEELEY, Deceased ) No. 20 P 00423

Notice is given to creditors of the death of JOAN K. McNEELEY on December 21, 2020. Letters of Office were issued by the Court to JACQUELINE L. GILLES, 18623 W. Troxell Road, Princeville, Illinois, and FREDERICK ELLIS McNEELEY, 620 E. Main Street, Princeville, Illinois, as Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is KERRY R. CORDIS, Attorney at Law, 129 N. Walnut Avenue, P. O. Box 445, Princeville, Illinois 61559.

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 1st day of July, 2021 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.

Dated: December 31, 2020.

JACQUELINE L. GILLES and FREDERICK ELLIS McNEELEY, Co-Executors of the Estate of JOAN K. McNEELEY, Deceased

Kerry R. Cordis The Cordis Law Office, LLC Attorney for Co-Executors 129 N. Walnut Avenue P. O. Box 445 Princeville, IL 61559 309/385-4616 Published 12/31/20, 1/7/21, 1/14/21

BY: /s/ Kerry R. Cordis Attorney for Estate

### CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF SUE E. GILBERT, Deceased. ) No. 20-P-00429

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of SUE E. GILBERT, on December 13, 2020. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to FREDERICK R. GILBERT, of 19226 West Laura Road, Laura, Illinois 61451, and RAYLENE S. DIPPEL, of 19224 North Princeville-Jubilee Road, Princeville, Illinois 61559, as Executors, 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 representatives or both on or before the 16th day of July, 2021 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives 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 representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 30th day of December, 2020.

FREDERICK R. GILBERT and RAYLENE S. DIPPEL, Executors of the Estate of SUE E. GILBERT, Deceased.

ROBERT L. POTTS, ESQ. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executors 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 becky@whitneyandpotts.com Published 1/7, 1/14, 1/21/21

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324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
THE NORTH 84 FEET OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 4 OF MCCLURE PLACE, A SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.  
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general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and

(g)(4).  
If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.  
Upon payment in full of the

amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR

(HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-20-05267. I3162124  
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**Pages From The Past** Compiled by Henry Lampe

**5 Years Ago**  
Farmer's State Bank in Elmwood successfully bid for the Palace Theatre in Elmwood and the shuttered Garden Theatre in Canton. The bid was accepted at an offer of \$192,330.85.

**85 Years Ago**  
The West Park ice-skating pavilion in Elmwood has been an extremely popular place during the holidays with a large group of young people participating in ice skating all day and night.

**90 Years Ago**  
The John Cochrane general store in Trivoli was held up Saturday evening. Bandits ordered everyone to lie face down on the floor and fled with contents of the cash register.

**50 Years Ago**  
The Elmwood Bible Church welcomed Rev. Brockway as its new pastor.

**65 Years Ago**  
Bill Folkenroth has sold the building opposite of the bowling alleys in Elmwood to a local Hudson dealer.

**70 Years Ago**  
About \$300 damage was done early Tuesday morning in a fire at the Farmington Cement Co.

**100 Years Ago**  
Fulton County farmers donated a car of corn to help feed the hungry in foreign lands.

**105 Years Ago**  
The original deed for the Abbott farm west of town was found among his fathers papers by Samuel Abbott. It was on genuine sheepskin parchment, was dated April 23, 1812, and signed by President James Monroe.

**105 Years Ago**  
In the late hours of the night, H.E. Seltzer's restaurant in Elmwood was broken into and \$20 in merchandise was stolen.

**105 Years Ago**  
The Elmwood Hard Roads Assn. has been duly organized. Their motto is "hard roads and good government."

**105 Years Ago**  
Every hitching post and tie rack in town was occupied in Farmington Saturday morning.

**SPORTS: IESA facing 'severe' financial issues**

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Anderson, Endsley and other staff members met virtually on Jan. 6 with IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike, Deputy Governor Jesse Ruiz and IDPH Chief of Staff Justin DeWitt.

IHSA and IESA leadership said they used the meeting to reintroduce recommended mitigations from the IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, to seek insight on the return of interscholastic sports and to ask IDPH leadership to review and possibly lower the risk levels of sports.

"We believe that there is both data and science that validates the idea that we can safely conduct sports," Anderson said. "We have seen it work in other states and believe it can in Illinois if we utilize the mitigations provided by IDPH and the IHSA SMAC. Students are already leaving or participating out-of-state on weekends. We believe that competing for their high school remains

the safest venue for participation." Endsley echoed the same thoughts for the IESA, which had planned to start basketball practice on Jan. 4 and volleyball practice on Jan. 11. He anticipates getting "bombarded" with calls if Gov. Pritzker announces a reduction in mitigations on Friday, as expected.

"But right now I have no answer," he said.

Endsley said he is holding out "a sliver of hope" that volleyball will be moved to the low-risk sports category, which would allow for game. He also said the state should move basketball into the medium-risk classification, which would allow for non-contact practices.

"We all want to kids back to playing and practicing. Whether we get to play games or play games with fans in attendance, that still remains to be seen," Endsley said. "Even if we can just get kids to practice and working with their coaches and playing with

their teammates ... that's huge." Whether that happens is dependent on the governor's office.

"I hope people know by now that it's not the two associations saying 'No' to the students, it is our government," Endsley said.

For the IESA, not holding state finals has had a serious financial impact. Most years, the state track and field meet bankrolls other IESA activities. With no track meet last year and doubts about this spring, there could be real problems ahead.

"We are in severe financial difficulty," Endsley said. "We are literally living off reserves and by the end of March, the first of April, it's going to be touch and go whether we have any more reserves."

In response, while schools might be able to field teams and play games moving forward, there's a chance the IESA may not be able to hold some postseason state tournaments until its finances improve.

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The following full-time local college students were honored at their school for the fall semester.

- Abbey Peppers of Elmwood was named to the Dean's List at Southeast Missouri State University after compiling a gpa of 3.75 or better.
- Olivia Renken of Farmington earned the High Honor list at Black Hawk College (Quad Cities campus) with a gpa of 3.75 or better.
- At Carl Sandburg College, local Dean's List honorees (3.5 gpa or better) were: Ashton Johnson of Brimfield; Elizabeth Whitford of Dahinda; Maddox Binder, Tanner Blum and Shelby Glover of Elmwood; Bailey Barton of Farmington; Sarah Reay of Princeville; Caitlin Evans and Molly Warner of Williamsfield; and Emily Cash at Anne McKim of Yates City.
- At Carl Sandburg College, local Honors List members (3.0 gpa or better) were: Caileb Johnson of Brimfield; Lacyn Durst and Cameron Jacobson of Elmwood; and Matthew Jones of Williamsfield.

**College graduate**

Ashlyn Maher, a biopsychology major from Brimfield, graduated from Monmouth College in December. Maher is the child of Sean P. and Shalaine Maher of Brimfield.

**Fulton County residents can use alert system**

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Clerk and Recorder Patrick O'Brian asks residents to consider subscribing to Fulton County's Property Fraud alert service.

"According to the FBI, property fraud also known as 'deed fraud' is the fastest growing, white collar crime in the United States," O'Brian said.

Fulton County has a subscription service that is free to all residents to combat this before it becomes a major problem for property owners.

"The County Recorder's office has offered this service for a number of years, however, after meeting with our vendor that provides this service, it was discovered that only 30 residents have subscribed to this program," O'Brian said. "I encourage our residents to take a moment and subscribe, it could save them hours of time, legal fees, and provide peace of mind."

O'Brian said subscribing is easy, free and simple and should take about one minute. Sign up at [www.propertyfraudalert.com/fulton](http://www.propertyfraudalert.com/fulton).

Some other tips to avoid property fraud include:

- Check official records for deeds, mortgages, or liens on your property to make sure they are accurate.
- Don't let mail pile up.
- Make sure assessment and collector offices have the correct mailing address for you or the person who should receive notices.

**FBI to help investigate unemployment fraud**

CHICAGO – Attorney General Kwame Raoul said his office is partnering with the FBI to establish the Attorney General's Task Force on Unemployment Insurance Benefits Fraud. The task force will for the first time allow state and federal resources to be deployed on a large scale to combat unemployment insurance benefits fraud.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Raoul's office has received and investigated complaints related to unemployment insurance benefits fraud. The aim of the task force is to enhance collaboration among state and federal agencies investigating and prosecuting forms of unemployment benefits fraud. In addition to the Illinois Attorney General's office and the FBI, the task force will be made up of the Illinois Department of Employment Security, the Illinois State Police, the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General, the Illinois Department of Revenue, the Internal Revenue Service, as well as the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois State's Attorneys Association.

The IDES strongly encourages anyone who has received notice that an unemployment insurance claim has been fraudulently filed in their name to report the claim by calling 800-814-0513.

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# Sports still on hold

## H.S. basketball, football seasons in jeopardy

By JEFF LAMPE  
Weekly Post Staff Writer

The guessing game continues for school sports in Illinois. While a vaccine is being distributed and some parts of the state appear to be headed for less strict COVID-19 mitigations on Friday, there is still much uncertainty about when and if seasons will start.

At present, all IHSA and IESA sports are on a holding pattern. And though both of the sanctioning bodies met with top officials from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Gov. JB Pritzker's staff on Jan. 6, it is uncertain whether sports can resume any time soon.

"We don't necessarily know that all parts of the state can start at the same time and play at the same time, and we don't have clarification of if we can start, what can start," said Matt Troha, an assistant executive director of the IHSA. "It's like with most of this, we don't have any good answers."

The IHSA Board of Directors was to meet Wednesday, Jan. 13, and may have to start ruling out some sports, since time is running short.

"Our Board of Directors is going to have difficult decisions to make regarding the seasons' for medium- and high-risk sports very soon," said Craig Anderson, IHSA Executive Director. "With no specific IDPH timeline or statistical benchmarks established for the return of sports and the calendar shrinking, putting together a puzzle that allows for all sports to be played becomes increasingly improbable. We continue to urge all residents of our state to be diligent in their efforts to adhere to

safety guidelines, as a lower positivity rate remains the key to athletics returning."

Last year when sports were first postponed, the IHSA had talked about basketball season running through Feb. 13, football and volleyball happening Feb. 15 to May 1 and spring sports opening May 3 through June 26.

Delays have made those dates look improbable, though several officials say volleyball appears the most likely to happen.

As IESA Executive Director Steve Endley said, "The calendar always wins."

While nobody has said it openly, most observers doubt the IHSA can fit in boys and girls high school basketball seasons under the current framework, particularly since they are both considered "high-risk." Football and wrestling seasons also look unlikely, given the present restrictions in place for high-risk sports. Could football be called off to allow for a basketball season? Or vice versa? Could girls basketball be sacrificed to allow for volleyball, which is a lower risk sport?

Another concern is whether there are enough officials if high school and junior high basketball and volleyball seasons are held simultaneously

All those are hard decisions the IHSA board has to face.

"I feel like we're going to play the spring sports [baseball, softball and track and field], and maybe in the next week or two start some bowling and swimming and badminton," Troha said. "But I'm starting to worry about if we are allowed to play football in the fall."

Yes, he said next fall, not this spring.

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