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Are windmills coming to Peoria County?

While on a recent drive from Brimfield to Kewanee, I happened to notice two new towers in fields north and west of Brimfield. I recognized them as meteorological towers, temporary structures that appear for a year or two before a flock of wind turbines settles in.

I am familiar with meteorological towers because they popped up around Galva and Bishop Hill when I lived there over a



Ron
DIETER

decade ago. They were soon followed by a bevy of giant windmills.

A meteorological tower, “met tower” for short, is set up to measure the wind resources in the surrounding area. Attached to the met tower are wind direction vanes, anemometers – small, twirly things that measure wind speed – and a number of other instruments measuring temperatures and pressures. Wind energy companies set up a number of met towers in an area to see if it’s suitable for a wind farm.

Anyone who has lived around here for any length of time knows there’s plenty of wind. If you live out in the country you’ve no doubt spent a good amount of

time raking up corn husks and stalks that the wind has harvested from neighboring fields and dumped in your shrubbery. The met towers will likely confirm what we already know. It’s windy around here.

Before the met towers could be erected, Four Creeks, LLC, the company building them, obtained zoning approval from Peoria County to construct three towers, located north and northwest of Brimfield. One is in Princeville Township southeast of the corner of Maher and Laura Roads, another is in Brimfield Township near the corner of Forney and Brimfield Roads, and a third one is located south of Laura

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This is one of three meteorological towers erected north of Brimfield in recent months.

MURAL WILL BE REDONE



Brimfield mural to get a facelift

By **KEITH SHERMAN**
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The familiar mural on the west-facing wall of Sherman Pharmacy is getting a facelift at age 45.

In 1977, Bernadine Tucker and her high school art class painted the mural from a postcard which depicted Brimfield in 1909.

The Brimfield art class in 2001 refreshed the mural.

Through the years, wedding proposals and wedding parties have used the mural as a backdrop to record those historic events. Many visitors have had their pictures taken with the mural.

But rain, ice, hail, wind and extreme temperatures have battered

the mural. While it has prevailed, the mural is showing wear and tear. In order to refresh this part of Brimfield history, building owners have decided to restore the community treasure.

Sherman’s Pharmacy has contracted a contractor to repair major cracks in the wall. Keith

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Elmwood board hears pitch for industrial arts

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – After approving steps toward issuing \$2.34 million of bonds for a long-awaited HVAC project in the elementary school, the Elmwood School Board heard a pitch for another much-discussed project at its Monday meeting.

Board member Claude Keefer outlined his vision for a new 30x100 building that would adjoin the current 1,200-square-foot space allocated for Ag, Industrial Arts and trades education on the east side of the school complex.

“This project has been on the radar for some time,” Keefer said. “The key is to get the kids enough hands-on to get them excited. We need to create excitement with the opportunity to learn.”

The building would include work stations and storage for tools, but would provide plenty of open space that Keefer said would be a “flexible shared space” for projects that are not possible in the current Ag/IA room.

“It’s like trying to build something in your bathroom,” Keefer said.

Keefer said his plan is to raise money so that construction of the new facility would not cost the school district anything. Keefer said he has already had three people offer financial assistance. He would like to have pledges in place by November so site construction could start in April of 2023.

Board members spoke enthusiastically about the project and agreed the

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WINDMILLS: ConnectGen is the developer

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in Millbrook township near the corner of Routes 78 and 150.

A public notice regarding the zoning application was published in the Weekly Post on Nov. 18, 2021. Four Creeks is a subsidiary of ConnectGen, a wind farm developer headquartered in Houston, Texas.

Since the met towers are now up and running, I think it's safe to assume wind turbines will be popping up like dandelions within the next couple years, pending county approval. Word is that several landowners have already signed contracts with Connect Gen.

Peoria County's code of ordinances, section 7.2, covers the placement, construction and operation of "wind energy conversion systems."

Although Four Creeks appears to focus on the northwest corner of Peoria County, I wouldn't be surprised to see it creep into the flat open fields of neighboring Stark and Knox counties too.

And the Florida-based NextEra Energy company has shown an interest in developing a wind farm that it says would stretch from western Peoria County into Fulton County. So what can those huge wind turbines do for us when the wind is blowing? The U.S. government says just one of those big fans can power nearly a thousand homes.

The largest wind turbine in the world, according to Guinness, is in the Netherlands. It's 853 feet tall with a rotor diameter of 721 feet. Just one rotation generates enough juice to power an average home for two days. For comparison, the tallest buildings in Peoria, the Twin Towers, are a mere 308 feet.

There are already hundreds of wind turbines operating in nearby counties. To the north, the Bishop Hill wind farm, owned by Warren Buffet's BHE Renewables, has 133 turbines sprinkled over 22,000 acres of Henry County farmland. That field of turbines has been generating power for more than 10 years. At night, looking north from Brimfield, I can see blinking red lights atop those towers.

To the northeast, 100 turbines make up the Camp Grove Wind Farm which occupies farmland in Stark

and Marshall counties. And farther north, the Walnut Ridge Wind Farm, another BHE project, covers 14,000 acres of north central Bureau County with 106 turbines.

Statewide there are more than 3,000 wind turbines spinning in the breeze producing enough electricity to power 1.2 million homes. Illinois' wind turbines produce about 8 percent of our in-state generated electricity.

Wind farms are seen as a blessing by some and a curse by others. Critics wonder if the taxpayer-subsidized project will still be profitable when the cost is transferred from our tax bill to our electric bill. Green energy proponents say wind and solar reduce our need for fossil fuels.

Next issue, I'll delve into what a wind farm means to the local community. Boon or boondoggle? We'll see.

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This Week's Hot Picks

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Brimfield Area Men’s Club & American Legion cat-fish and shrimp fry will be held April 8, 5-7:30 p.m.

• **Free Movie** – The Palace Theatre has a free showing of “The Wizard of Oz” Saturday, April 2, at 1 p.m. as a customer appreciation event for the theater’s seventh year in business. Free small popcorn and prizes. All are welcome.

This Week's Events

• **MANNA Meal** – MANNA meal is the last Thursday of the month, including March 31, at noon at Elmwood United Methodist Church. Bring table service. Cost \$6.

• **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays, 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4.

Classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville’s Lillie M. Evans Library.

• **Bread Monk** – The Bread Monk, Father Dominic Garramone, will present a free program incorporating bread, stories and famous works of literature on Wednesday, April 6, at 6 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library. No registration required.

Publicize Your Event

Call us at (309) 741-9790 or email information about your upcoming event to us at news@wklypost.com.

Future Events

• **Book Group** – Readers Book Group (age 18 and older) meets April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Elmwood’s Morrison & Mary Wiley Library to discuss “The Invisible Life of

Addie LaRue” by V.E. Schwab.

• **Easter Events** – Elmwood Kiwanis will host a 9 a.m. Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 9, at Elmwood’s Central Park followed by a 10:30 a.m. free showing of “Peter Rabbit” at the Elmwood Palace Theatre.

• **Band Concert** – The Farmington Junior High Band has free 1:30 p.m. concerts April 11 (7th and 8th grade) and April 25 (6th grade) on the lawn at Courtyard Estates of Farmington, 1000 E. Fort St.

• **Antler Contest** – Elmwood Insurance Services, LLC has a shed antler contest through April 15. Bring sheds to 124 E. Main St. in Elmwood.

• **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo the second and fourth Thursday each month at 2 p.m..

• **Food Pantry** – Elmwood United Methodist Church food pantry is open the last Friday each month, from 10-11 a.m.

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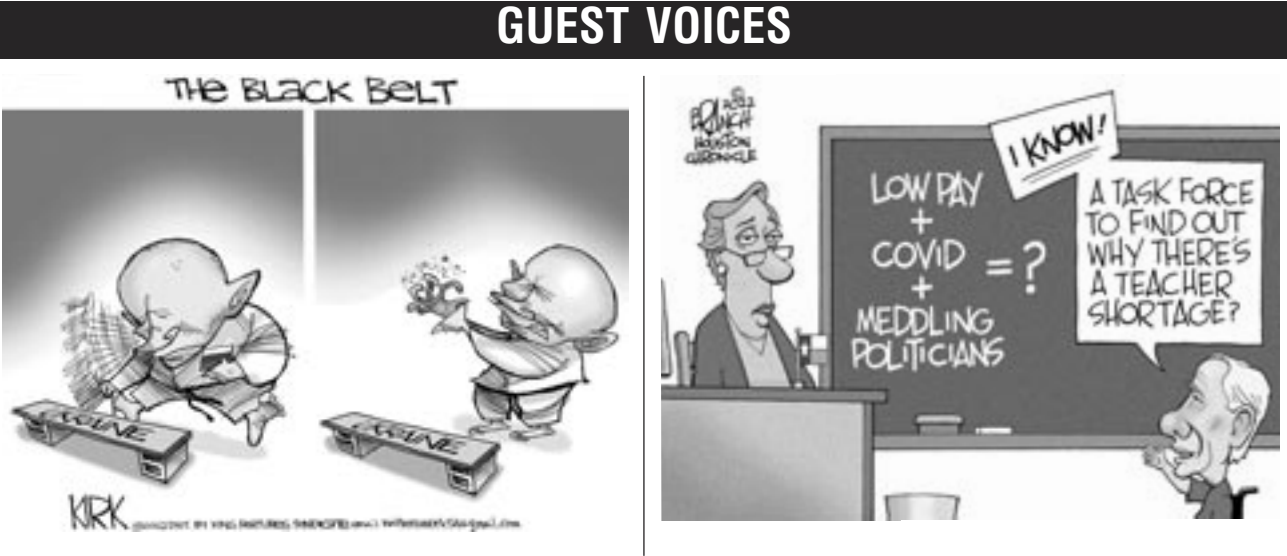
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Ode to a ‘line-o-type’

As a teen in the 1950s, I worked after school and weekends at my dad’s small-town weekly newspaper. I am reminded of those days of “hot metal type” in the back shop, as I observe the fast-fading institution of the community newspaper. There were 16,000 or so weeklies across our nation back then, in burgs tiny and larger; fewer than half remain.

In my lifetime, printing technology has moved, you might say, from the Industrial Revolution to the Space Age. On the community news side, we have morphed from the



Jim
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straightforward reportage of the city council meeting, and weddings of your neighbors’ kids, to the oft-uncontrolled acidity of Facebook, which often “lights up” with uninformed, kneejerk commentary.

My job was to help put out the paper, not write it, so forgive me as I step through the door from the front office to the back shop. My nostrils fill with the pungent, metallic brew of printer’s ink, gasoline (to clean ink off old forms), paper dust, acrid effusions from the Linotype machine, and tobacco smoke. I gladly take another deep draught. After all, the intoxicating scent of the newspaper shop tells me important work is going on here: The town’s weekly is produced here, with nearly every household a subscriber, even if a farm wife had to barter eggs with Dad.

I don my grey apron, slip a capable, steel make-up rule in the front pocket (to scrape lead tailings off the galleys of fresh type), and put a foot-long, metal line gauge in my back pocket (with its printer’s measure of “ens” and “ems,” six of the latter to an inch). I am ready for work, joining the other two high school “printer’s devils.”

The small back shop (maybe 20x60’) is crammed with dangerous, pre-OSHA machinery – hand-fed “job” presses; saw and router

for shaping ads from cast-lead “guts” for national advertisers like General Motors and Ford; California job cases that held the movable type (you’ve seen the case drawers in antique stores); stone-top tables for making up pages; belt-driven paper cutter, and more.

And, of course, the “big” newspaper press. Ours was a 19th Century flatbed, cylinder press. I stood on a three-step riser to feed sheets the size of four pages of this newspaper (on one side) onto a rotating cylinder, which would meet the moving flat bed of newspaper pages rumbling back and forth beneath me. I used a bit a glycerin to keep the third finger of my right hand sticky, so I could lift a corner of the big sheet, flick it, creating a small rush of air, just enough to loosen the sheet from the stack, which I then slid down to the guides to meet the cylinder.

The aristocrat of the machinery was the Linotype machine. Patented by Otto Mergenthaler in 1884, the roughly 6’x6’ iron-and-steel behemoth may have been the greatest advance in printing technology since Gutenberg. The machine replaced hand-setting of type via a spectacular orchestration of hundreds of moving parts. As a backup Linotype operator, I felt much like a church organist, the grand machine above and surrounding me.

The large keyboard was different from the typewriter, and efficient. Lower-case keys on the left, the vowels all close to the third and fourth fingers of the left hand; upper-case letters on the right. The operator lightly tapped a key, which released a vertical, slender piece of brass, called a matrice, or mat, with a letter indented into one side. The mats came tumbling down on a slender belt, from their temporary storage above, into an expandable metal box, where the mats formed a line of type.

This line of type was transported to a place in front of a pot of liquid lead, where type and pot came together briefly, lead injected into a bar, against the indented, now raised, letters, or type. The bars were ejected, still hot, onto a tray

with other lines of type. Ingenious, until the 1960s, when even more efficient “cold type” and offset printing came along.

Out in the front office, Dad and his one reporter would cover the school board and city council meetings. The news office was located on the town’s main street and had big plate glass windows. So, whenever news broke, Dad would take a large sheet of newsprint (paper) and use a grease pen to write out the news that “Harold Settles died this morning at 7 a.m.” and of course the local election results, hot from the county clerk’s office down the street. Cars drove by our office at a snail’s pace, to read the latest from Dad’s sheets, hung on a wire with clothespins in the front window.

Each week, Eileen Benedict would make endless phone calls to a list of townspeople. “You have any news this week?” This became the page, or more, of “Personals,” e.g.: “George and Effie Bort motored to Peoria Sunday after church to enjoy chicken dinner with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bort. The Donald Borts reported their son Raymond had just completed basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood and was expecting orders to Korea.” This was the Facebook of its day. Newsy, civil.

Thanks for letting me reminisce. Dad’s paper was important to our town, the glue that bound us. The paper wasn’t perfect. Dad protected the main street businessmen and their peccadilloes from print – he couldn’t afford to lose their advertising. But overall, the paper was invaluable.

Small town folks today are wrestling with how to replace community newspapers. Paper will likely be gone, as Facebook and digital platforms spew endless “information.” But who will cover the city council? Who will opine with some authority about the best candidates for the school board? Who will provide the glue, and not the acid?

Jim Nowlan grew up in the Stark County News, Toulon, Illinois. He is a former small-town newspaper publisher, professor, and politician.

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Big Food makes Big Ag look like a piker

If you think Big Ag has too few suppliers, too few buyers, and too few farmers and ranchers, you need to meet Big Food. It is bigtime big. Who is Big Food?

That straightforward question was tackled by academics, journalists, and legal professionals in a day-long conference on March 12, titled “Re-forming America’s Retail Food Markets,” at the Yale University Law School.

The conference’s five panels examined everything from how food-selling firms share market information to antitrust enforcement to challenging today’s food giants with regional food hubs.

The panel I moderated, a 75-minute, four-presentation discussion of “Competition Issues” in food retailing, offered a guide to how food manufacturers and retailers have developed a mutually beneficial relationship since the 1990s to maximize their efficiency and profit while limiting, or even excluding, competitors from stores and entire regions.

The panel’s various presentation titles allude to their eye-opening revelations: “Anticompetitive Challenge: The Power of Category Captains,” “Kickbacks and Corporate Concentration: Exclusionary Discounts,” and “Strategies to Combat Exclusionary Slotting Fees in Grocery Retail.”

I know, what’s a category captain, slotting fee, and “exclusionary discount”?

Exactly the conference’s point: Few Americans would know a cate-

gory captain from Captain Kirk and yet arrangements like these dominate the U.S. food retail market.

For example, according to authors Claire Kelloway and Matthew Buck, four retailers sold 21 percent of all U.S. groceries in 1991. In 2019, the top four sold 69 percent of all groceries.

Also, the pair noted, four firms “claimed” more than 60 percent of the top “55 grocery categories” and “that many top conglomerates such as Kraft Heinz, General Mills, PepsiCo and Unilever were among the top four leaders in more than five different categories.”

That widespread presence is fertile ground for “exclusive dealing and other forms of exclusionary payments or arrangements.” One such arrangement has big food makers “offering rebates [to retailers] tied to reaching a set sales volume...”

In short, the sheer size of the big food makers puts them in a position to limit or keep their competitors off retailers’ shelves by offering “exclusionary deals” that can “leave less than 25 percent of a given category’s spending open to competitors and new entrants.”

And – so far, anyway – it’s legal because “Retailers’ reliance on revenue or savings from fees and services” from these arrangements “... also means that these payments do not have explicit, contractual exclusionary agreements...”

That’s as equally clever and profitable for Big Food as it is hidden and costly for little you and me.

Equally revealing is the idea of a grocery store or retail chain turning over its produce or meat department to a “category captain.”

Two of the Yale presenters, Riley Krotz, a professor at Texas Tech University, and Gregory Gundlach,

a both an attorney and professor at the University of Northern Florida, described a category captain (CC) as a vendor that “offers its expertise and resources in return for the ability to actively participate and influence decisions in the planning and management of a retail category – including decisions involving rival competitors.”

Imagine how valuable it would be for Tyson Foods to operate your local grocery store’s meat department or for General Mills to manage a grocery chain’s breakfast shelves.

Now stop imagining: “Today, CCs are common in the \$635 billion U.S. consumer goods and food retail market where their role is expanding to include adjacent categories, entire aisles... and in e-commerce where their retail [presence] is expected to grow...”

As these two small snippets from just one panel of the Yale conference show, what we eaters don’t know about today’s massive food retailing sector would kill a bull. Worse, that ignorance costs every American every time they enter a grocery store or shop online.

That goes double for farmers and ranchers who often are blamed for increased food costs even though – like today – they get nicked on the front side by increased production costs and on the back side by increased grocery costs.

Links to the conference’s presentations and papers are posted at farmandfoodfile.com.

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Death at elevator under investigation

WILLIAMSFIELD – Knox County Sheriff’s Detective Sergeant Brad Davis said he is still involved in an investigation into the death of

Harold R. Bell, 58, of Laura. Bell was at the Ag-Land FS Grain Elevator in Williamsfield when he died on March 16. Davis said he is awaiting a final autopsy report that includes toxicology results before he can finish his investigation. He anticipated a final report “within a few weeks.” Bell had worked at the elevator

for nearly 25 years. Clay Liesman of Ag-Land FS, Inc. had no comment on the matter. Police report • FARMINGTON – Miranda M. Whiteside, 24, was charged on March 24 with failure to appear in court, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s report.

Secure your farm’s security by knowing rights

By JUDY MAE BINGMAN
University of Illinois Extension
URBANA – Legal risks can be fatal to a farm business. Understanding legal issues can dispel anxiety and help farmers realize their power to control their circumstances. University of Illinois Extension is partnering with Farm Commons for a four-part series on legal issues for farms. “Every farm or ranch no matter its size, location, or longevity is in a great position to build resilience,” says Kathryn Pereira, Illinois Extension local foods system small farms educator. Farm Commons is a nonprofit organization that assists farmers to solve their own business law challenges in a community of support. Farm Commons Executive Director Rachel Armstrong will provide the interactive workshops, including time for questions from participants. Those interested can register at go.illinois.edu/protectyourfarm. If

you will need an accommodation in order to participate, email Kathryn Pereira at kpereira@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet access needs. Each session begins at 7 p.m. and lasts for one hour. As the founder and executive director of Farm Commons, Rachel Armstrong leads workshops for farmers nationwide and created the organization’s innovative approach to farm law risk reduction. She has authored publications on farm law matters for farmers, alongside several academic and trade publications for attorneys. The four workshops include: April 25 – 5 Steps to Protect Your Farm A few key steps provide a big impact when it comes to the farm or ranch’s protection from legal risks. Every farm or ranch, no matter its size, location, or longevity, is in a great position to build resilience.

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1 Hero-worship

8 Not — (fair to middling)

13 Gave a prize to

20 Big name in cassette tapes, once

21 Bad booze

22 “Wouldn’t it Be —” (“My Fair Lady” song)

23 Start of a riddle

26 Came after that

27 Violin master

28 Library no-no

29 Affair

32 “Every day — new day”

33 ET’s craft

34 Brief tussle

36 Riddle, part 2

44 Not wholly

45 “Cool” moola amount

46 Bottom

47 Pro-school go

48 “Hi, Don Ho!”

49 Tease in fun

51 Store window info: Abbr.

52 Smeared all over

55 Riddle, part 3

57 — bah (big wheel: Var.)

58 Reach as far as

59 “On the Beach” novelist

60 Jimmy Dorsey hit

62 More furtive

63 “Uncle Moses” novelist

66 Riddle, part 4

69 Gen — (millennials)

70 Rental for relocation

72 Flip out

73 Feudal toilers

75 Novelty

77 Minner’s title

78 Riddle, part 5

82 Moon of Neptune

83 Be the victor

84 Sci-fi sage

85 Lasso part

86 Suffix with east

87 “Oh, really?”

89 Country singer Tillis

90 Charge to run a promo

91 End of the riddle

97 Firebug’s crime

98 Possible reply to “Are you sure?”

99 “That’s the guy!”

100 Calendar spans: Abbr.

101 Tehran native

104 Candle parts

106 Dominion

109 Riddle’s answer

115 Barbuda’s partner island

116 — two (a few)

117 Books filled with maps

118 Most sharp

119 Space of “3 Women”

120 Pedicure target

DOWN

1 Pal, to Pierre

2 Dict. lookup

3 Thurman of “Kit Bull”

4 Ear feature

5 Make — for it (take off)

6 Tautness

7 Alibi, e.g.

8 Like many horse hooves

9 Reaction to a punch

10 Optimistic

11 Leopardlike animal

12 — McAn (big name in footwear)

13 Format of A/P Radio Network

14 “Alas!”

15 Lemmon/ Wilder comedy

16 Take hold again, as a plant

17 Three, in Munich

18 Yale alumni

19 Bit of force

24 Try, as a case

25 Turkish VIPs of old

29 Wash gently against, as the shore

30 Novelist Calvino

31 Dice toss

33 Infantry division

35 1990s fitness led

37 Tom Cruise’s role in “Mission: Impossible”

38 Get — start (not begin on time)

39 “Sure, put me down for it”

40 Not in the country

41 Neck and neck, scorewise

42 Fix at the vet’s

43 Eva, Magda and Zsa Zsa

49 Objects

50 Middle name of Emerson

51 Rhino’s pair

53 Canon camera series

54 Under oath legally

56 Roman 106

57 Odists, e.g.

58 Swiss canton or its capital

60 Reject rudely

61 Lay new turf on

63 Her niece is Dorothy Gale

64 Shepherd once of “The View”

65 Sounding like a crow

67 Bad blood

68 Prefix with cupid

71 Zodiac feline

74 Italian handbag brand

76 Pouty states

78 Shed feathers

79 Composer Carmichael

80 On the move

81 Many minors

83 Hot dog, informally

84 Rural ascent to a woman

88 Feline in competitions

89 Alment with red spots

90 Confess about

92 Submit, as homework

93 Emergency room sorting

94 Wakie wear

95 “Alas!”

96 Bites lightly

101 “Out of Africa” writer

102 Bit of Viking writing

103 Poker post

105 Corp. money handlers

106 “Climb — Mountain”

107 Make mad

108 Israeli statesman

110 First letters

111 Calendar spans: Abbr.

112 Overtime fee of the USSR

113 Wakie wear

114 Immigrants’ class, in brief

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Williamsfield sophomore earns FFA award

By Weekly Post Staff Reports

WILLIAMSFIELD — Williamsfield High School sophomore Sidney Stiers was selected as the State FFA Proficiency Winner in Food Service for her home-based bakery business, one of her Supervised Agricultural Experiences.

Stiers is a member of the Williamsfield FFA Chapter and owns and operates The Bakery Bin, a cottage food business where she bakes, sells and decorates cakes, cupcakes and cookies for local customers. Her responsibilities have grown to include customer communication, time management, food safety and financial recordkeeping. Among her ingredients, Stiers uses farm-fresh eggs from her poultry project, another Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).

Stiers was selected as the state winner by a committee of agriculture teachers, industry friends, parents and volunteers knowledgeable in this work-based area, who reviewed their records online and then conducted interviews at Eisenhower High School in Decatur on March 26. Stiers is the daughter of Jeff and Joanie Stiers of Williamsfield. Her agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor is Kent Rigg.

Stiers was previously chosen as chapter, section and district awardee in this area. She has been involved in many agricultural education and FFA activities, including service as re-



Stiers

porter of her FFA Chapter, attendance at FFA leadership conferences, volunteerism at the Ag Day Festival and participation in several career development events. In 2021, she was national winner of the FFA Creed-Speaking Competition.

Stiers will receive a state plaque for her accomplishments and be celebrated for her achievement during a ceremony with a personalized video recording in June at the State FFA Convention in Springfield.

Illinois FFA recognizes students in 47 different areas based on their work-based learning, also known as SAEs. FFA members who demonstrate outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through record-keeping, leadership, and scholastic achievement may be considered for a proficiency award.

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Pritzker honors 100 years of Illinois State Police

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — From his ceremonial office at the Capitol Tuesday, Gov. JB Pritzker proclaimed the 12-month period beginning April 1 as the Illinois State Police centennial year, ordering

the ISP flag to fly atop the Capitol dome for the month of April.

The news conference in Pritzker’s office followed an appearance on the Capitol’s east lawn, where a fleet of new black-and-white squad cars and ISP officers lined up in front of the Abraham Lincoln statue.

Pritzker told a story of an ISP that formed in 1922 to “maintain order and safety on its massive number of newly paved roads.” ISP Director Brendan Kelly said the

first class of ISP troopers consisted of eight individuals driving motorcycles “that were left over from the First World War.”

“It’s safe to say the Illinois State Police has changed an awful lot since then, as threats have evolved over the decades. As our understanding of public safety has expanded, so too have the duties of the Illinois State Police,” Pritzker said.

Pritzker said ISP duties now include “forensic testing, crime scene services, investigations, intel-

ligence, cybersecurity, disaster response and a spectrum of support for all local law enforcement throughout the state.”

The centennial event came amid a political backdrop in which crime and the state’s response to it is top of mind in the early stages of the 2022 campaign season.

That much has been evident in the campaign materials from Pritzker’s Republican challengers who are aiming to peg Democrats as soft on crime.

BRIMFIELD: Wall Dogs to restore mural

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Wagner of Brimfield and others have agreed to scrape, repair, prime and paint the area around the mural.

Finally, the Walldogs led by Doug Haffner of Wyoming will be restoring the mural to its original condition. The Walldogs have restored and completed numerous murals in many Illinois cities, including Kewanee, Princeton, Pontiac, Elmwood, Arcola and Toulon. The group has also done work in South Dakota, Oklahoma and other states.

Hopefully, when completed, the mural will serve the community for another 45 years.

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ELMWOOD: TIF extension meeting today

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next step is to come up with estimated costs for the building.
Keefer, who has organized the one-day Trojan Tool Day event that introduces Elmwood students to various aspects of the trades, called the proposed building, “Tool Day on steroids.”

One major difficulty could be finding a teacher for the Industrial Arts program, since there are currently at least 20 such openings around the state, Keefer said.

“I think this is the icing on the cake” of previous school facility improvements, Board President Val Ramirez said. “I really hope we can make this happen in our community.”

In other business, Superintendent Chad Wagner said he would be attending a 4 p.m. meeting today, March 31, regarding the extension of Elmwood’s TIF 2, which encompasses the downtown area.

The city has proposed a four-year extension of the TIF. Wagner said that equates to about \$52,000 per year in tax money that the school does not col-



Here is an artist's rendition of a proposed new 30x100 foot building that would provide additional space for Ag, Industrial Arts and trades programs in the Elmwood School District.

lect due to the TIF. Wagner said preliminary discussions have shown a willingness by the city to give some of the TIF funds back to the school prior to expiration of the district.

“I would support an extension if it means the city is giving some funds back to the school,” he said.

Wagner noted the larger tax windfall will come after the expiration of TIF 1 in 2026. At that time, he said, the school district should start receiving about \$300,000 in taxes.

The school board also welcomed Elmwood resident Erin Magee, who has been hired as a K-6 math teacher to replace the retiring Diane Burwell. Magee lives in Elmwood and has taught for

eight years at Bartonville’s Monroe School.

Other hirings approved include: Christopher Conlee as elementary PE teacher, Lauren Stephens as elementary Bright Futures teacher, Kimberly Cook as a junior high aide for the rest of 2021-22, Jim Valla as academic progress specialist/interventionist for the rest of 2021-22, Todd Hollis as junior high boys assistant track coach for 2021-22, Tiffany Bell as 5th-6th grade scholastic bowl coach and Vicki Warner as junior high cheerleading coach.

The board also heard that tenure would be extended next school year to teachers Jon Huene, Laura Stewart, Luke Pratt and Lindsey Coppernoll.

Finally, the June board meeting was moved to June 20.

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Beware the dangers of Big Red ‘morels’

By GRETCHEN STEELE
For The Weekly Post

Big Reds, Beefsteaks, Brains, Red Morels, these odd-looking mushrooms that usually flush at the beginning of morel season, go by many different colloquial names.

The truth is they are in no way at all related to morels. These mushrooms are part of the the Gyromitra genus and superficially resemble the morels. Adding to the confusion for foragers, “Big Reds” are often found in roughly the same areas and weather conditions as the true morels. The two generally grow near one another. In Illinois, Big Reds are most often found at the very base of trees, stumps, or along with fallen logs.

There’s lots of confusion when folks start finding these. Technically, they are NOT considered edible. Yet anecdotal stories abound about how they are considered prized edibles in some areas and some cultures. Now that’s confusing, isn’t it?

So often I am told, “My grandma fixed these for us every spring; there’s no trouble eating them.”

I’ve gotten many an eye roll from fellow foragers who insist they’ve eaten them for years with no effects.

“Just gotta cook ’em right,” fellow foragers mutter, sigh and shake their heads at my cautionary statements.

The difficulties with these often huge mushrooms are many. That’s why I do not recommend them as edible. Photograph them, dissect and explore them, try to learn as much as you can about them, but don’t eat the darn things!

According to mushroom expert Tom Volk’s, website: “Eight to ten species of Gyromitra exist on the North American continent and about two or three in Europe. Although they are much sought after in Europe as an edible species (Gyromitra esculenta), 2 to 4 percent of all mushroom fatalities are associated with them. It is not clear whether the same species occurs in North America, although we call one species here by that name. The active ingredient is called gyromitrin (N-methyl-N-formylhydrazine), which is metabolized to monomethylhydrazine (rocket fuel!) in the body. Eaten raw, most of the Gyromitra spp. are quite poisonous. In an attempt to prevent poisoning caused by ingesting the mushrooms, they are usually par-boiled to evaporate the gyromitrin, which gives off a chocolaty odor. The process is usually repeated twice, with the water being discarded each time. However, the volatile chemical can be inhaled through the nose, and enough can be left in the



While Big Reds are cool to photograph and help provide an indication that more desirable morel mushrooms should be emerging, they are not considered safe to eat. Big Reds are not actually morels and can cause poisoning and can damage the central nervous system. Photo by Gretchen Steele.

mushrooms to cause illness when eaten. So just standing near the boiling pot of mushrooms can cause problems, and there is still the possibility of poisoning by ingestion.”

But how does all that jive with the many people who have eaten them without difficulty, especially in southern Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas? I’ve probably had more arguments over these mushrooms and their safety and edibility than any other variety.

I have often wondered if the ones that grow in those areas are Gyromitra caroliniana; of all the Gyromitra species, it appears to have the very lowest levels of gyromitrin. But can you be sure that is the species? Can you be certain that it contains low levels of the toxin – no, you can’t. It’s not something you can easily and quickly test in the field. To determine exactly which species of Gyromitra you have in front of you takes some work as well advanced and spot-on mushroom ID skills.

The other tricky part of consuming these mushrooms is that the effects of the toxin are cumulative, and none of us know when we will hit the threshold. Is it 6 meals or 66? Maybe even the first one will be the one that gets you.

There are so many ifs, buts and unknowns that go with these mushrooms that I never recommend them as edible. Do I still pick them? Yes. Even I ate them for years after some medications damaged my liver. But ultimately I decided not to continue to tempt fate. These mushrooms can also be toxic to the central nervous system. I have enough central nervous system damage from Multiple Sclerosis, so for me, it just didn’t

seem prudent to continue eating them.

My best advice – Don’t eat them. If you have always eaten the “Big Reds,” good for you. Be aware that someday it may really bite you in the fanny. If you’ve never eaten this type of mushroom, don’t suddenly decide to be adventurous and give it a whirl.

These false morels are not without worth, though. They make for pretty interesting photographic subjects. False morels are also a good indicator that you are in true morel territory. Remember that true morels can often be very close by when you find false morels like the Big Reds.

Indeed, if the Big Reds are flushing, true morels likely are having good flushes as well. Use the Big Reds to aid you in your hunt for regular morels.

I’m always interested in historic foods from Illinois, wild foods and their cultural aspects. Food involves so much more than just a recipe or two. This particular mushroom and the long-standing argument regarding its anecdotal edibility fascinate me.

Let us not forget my usual disclaimer about consuming wild edibles in any class I teach or article I write. Be sure you have correctly identified your foraged goodies. Try only a tiny amount at first. Have an experienced forager double-check what’s in your bag or basket.

Have you eaten Big Reds? How did you prepare them? Is it a mushroom you have long enjoyed? I’m trying to gather experiences and see how far north false morels are eaten with no difficulty, so tell me about your experiences, please!

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Knox Co. survey to gauge Internet adequacy

By Weekly News Staff Reports

Knox County’s Broadband Steering Team is conducting a survey to identify the extent and reliability of access to high-speed broadband internet service across the county.

The survey will run throughout the month of April and can be taken online or on paper. The online version will include a speed test to document the actual quality of internet service at homes and businesses across the county.

Answers to this survey will help identify areas where broadband internet access is unreliable or unavailable, as well as what the people of Knox County need broadband to do for them on a daily basis.

These results will help the steering team and county leaders determine the areas that need additional support in providing citizens with the broadband capacity needed to grow the economy and meet their educational, healthcare and other needs.

Starting April 1, Knox County residents can take the survey online at go.illinois.edu/KnoxSurvey.

Paper versions can be requested at knoxbroadbandsurvey@knoxcountyil.gov. Paper copies will also be available at public libraries in the county, as well as at the following locations in Galesburg: Knox County Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Road; Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development, 200 E. Main St., #200; Galesburg Community Foundation, 246 E. Main St., #101.

According to David Amor, Knox County Board vice chair and convener of the Broadband Steering Team, results will assist Knox County in working with internet service providers to secure federal and state funds to extend and improve broadband access.

“Affordable, reliable high-speed broadband service to homes and businesses is absolutely necessary to meet educational, business, farming, healthcare and other needs in the 21st century,” Amor said.


While many of the cities and villages in Knox County have broadband infrastructure capable of

meeting the federal benchmark of 100/20 megabyte upload and download speeds, many rural and unincorporated areas remain un- or underserved.

Even many areas that on paper appear to be adequately served are in fact seriously deficient in reliable internet service.

Steering team participants represent the Knox County Board, the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development, the Knox County Farm Bureau, University of Illinois Extension, Galesburg Community Foundation, Knox County Township Officials Association, ROWVA School District, Williamsfield School District, West Central FS, Oneida Telephone Exchange, MidCentury Communications, Comcast and Broadband Wave LLC.

Knox County is participating in the Illinois Office of Broadband’s Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Planning Program, conducted by the Benton Institute for Broadband and Society and Heartland Forward.



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Corn, soybean leaders push for more biofuels

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

While the U.S. scrambles to fill the void in the oil market created by the ban of Russian imports, commodity group leaders believe the solution is closer to home than Venezuela or Saudi Arabia.

“If ever there was a time that underscores the need to expand biofuels, this is the time,” Steve Censky, CEO of the American Soybean Association and former USDA deputy secretary, said at Commodity Classic in New Orleans.

Jon Doggett, CEO of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), echoed those comments when it comes to ethanol.

“President Biden doesn’t need to call Venezuela or Saudi Arabia to get more oil,” Doggett said at Classic, billed as America’s largest agricultural and educational experience created by farmers, for farmers.

“Why go to them when

we have renewable energy here that’s good for the environment?”

Both ag group leaders believe there’s plenty of capacity to expand production of biodiesel and ethanol despite tightening global crop stocks.

If a third of the E10 gasoline sold in the U.S. was ratcheted up to an E15 blend, the increase would more than compensate for all the oil and energy previously imported from Russia, according to Doggett.

The U.S. banned energy imports from Russia this month in response to its invasion of Ukraine.

A bipartisan group of U.S. senators recently introduced a bill, the Home Front Energy Independence Act, which would do that and more.

The Energy Independence Act would make sales of E15 year-round permanent, create a tax credit for higher blends of biofuels, streamline E15 labeling, provide infras-

tructure funding and extend the biodiesel tax credit three more years.

“The uncertainty of the situation in Ukraine underscores the need for more homegrown biofuels to displace the oil we import from Russia,” said Emily Skor, CEO of Growth Energy.

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Nancy J. Bird

PRINCEVILLE – Nancy Jean Bird, 88, of Princeville, passed away at 1:06 a.m. Monday, March 28, 2022, at Henry Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Henry.

She was born on April 28, 1933 in Knox County, Ill., to parents Dolph and Dottie (Heck) Clark. She married Carlyle Bird in Knoxville, Ill., on Sept. 27, 1951. He preceded her in death on Oct. 1, 1990.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Kathy (Glenn) Mendell of Ottawa; son, James (Debbie) Bird of Princeville; seven grandchildren, Matthew Johnston, Lisa (Ryan) Woods, Sara (Billy) Troccoli, Josh (Kim) Bird, Jamie (Matt) Lauber, Jason Bird and Joni (Shawn) Goodwin; 15 great-grandchildren, Caitlyn, Madelyn, Hadlee, Grayson, Emma, Kyle, Izzy, Olivia, Jasmine, Cariah, Kaylee, Blake, Oliver, Deacon and Tate; and one brother, Paul (Dora Jean) Clark of Gilson.

She was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Bird; one daughter, Linda Johnston; one son-in-law, Tom Johnston; one granddaughter, Stacy Johnston; four brothers; one sister; and two infant sisters.

Nancy was a member of the Princeville United Methodist Church and led the Princeville Woman's Club for many years. She enjoyed working on the farm, walking the fence, canning and feeding and caring for the cattle. Family was everything to Nancy and she cherished the time spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Yates City Cemetery. Rev. Zach Waldis will officiate. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.



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Memorial contributions may be made to the Princeville United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be left for Nancy's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Charlene M. Bollinger


FARMINGTON – Charlene Marie Bollinger, 86, of Farmington, Ill., passed away at 12:11 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, 2022, in her home. She was born on Jan. 9, 1936, in London Mills, Ill., a daughter of Charles and Blanche (Murphy) Reed. She married the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Ernest Bollinger on July 13, 1952, in Farmington. He preceded her in death on April 24, 2018.

Charlene is also preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by three children; Robert "Bob" (Tina) Bollinger of Elmwood, Greg (Michelle "Miki") Bollinger of Plainfield and Cynthia Myers of Farmington; six grandchildren, Cory (Marisa) Bollinger of East Peoria, Scott (Jennifer) Slayton of Elmwood, Christina (Todd) Lasswell of Havana, David (Joni West) Slayton of Canton and Aiden and Avery Bollinger of Plainfield; 13 great grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lyle "Tom" (Rose) Reed of Farmington and Wayne (Nancy) Reed of Farmington; and one sister, Carol Roberts of Farmington.

Charlene spent her entire life caring for her family as a very devoted Wife, Mom, Grandma and Ma. She will be greatly missed by her family.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington. A visitation will be held the same day from 11 a.m. to



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noon. Rev. Robert Henderson will officiate. Burial will follow services at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington. Memorials may be made to the Farmington Rescue Squad 1100.

To view Charlene's DVD or to make online condolences please visit www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

Steven M. Brackett

FARMINGTON – Steven M. Brackett, 61, of Farmington passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at his residence.

He was born May 26, 1960, in Peoria to Larry K. and Peggy M. Broadfield Brackett. His father preceded him in death.

He married Rhonda K. Leach March 28, 1981, in Peoria; she survives. He is also survived by his children, Brandon (Julia) Brackett, Wesley (Krysta) Brackett and Brittney (Zach) Bomhold; grandchildren, Conner Brackett, Chloe Brackett, Olivia Brackett, Foster Brackett and Lola Brackett; step-grandchildren, Carson Myers and Mary Bomhold; and siblings, Mike Brackett and Teri (Keith) Butler.

A celebration of life was March 26 at the Hanna City Community Center.

Online condolences may be made at csmico.com.

Eleanor D. Chudoba

MAQUON – Eleanor D. Chudoba, 80, of Maquon, died March 21, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on July 13, 1941, in Niagara Falls, N.Y., to Virgil and Elizabeth (Felder) Balcom.

She is survived by 2 children, Mark (Laurie) Chudoba and Elizabeth (Howard) Cooper; 1 son-in-law, Edwin Lebron; 12 grand- children, Caleb, Kira, Emily, Adara, Marianne, Kaitlyn, Joshua, Alexis, Brody, Luke, Sydney and Samantha; and 1 great-grandchild, James.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Becky Lebron; and one sister, Evelyn Larue.

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corded. A Celebration of Life was March 24, 2022, at the Farmington Baptist Church.

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

William J. Kauzlarich

FARMINGTON – Known far and wide as Bill aka Big K aka Mr. Bill, William J. Kauzlarich, 71, died peacefully on March 24, 2022, at his residence in Farmington, Ill., that he shared with his wife Mary Alice (Sprague). She survives.

Bill was born on Sept. 30, 1950, in the Graham Hospital, Canton, Ill., to Julian & Betty (Stockman) Kauzlarich, both of whom are deceased.

He is also survived by his daughter Jessica (Daniel) Slater of Farmington and two grandchildren, Scarlett and Sebastian Slater. Other survivors include Austin Ensor “the son he never had” also from Farmington, also daughter in-law Heather (Kevin) Cupples of Missouri and step-granddaughters Malloree Hedrick, Rylee Cupples and Kallee Cupples (Coty) all of Iowa.

Bill was an only child, raised on a small farm south of Farmington just down the country road from his paternal grandparents, Tony and Olga Kauzlarich. His small world existed in Fulton County between the small farm life and the small river town of Liverpool, where his mother was from. He always looked forward to going to his Liverpool family for holidays and other events.

This small family of three attended St. Matthew Catholic Church in Farmington. His most prized childhood possessions were his AM/FM radio and the set of WORLD BOOK Encyclopedias that his parents purchased for the family. The radio introduced him to his beloved Chicago White Sox and his idol Nellie Fox but the Encyclopedia introduced him to the WORLD outside of Farmington, and all the knowledge one little farm boy could muster. This gave him the lust for learning and collecting data and statistics.

Bill attended Farmington School District all the way from first grade through his graduation in 1968 from High School and started his love of “Purple & Gold.”

Even though he played baseball in his youth, he was more of a spectator than a participant. One exception was a story of how he wanted to be on the varsity football team, and he discovered the position of place kicker. So, he built a goalpost at his homestead in which he could practice kicking the football. He did earn a place on the football team and was proud of that honor.

At his last class reunion, he had the honor of inviting his High School Coach Ron Ellberg to attend and personally thanked him for letting him try out for the team.

Another memory he had was on his 17th birthday, friends from high school invited him to attend his very first baseball game in St. Louis. It would be hard to count how many baseball games he has attended since.

He attended Western Illinois Uni-

versity, again proud of the “Purple & Gold.” But he heard that the Midland Coal Company was hiring, and at that time the mine was one of the top companies around Fulton County to get a job, not only because of the pay but for the benefits that were offered. Bill worked for the mine for over 20 years, then worked at Caterpillar and Mitsubishi.

His greatest achievement in life was the birth of his daughter. He was a devoted father, and literally took a second shift job so he could be a more active father in her school years. He coached her softball team, never missed her games and plays, took her and her friends on trips, all along passing down his knowledge and love for history, sports trivia, travel and his sense of humor. He was so proud of her and her accomplishments, but especially for making him a Papa.

He was known for his humor. It warmed his heart when he evoked a smile or chuckle with one of his many “Bill-isms” and one liners.

It broke his heart that, in the end, the one thing that this horrible cancer took from him was his ability to talk and communicate how incredibly happy he was with all his friendships from over the years.

He is truly a life that was taken way before his time. He had so much more to say.

Private family burial of ashes will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery on Saturday, April 9, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Condolences can be left at www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

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<p>BRIMFIELD Baptist Church of Brimfield Pastor Doug Seeley 321 S. Jefferson St., Brimfield (309) 678-2208 Sun. School: 9:30 am Sun. Worship: 10:40 am Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm</p> <p>St. Joseph Catholic Church Father John Verrier 314 W. Clay, Brimfield (309) 446-3275 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</p> <p>St. Paul’s Lutheran Church The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod “Preaching Christ Crucified” “Liturgical & Reverential” Pastor Michael Liese 204 W. Clay St., Brimfield (309) 446-3233 Sun. Divine Service: 10 am</p> <p>Brimfield E-Free Church Pastor Donald Blasing 11724 Maher Road Brimfield, IL 61517 (309) 446-3571 brimfieldefree.org Worship: 10:30 am Sunday School: 9:30 am</p>	<p>AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm, ages 3-12</p> <p>Brimfield United Methodist Church Pastor Roland Millington 135 S. Galena St., Brimfield (309) 573-1833 Sun. Worship: 9 am Sun. School: 9 am Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm</p> <p>Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ Pastor Stephen Barch 105 W. Clay Street, Brimfield (309) 446-3811 brimfieldunionchurch.org Sunday Worship: 9 am Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm • First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten-free communion offered) • Youth group meets 2nd Sunday each month, 12:30-2 p.m.</p> <p>DAHINDA Dahinda United Methodist Church Pastor Teri Shane 1739 Victoria St., P.O. Box 14 Dahinda, IL 61428 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. <i>(NOTE: Due to COVID-19, cancelled until further notice are: Fellowship & Coffee and Sunday School)</i> Church: (309) 639-2768 Pastor’s Office: (309) 639-2389 Email: williamsfielddahinda@gmail.com</p>	<p>daumc@yahoo.com</p> <p>DOUGLAS Douglas United Methodist Church Pastor Kristine McMillan 484 3rd St. Yates City, IL 61572 (NOTE: Church is in Douglas) Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. (Maquon worship: 10:30 a.m.) <i>Facebook Live is 10:30 at Maquon UM Church page</i></p> <p>EDWARDS Bethany Baptist Church 7422 N. Heinz Ln., Edwards (309) 692-1755 bethanycentral.org Sun. Worship: Inside services at 9 & 10:30 am</p> <p>St. Mary’s Catholic Church Father James Pankiewicz 9910 W. Knox St., Edwards (309) 691-2030 stmaryskickapoo.org Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm Sat. Mass: 4 pm Sun. Masses: 7 & 11:00 am Daily Masses (Mon., Wed. Thurs., Fri.): 8 am</p> <p>ELMWOOD Crossroads Assembly of God Pastor Tim Cavallo 615 E. Ash St., Elmwood (309) 830-4259 crossroadselmwood.org Wed. Worship: 7 pm</p>	<p>Sun. Worship: 10:30 am</p> <p>Elmwood Baptist Church Pastor Bill Cole 701 W. Dearborn St., Elmwood (309) 742-7631, 642-3278 Sunday School: 9:30 am Sun Worship: 10:30 am, 1:15 pm Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 pm</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood Reverend Marla B. Bauler 201 W. Evergreen, Elmwood (309) 742-2631 firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org Sun. Worship: 10:30 am Sun. School: 9:30 am</p> <p>St. Patrick’s Catholic Church Father James Pankiewicz 802 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-4921 Sat. Mass: 5:30 pm Sun. Mass: 9 am Tues. Mass: 8 am Tues. Confession: After mass</p> <p>United Methodist Church of Elmwood Pastor David Pyell 821 W. Main St., Elmwood (309) 742-7221 elmwoodumc.org Sun. Worship: 9 am, 10:30 am Youth Sun. School: 9 am Adult Sun. School: 8 am</p> <p>FARMINGTON Farmington Bible Church Pastor Tony Severine</p>	<p>497 N. Elmwood Rd. Farmington (309) 245-9870 Sunday School: 9:30 Worship Service: 10:30</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church of Farmington 83 N. Cone Street, Farmington (309) 245-2914 firstpresfarmington.com Sunday School: 9:15 am Worship: 10:30 am Live on Facebook also Fellowship: 11:30 am</p> <p>New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God Pastor Tom Wright 1102 N. Illinois Route 78 Farmington (309) 231-8076 Sun. Worship: 10 am Wed. Worship: 7 pm</p> <p>PRINCEVILLE Princeville United Methodist Church Pastor Zach Waldis 420 E. Woertz, Princeville (309) 385-4487 princevilleumc@mediacommbb.net Sun. Worship: 9 am Sunday School: 10:15 am</p> <p>St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church Father Corey Krengiel 119 Saint Mary St., Princeville (309) 385-2578 Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm</p>	<p>Sat. Mass: 4 pm Sun. Mass: 8 and 9 am Tues and Thurs. Daily Mass: 8 am</p> <p>WILLIAMSFIELD St. James Catholic Church Father John Verrier Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N Williamsfield (309) 446-3275 stjameswilliamsfield.org Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 am Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 am in the summer)</p> <p>Williamsfield United Methodist Church Pastor Teresa Shane 430 N. Chicago Ave. Williamsfield (309) 639-2389 Sun. School: 9:30 am Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 am Sun. Worship: 11 am</p> <p>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</p>
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Pages From The Past

Compiled by Walter Lampe

5 Years Ago

• The Elmwood Board of Education on Monday reached consensus on colors for the exterior and interior of its Phase 2 construction, using a blend of school colors, accent grays and brick.

10 Years Ago

• Just opened in Elmwood is Sarah's Friendly True Value, which is located across the street from the Palace Theatre.

20 Years Ago

• Firemen were called to a structure fire at Woppers bar on Main Street In Elmwood at 2:50 a.m. on March 19. Cause of the fire that destroyed the local bar and upstairs apartment is under investigation.

• Tyler Emken of Yates City was named to the all-tournament team at the 11th annual Peoria County Middle School Scholastic Bowl tournament at Dunlap Middle School.

• In a special meeting Monday night, the Farmington City Council voted to annex and rezone two parcels of land at the east edge of town for a new school building.

30 Years Ago

• The Williamsfield Board of Education approved a plan of the Achievement committee for Saturday detention.

40 Years Ago

• Williamsfield School District picked as its charity fundraiser the Olympic Read-a-thon. Top reader was Melissa Hockgraver with 122 books read.

50 Years Ago

Gerald Huffman, manager of Huffman's Chevrolet in Farmington, was honored with a Chicago Motor Club AAA Distinguished

Service trophy for donations of cars to Behind-the-Wheel Driver Education programs by John Campbell, manager of the Motor Club's Canton branch office.

70 Years Ago

• Under the direction of Newell Kessinger, the Farmington Junior High Band was awarded a First Superior rating at the District Contest of the Illinois Grade School Band Association held in Pekin.

75 Years Ago

• Elmwood and Yates City residents, along with those in the countryside, suffered much discomfort from a snowstorm. Every motorist on the road during the storm encountered trouble and there were some accidents, but other nearby areas were harder hit. All electrical power was off from before 4 a.m. until nearly 9 p.m.

80 Years Ago

• The Bank of Farmington moved to the corner of Main and Fort streets.

85 Years Ago

• With the arrest of two men by Sheriff Lawrence Elena of Putnam County early Monday, a Friday night robbery of the Eldon McKown home, 2½ miles north of Elmwood, was solved. In an attempt to escape from the sheriff, one of the men was shot in the head and remains in serious condition in a hospital at Spring Valley.

100 Years Ago

• Seven miners were employed by the Taylor Brothers Coal Company near Princeville.

• Cars were stuck in the mud on roads in several directions from Princeville and some remained

overnight.

105 Years Ago

• The Call to Arms almost put Squire Wilkinson and his Park City Garage in Elmwood, out of business, taking away Neil Higgins and Clark Nelson, his two chief mechanics, on a few hours notice.

• The hard-road boosters from Peoria arrived in Elmwood somewhat late Saturday night but never the less, were listened to by a good-sized crowd filling 3/4 of the Palace Theatre. Addresses in favor of concrete highways were made.

• Allen C. Fast erected a modern residence on the property known as the old Fast homestead near Princeville. The building then on the property was purchased by Albert Morrow.

• The Kelly Supply Company delivered eight carloads of Fords in two weeks from the Princeville branch of the company.

110 Years Ago

• J.A. Tucker purchased the Vachel Tucker farm near Princeville, paying \$162.50 per acre.

115 Years Ago

• The brick chimney that for 40 years was a feature of the landscape to the south of the depot in Elmwood is no more. It was a handsome stack, 100 feet high and contained some 60,000 to 100,000 bricks. It was built for and used by the paper mill until it was destroyed by fire.

120 Years Ago

• Wolves were heard every night in the Laura community and frequently seen. Wolf hunts were being organized, one with 8 men and 16 dogs. However no great success was reported.

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FOR ANSWERS
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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

1. LANGUAGE: What is a demonym?

2. MEDICAL: What's the common name of a condition called otitis externa?

3. GEOGRAPHY: Which large body of water lies to the south of Ukraine?

4. FOOD & DRINK: Which nut is used to make marzipan?

5. LITERATURE: Who is the author of the poem "The Gift Outright," which was read at President John Kennedy's inauguration in 1961?

6. MEASUREMENTS: What is an octant?

7. GEOLOGY: Which mineral is the softest on the Mohs Scale?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the name of a porcupine's baby?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of Barbie's younger sister, introduced in 1964?

10. HISTORY: In which country did the Easter Rising take place in 1916?

Answers

1. A term used to describe the natives or residents of a country, state or city

2. Swimmer's ear

3. Black Sea

4. Almonds

5. Robert Frost

6. One-eighth of a circle, or 45 degrees

7. Talc

8. Porcupette

9. Skipper

10. Ireland

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. The Batman (PG-13)

2. Jujutsu Kaisen 0: The Movie (PG-13)

3. Uncharted (PG-13)

4. X (R)

5. Dog (PG-13)

6. Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13)

7. Death on the Nile (PG-13)

8. The Outfit (R)

9. The Kashmir Files (NR)

10. Sing 2 (PG)

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BRIEFS

Illinois catchable trout season opens April 2

SPRINGFIELD – The 2022 Illinois spring trout fishing season will open April 2 at 57 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state.

All anglers must have a fishing license and an inland trout stamp unless they are younger than 16, blind or disabled, or an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five trout.

Sites open include Mille Park Lake in Bloomington and the Hennepin Canal Parkway in Bureau County.

Knox Co. Farm Bureau holding field day

WATAGA – The Knox County Farm Bureau is hosting a spring field day on April 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at O’Connor Farms, 1/4 mile south of 2083 Knox Road 800, Wataga. The event is part of a multi-year cover crop program led by the Young Farmer Committee.

Through an active partnership with West Central FS, leaders of this program have been able to plant 20-acre cover crop plots across the county for three years, allowing producers to try cover crops on a small scale to help meet their individual goals. The field day will conclude with a panel of producers discussing their experiences with cover crops. This event is part of Illinois Farm Bureau’s Nutrient Stewardship Field Days.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP at (309) 342-2036 or to knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org.

Peoria County mailing new election cards

The Peoria County Election Commission is mailing new voter registration cards to registered voters this week. Voters are encouraged to inspect their cards and be aware of changes due to redistricting after the 2020 census.

Residents who notice incorrect information should contact the Election Commission at (309) 324-2300. Households that receive a card for someone who does not reside at that address should return the card to the Election Commission.



The Farmington Central Academic Foundation has been awarded Farmington Rotary’s 2022 Self Above Self Award. Foundation President Kathy Kowal (left) accepts the award from Sue Hedden.

College honors

• **Cory Alcaraz** of Hanna City was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering’s Dean’s List (3.2 gpa or better) for the 2022 Winter Quarter. Alcaraz is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Hanna City Trail meeting cancelled

HANNA CITY – A special meeting of the Hanna City Village Council set for Monday and called to discuss the proposed Hanna City Trail was cancelled.

According to the Hanna City Village website, “In the course of pursuing a potential expedited closing of the purchase of the railway line from Union Pacific, certain due diligence items have been identified that require further investigation, as well as items requiring further negotiation. The Hanna City Village Council will consider proceeding with the purchase of the railway line from Union

Pacific on or before the contractual June 30, 2022, Closing Date at the Village Council’s next regularly scheduled meeting, on April 5, 2022, at 7 p.m.”

Oedewaldt earns paramedic license

HANNA CITY – Zaccary Oedewaldt of Hanna City received his state paramedic license after completing his final state exam on March 22. He first became an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) on June 13, 2017.

Oedewaldt is the only paramedic on the Hanna City Fire Department, where he is a captain. The Trivoli Fire Department has one paramedic and the Limestone Fire Department has two.

Et cetera

PRINCEVILLE – Senior Grant Hunt is the winner of the 2022 Lincoln Senior Award from Princeville High School. He was nominated by teachers and received the top number of votes by the entire staff. He was honored at a dinner on Feb. 23.

• **GLASFORD** – Auditions for Arc Light Productions’ two youth theater productions will be held Sunday, April 3, and Monday, April 4, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Illini Bluffs High School in Glasford. Auditions are open to all youths age 7-16. To sign up for an audition time, visit www.arclightpro.com or call (309) 455-4095.

• **EAST PEORIA** – Illinois Central College will maintain a flat in-district tuition rate for Academic Year 2022-23 at \$155 per credit hour.

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 18, 2022, a Certificate of Ownership of an Assumed Name Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois, stating that DARVEZ A. SCROGGINS of 101 Arrow St., Pekin, IL, 61554, intends to conduct and transact business under the name of PEORIA FLOORS & MORE, located at 4507 N. Sterling, Suite #300A, Peoria, IL 61614.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2022.

Rachael Parker
Peoria County Clerk
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY
PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a
Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc.
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Gloria Dean Roberson; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Linn Perkins, as Special Representative for Gloria Dean Roberson (deceased)
DEFENDANTS
2022-FC-0000034

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Gloria Dean Roberson
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
1715 W Howett St
Peoria, IL 61605
and which said Mortgage was made by:
Gloria Dean Roberson
the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2019005232; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME. DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT.

By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on May 6, 2022 at 1:30 pm at the Peoria County Courthouse located at 324 Main Street, Room 203, Peoria, IL 61602.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person meetings within the courthouse are being limited. Therefore, you are being asked to meet with our mediation coordinator via ZOOM telephone or video conference. To participate by phone, call (312) 626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID 593-480-2333. To participate by video, go to www.zoom.us, select "Join a Meeting" and use the Meeting ID 593-480-2333. The password is "Courthouse". If you have any problems joining the Zoom meeting, please contact Court Administration at (309) 672-6036.

NOTICE OF MANDATORY MEDIATION.YOU MUST APPEAR ON THE MEDIATION DATE GIVEN OR YOUR RIGHT TO MEDIATION WILL TERMINATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Robert M. Spears
Peoria County Courthouse
324 Main Street, Room G-22
Peoria, IL 61602
on or before April 25, 2022, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100

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

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
REBECCA K BLANKENSHIP A/K/A REBECCA BLANKENSHIP; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; CITY OF PEORIA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
19-CH-00428
1016 EAST GIFT AVENUE PEORIA, IL 61603

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 26, 2022, Sheriff of Peoria County will on 05/02/2022, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 08:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
ALL OF LOT 8 AND 9 FEET 4 INCHES OF EVEN WIDTH BY FULL DEPTH OF LOT OFF OF THE EAST SIDE OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 1 IN THOMPSON PLACE, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
TAX NO. 14-34-157-006
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Peoria, IL 61603

Description of Improvements:
Beige vinyl siding, single family home with detached garage

The Judgment amount was \$80,649.33.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, 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. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a

CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re **ESTATE OF CARLA J. MORRIS, Deceased.**)
) No. 2022-PR-0000068
)

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **CARLA J. MORRIS** on February 11, 2022. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **GERALD R. MORRIS**, of 611 North Chestnut Drive Elmwood, Illinois 61529, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **29th day of September, 2022**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 2075, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 9th day of March, 2022.

GERALD R. MORRIS, Executor of the Estate of CARLA J. MORRIS, Deceased.

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**FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Farmington, Road District in the County of Fulton, State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023 will be on file and conveniently available to the public inspection at 141 E. Vernon Street, Farmington Township Office from and after 9:00 a.m. on the 1st day of April 2022.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 11th day of April, 2022 at 141 E. Vernon Street, Farmington Township Office in this town and that the final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at 6:00 p.m. on the 10th day of May 2022 at the same location.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2022.

Sandra K. Horn
Township Clerk

Published 3/31/2022

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: Visit our website at http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpilc.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-041901L

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF ILLINOIS
PEORIA COUNTY**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESTON A BARHAM, DECEASED; LYNNTTOY MARTIN; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PRESTON A BARHAM A/K/A BARHAM PRESTON A/K/A P BARHAM A/K/A

PRESTON A BAREHAM A/K/A PRESTON AARON BARHAM A/K/A PRESTON BARHAM A/K/A PRESTON A BRAHAM A/K/A PRESTON J BARHAM; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
20 CH 00032
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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
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CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re **ESTATE OF ROGER W. HEITZMAN, Deceased.**)
) No. 2022-PR-0000063
)

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **ROGER W. HEITZMAN** on February 11, 2022. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **BRIAN D. HEITZMAN**, of 15521 West Todd School Road, Glasford, Illinois 61533, 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 **29th day of September, 2022**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 2075, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 9th day of March, 2022.

BRIAN D. HEITZMAN, Executor of the Estate of ROGER W. HEITZMAN, Deceased.

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 14, 2022, a Certificate of Ownership of an Assumed Name Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois, stating that BRIAN WINDISH and KRISTINA WINDISH intend to conduct and transact business under the name of CRIMSON LANE FARM, located at 18418 West Southport Road, Brimfield, IL 61517.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2022.

Rachael Parker
Peoria County Clerk
Published 3/24, 3/31, 4/7/22

**FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Farmington, in the County of Fulton, State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023 will be on file and conveniently available to the public inspection at 141 E. Vernon Street, Farmington Township Office from and after 9:00 a.m. on the 1st day of April, 2022.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 11th day of April, 2022 at 141 E. Vernon Street, Farmington Township Office in this town and that the final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at 6:00 p.m. on the 9th day of May 2022 at the same location.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2022.

Sandra K. Horn
Township Clerk

Published 3/31/2022

certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY
PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
PLAINTIFF

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STATE CAPITOL RECAP

State uses ARPA funds to pay down some debt

By **CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS**
For The Weekly Post
SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker on Friday signed a measure to allocate \$2.7 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay down more than half of the state’s outstanding \$4.5 billion Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund debt.

The measure, an amendment to Senate Bill 2803, also included over \$1.4 billion in general revenue fund spending to pay down other state debts. Both houses passed it with only Democratic support this week.

Democrats repeatedly called out Republicans for voting against the debt retirement package.

Republicans, meanwhile, said that not allocating greater funding to the trust fund deficit will force some combination of tax increases on employers or benefit cuts to those on unemployment as a solution to paying down the remaining \$1.8 billion in trust fund debt.

The trust fund is the pool of money paid into by businesses that funds unemployment claims. The debt accrued as the state borrowed from the federal government at the height of the pandemic to keep the trust fund solvent amid an unprecedented crush of claims.

When states accrue trust fund debt, the ways to pay it down have historically included raising insurance premium rates paid by employers, decreasing unemployment benefits, or seeing a new influx of cash, such as federal, state or private funds.

Discussions continue with business and labor interests on addressing the remaining \$1.8 billion.

An employer group including the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses of Illinois, and the Associated General Contractors of Illinois, issued a statement calling the measure a “positive step.”

As of Wednesday, the state had already accrued \$41 million of interest

on the debt and it continued to accrue at a rate of 1.59 percent. That interest was due to be paid by Sept. 30, according to the U.S. Treasury.

By November, without action, that interest was expected to grow to \$80 million. Interest can’t be paid through ARPA, so it would require a General Revenue Fund allotment.

The measure also allocated \$898 million in general revenue funds to pay off old group health insurance bills, an added \$300 million to pension payments beyond statutory levels and \$230 million to pay off the unfunded liabilities of the College Illinois savings program – all cornerstones of Gov. JB Pritzker’s debt retirement initiatives put forth in his budget proposal.

The pension spending would create \$1 billion in savings to the state’s pension system over its life, while the group health insurance payments would save over \$100 million in interest and the College Illinois payment would create a \$75 million savings, according to estimates from House Democrats.

• **Campaign funds** – The Illinois Supreme Court ruled last week that elected public officials and their campaign committees may, in limited circumstances, use campaign funds to pay criminal defense attorney fees.

The case involved a former Chicago city alderman, Danny Solis, who reportedly avoided federal prosecution by agreeing to cooperate with the FBI and Department of Justice in their investigation of another alderman, Ed Burke, who was indicted in 2019 on federal corruption charges.

In the court’s 17-page ruling, the four justices involved partially rejected the committee’s argument that payment of criminal defense fees is always permissible solely because the General Assembly did not specifically include them in the list of prohibited expenses. But it also partially rejected Sigcho-Lopez’s argument that the legal fees were a prohibited “personal debt.”

Instead, they found that because the General Assembly had not specifically prohibited the payment of

criminal defense attorney fees from campaign funds, it is reasonable for the Board of Elections to rule on a case-by-case basis.

• **FOID cards** – The Illinois Supreme Court is being asked for a second time to decide whether a state law requiring gun owners to have a firearm permit is unconstitutional – a question the court previously declined to answer.

The court took the case under advisement and hosted oral arguments this week but did not indicate how long it might take to issue a decision.

• **Firefighter credit** – Members of the Illinois Firefighters Association joined state legislators at a news conference last week to outline a measure that they claim would recruit more long-term volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel by offering them a tax credit.

Senate Bill 3027 would provide a \$500 tax credit to those who serve as volunteer firefighters or EMS personnel. To qualify for the tax credit, volunteers must work for a fire department or fire protection district for at least nine months and not receive more than \$10,000 in compensation for those services during the taxable year.

Sen. Christopher Belt, D-Swansea, chief sponsor of the bill, said offering the tax credit would help address the shortage of firefighter and EMS personnel at departments that rely on volunteers.

“These individuals give up their personal time that could be spent with their families to ensure the well-being of our state’s residents with no monetary incentive,” Belt said.

The bill states that if the tax credit exceeds the tax liability for the year, the excess can be applied to the earliest tax year in which there is a tax liability. The credit will not reduce a taxpayer’s liability to less than zero.

During a news conference March 18, Belt noted that if the bill is approved, it would cost about \$20 million to \$22 million in lost revenue to implement it. Belt said the cost upfront pales in comparison to the lives lost without volunteer firefighters and EMS workers.



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Vs. Jerry Rudd; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Terry Rudd; Troy Rudd; Teresa Iorger; Francesca Riggio; Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants; Linn Perkins, as Special Representative for Terry Rudd (Deceased)
DEFENDANTS
2022-FC-0000025
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Terry Rudd
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
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2017013958; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.
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Farmington belts three homers in opener

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Lady Farmers opened their 2022 softball season with a 17-0 win over Stark County on Tuesday at home.

Holly Shriber pitched a four-inning shutout, allowing three hits and fanning nine, and Emma Evans and Reece Putrich led a 15-hit Farmington attack with five RBI apiece.

Evans went 3-for-4 with a home run and a double. Shriber and Putrich also homered for Farmington, which scored three runs in the first inning, five in the second and nine in the third. Hits were plentiful for Farmington, as Alyvia Marcotte went 3-for-4, Shriber was 3-for-3, Putrich was 2-for-2 and McKenzie Janson was 2-for-3.

Farmington is scheduled to play host to ROWVA-Williamsfield today at 4:30 p.m.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

The Lady Cougars (1-2) dropped a second straight game Monday, falling 4-1 to North Fulton in a home

BASEBALL: R-W goes 1-1-1 on Jacksonville turf

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County at home on March 22. FHS bolted to a 5-0 advantage after two innings, then further secured victory with four in the seventh.

Jace Crawford knocked in four runs. Ethan Evans hit 3-for-5 with two RBI. Gage Renken pitched four innings, allowing just one hit and striking out six. Crawford finished from the mound, fanning three and yielding two hits.

“Getting the first win is a mental boost for us,” Farmington Coach Justin Begner said. “Our pitching was impressive, to go with good approaches from our hitters.”

Next up for the Farmers is a home Prairieland matchup versus Lewis-town Friday.

Princeville

The Princes (0-5-1) battled to a 2-2 tie with Kewanee in four innings on March 22, getting one hit from Conner Freres and making the most of two walks, a stolen base by Freres and several Kewanee wild pitches to score.

Gage DeVries pitched three innings, allowing four hits and one walk while fanning three.

On Monday, a seven-run Peoria Heights second inning and only three total Princeville hits hampered

game.

Madison Nelson, Kataleena Hunt and Ashlyn Murdock had ROWVA-Williamsfield’s three hits and Nelson had the lone RBI. Pitcher Ava Landon went seven innings on the mound, allowing seven hits and five walks while fanning five.

In a 2-1 loss to Erie-Prophetstown on March 21, Avery Rigg had her team’s lone hit while Murdock pitched seven innings, allowing five hits and fanning eight.

Princeville

The Lady Princes are off to a 1-1 start, with a 14-4 win over Bushnell-Prairie City on March 21 and a 4-3 loss to Bureau Valley on March 16.

First to the win. After yielding four runs in the first inning, Princeville’s put up runs quickly led by Kinley McGinn’s 3-for-4 showing. McGinn also had a solo home run in the first inning and drove in three runs while also scoring twice.

After the rocky first inning, pitcher Bridget Gilroy took control. She pitched five innings of one-hit ball,

fanning nine and walking just two batters to overcome six errors by her teammates.

Greta Dwyer also had a hit and two walks, scoring twice and driving in two runs for Princeville. Other players with hits were Kiara Cilha, Elizabeth Sutherland and Claire Dearing, who also had two stolen bases.

The Lady Princes had opened the season with a 10-inning loss vs. Bureau Valley on March 16, 4-3. McGinn had a home run in the loss, drove in two runs and stole two bases. Gilroy yielded 10 hits in 10 innings and struck out 15.

Mekaya Cilha, Jaycee Craig, Dearing and Kiara Cilha all had hits for Princeville.

Princeville is to play at West Central Saturday at 11 a.m.

Brimfield-Elmwood

Ella Florey led the Lady Indians’ 10-hit attack in an 11-1 March 21 win over Henry. Florey was 3-for-3 with a triple and three RBI in the win.

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TRACK: Elmwood cancels first outdoor meet

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freshman Mya Strahm placed 11th after clearing 10 feet, 6 inches.

She was one spot ahead of Farmington senior Miranda Hursey, who cleared 9-6.25. Hursey did not make the finals in the 60-meter race.

Also competing for Farmington was junior Logan Morse, who placed 13th in the high jump after

clearing 5-9.75.
• **Outdoor track** – Cold weather and wind led to the cancellation of Tuesday’s scheduled triangular at Elmwood with Farmington and Knoxville.
We will be working on outdoor track previews for publication in an April edition. Coaches are encouraged to send rosters, schedules and information to jeff@wklypost.com.



The Elmwood-Brimfield track contingent at last weekend's Illinois Top Times indoor state meet included (left to right): Johnny York, Thomas Harmon and Mya Strahm.

PECKHAM: Headed to U of I vet school next

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“Fifty-six nine,” replied Peckham, when asked her time on the anchor leg of the state-winning relay. Should she be able to repeat in an open 400, it would put her in rarified air in Monmouth’s record book, again alongside only Furrow and Jackson.

Peckham first knew she was fast when she beat all the boys in a mile run in a junior high P.E. class.

“At first, I did more distance running, but I got an iron deficiency that made that hard to do,” she said. “In the distance races, I was known for my kick at the end, so they put me in the 400. I ran a 1:01 in my first race, which was the time needed to qualify for state.”

Peckham said her Farmington coach, Toby Vallas ‘98, was instrumental in her attending Monmouth.

“He ran for Coach Haynes here,” she said. “He knew Coach Haynes could make me really good.”

Peckham appreciates learning from the 40-year veteran coach.

“He’s so knowledgeable, and he also explains why

we’re doing what we’re doing,” she said. “He’s really good with the fundamentals and with doing things like helping us run with a more efficient form.”

In a way, Haynes was already involved in Peckham’s success at Farmington, as Vallas used many workouts that Haynes has implemented with the Fighting Scots.

Peckham added to her training by inventing her own workout regimen, along with the family’s dog, Bullet.

“He was my buddy, and he went to the track with me all the time,” Peckham said. “I’d have him sit by the starting line, and then I’d say ‘Ready, set, go,’ and he’d race with me.”

Her love of animals will guide her to the next step in her academic career, as she’ll begin the four-year process of earning a degree from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.

“I’ve wanted to be a vet since I was a little kid,” she said. “When I was little, we’d have special days with our mom where we could do anything we

wanted to do. My sisters picked things like going to a Cheetah Girls concert or a Hannah Montana concert, but I told my mom I wanted to go to the zoo, even though I’d been there a ton of times. She finally talked me out of it and we went to the circus instead.”

It’s common to have a childhood dream job get lost in the reality of life. Not so for Peckham.

“I feel like everyone changes their actual job from when they first started thinking about it, but I always kept coming back to wanting to be a vet,” she said. “I’ve always loved science. In school, they’d have us dissect cats in anatomy. The other students would be creeped

out, but I enjoyed it.”
Within the field, Peckham wants to specialize in animal oncology, as it was cancer that claimed Bullet’s life. She’d either like to open her own practice or work with more exotic animals at a wildlife preserve.

Through regular communication with her sisters, Peckham is uniquely qualified to compare attending a large university with the Monmouth experience.

“I’m definitely glad I came here,” she said. “I have siblings at larger schools, and it’s a different experience. You can’t really skip classes here, because your professors know you. But that’s good, because they’re there to help you.”

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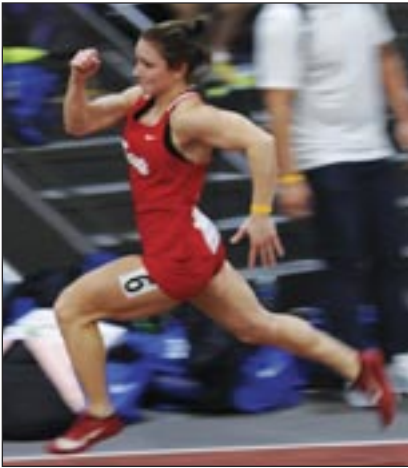
All-American goal for Farmington's Peckham

By BARRY J. McNAMARA
For The Weekly Post

MONMOUTH – Senior Jordan Peckham finds herself on several Monmouth College lists these days. Academically, she's one of several senior chemistry or biochemistry majors who'll be attending graduate school in the fall. The Dean's List student is headed to the University of Illinois.

Peckham is also part of the group of seven sets of siblings who enrolled at Monmouth in 2018 who are now approaching graduation. Six of the sibling pairings are twins, while Jordan and her sister, Payton, are among triplets. Payton has since transferred to the University of Illinois (and the other triplet, McKenzie, attends Illinois State University). Jordan and Payton will be reunited in Champaign next fall.

Athletically, Jordan Peckham is in now in very elite company as one of only four women in the history of Fighting Scots track to win all three



sprint races at a Midwest Conference meet. She won the 60-, 200- and 400-meter races last month at the MWC indoor meet.

"Coach (Roger Haynes) asked me if I wanted to try it," Peckham said. "He told me, 'I think you have a chance to win all of them, and only a handful of girls have ever done that here.'"

Four is also the number of All-American sprinters in the history of the women's team, and Peckham has her sights set on becoming the fifth in her final opportunity to do so, this May's NCAA outdoor championships. Should she accomplish that feat, she'd join a very short list of Monmouth competitors to sweep the sprints at an MWC meet and also be an All-American. The exclusive club has two members: Hall of Famers Heather Furrow '98 and Constance Jackson '02.

"I really, really want to be an All-American," said Peckham, who placed 20th earlier this month at the



Monmouth College senior Payton Peckham of Farmington is one of four women in Fighting Scots' track history to win all three sprint races at a Midwest Conference meet. Photos by Kent Kriegshauser.

NCAA indoor meet. "That's what I'm aiming for."

Peckham is no stranger to running multiple events, as she helped Farmington High School to a runner-up finish at the 2018 Illinois Class 1A meet by placing second in the 100-meter dash and helping three relays to top-four finishes, including a state championship she shared with Payton in the 4x400 meter relay.

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Harmon second in 800 at indoor state

By JEFF LAMPE
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BLOOMINGTON – Seeded fifth heading into last Friday's Illinois Top Times indoor state track meet, senior Thomas Harmon exceeded those expectations.

The Elmwood-Brimfield runner placed second in a time of 2:00.48, just .11 behind senior Eli Mojonier of Bismarck-Henning-Rossville-Alvin.

"Thomas Harmon ran a great tactical race and his

time of 2:00.48 is fantastic for this time of year," E-B Coach Gregg Meyers said.

The Trojans also had two other top-11 finishers at the meet, held at Illinois Wesleyan University.

E-B senior Johnny York placed ninth in the long jump with a personal record.

"I was really happy with Johnny's jumps. He showed good consistency," Meyers said.

In the pole vault, E-B

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Cold limits games

By PHIL JOHNSON
For The Weekly Post

Many of us are familiar with the longtime expression that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." Actually, both the lion and the lamb come and go throughout all of March.

Baseball games this season could begin March 14, which was a week of good weather for games

and unseasonably warm temperatures.

But during the past week, the lion roared back, sending teams scuttling indoor for practice. The following are the few games that were played.

Farmington

Farmington (1-3) picked up its first win of the season in a 10-2 non-conference victory over Stark

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