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## Farmington mayor Kowal resigning effective May 1

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – After seven years of leading twice-monthly meetings of the Farmington City Council, Kent Kowal is resigning as mayor effective May 1.

Kowal, 76, announced his resignation after the April 18 meeting and does not plan to attend the council’s next gathering on May 2, when an acting mayor will be named from among the five elected aldermen on the

council.

Kowal said the primary reason he is stepping down is because of changes to the annual Statement of Economic Interest form that Illinois public officials and some state employees are required to fill out. Changes were made as part of the 2021 Ethics Reform

Kowal

Act seeking more information on assets, income and debts.

Kowal said the act was designed to stop insider trading by Springfield politicians, but did not take into account its impact on local officials.

“I don’t think they consulted any local officials and they just geared it toward Springfield,” Kowal said. “And there are tens of thousands of people around the state who are affected by this that they seemingly ignored

when they came up with the law.

“I don’t think it makes any difference if, as the mayor of Farmington, I have \$10,000 worth of Google stock or Microsoft stock.”

Kowal said he has heard other Farmington-area officials may also resign as a result of the required filing, due by May 1.

Another possible factor in Kowal’s resignation are ongoing issues with Farmington resident Aaron Kevilus, a vocal critic of

the mayor who attends most council meetings and has filed a lawsuit against the city.

Kevilus has been upset since 2019, when the Ulm Veterinary Clinic opened a new facility next door to his home at 512 E. Fort St. He has complained about lights in the parking lot and has directed much of his public ire at Kowal, placing large signs around his home and speaking against Kowal at most meetings.

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MORELS ARE POPPING

Handle morels with care

Season heating up

By GRETCHEN STEELE

For The Weekly Post

Here’s hoping that this is your year for an excellent morel season. Although it was a little slow out of the gate, the mushroom season in southern Illinois is now going great guns. Some real giants are coming out of the woods and creek bottoms in the southern portions of our fair state. Let’s hope that trend continues northward.

Because nothing says spring in Illinois like a skillet full of fresh crappie or bluegill filets and morel mushrooms. As morel season starts, let’s quickly review morels’ proper care and handling. These mystical, magical towers of fungus are far too fleeting and precious to risk letting any of them go to waste from improper care.

Proper care begins in the field. Even though I see it season after season, please stop using plastic

After a slow start, morel mushroom season is heating up in southern Illinois and there have been more reports of yellow morels found in central Illinois, as well. Photo by Gretchen Steele.

bags to cart around the morels you’ve picked. Morels like warm, humid weather, and plastic is just plain every mushroom

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## Elmwood board OKs sale of bonds for AC

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board on Monday voted unanimously to sell \$2.3 million in general obligation bonds, \$1.3 million of which will finance installation of a new HVAC system for the elementary school.

There was no public comment on the bonds and the meeting lasted eight minutes before the board went into closed session.

Work on the heating and cooling system for the elementary school is scheduled to be completed this summer.

The school district installed air conditioning window units in elementary school rooms several years ago, but board members have long said a complete HVAC system will do a much better job heating and cooling the building.

Superintendent Chad Wagner said the bonds combine \$1.3

Window units will be replaced by a new HVAC system at Elmwood Elementary School this summer. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

million in new work with outstanding bonds from the gym and locker room remodel into new issue bonds at similar rates, amortized over 17 years.

Wagner also told the board that Peoria County’s latest computations show the increase in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) was 1.58 percent, which was very close to the predicted increase and lowers the district tax rate to 3.2068.

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# KOWAL: ‘Learning curve’ for acting mayor

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Kowal had no comment on Kevilus, focusing instead on what he sees as positive changes the council accomplished during his tenure.

“It was a worthwhile effort and I think I’m glad I did it,” he said. “I’m old enough to retire again. But hopefully I can be involved in some capacity moving forward.”

Kowal became mayor on June 16, 2015, after Kenn Stufflebeam resigned from the position.

“We’ve done a lot of facade development downtown and we’ve helped businesses with their build-outs and improvements,” Kowal said. “We’ve done a lot of residential development programs with TIF money that have really been good for Farmington.”

Beyond that, Kowal mentioned work on the city streets and the sale of Farmington’s water works to Illinois American Water Co. as positive developments that came during his time as mayor.

“I wish we would have done something with the city building as far as reaching some conclusion, but I can understand the pushback,” Kowal said.

Kowal also worked on the proposed Hanna City Trail, which is no longer being pursued. Kowal said stipulations put forward by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to turn the old railroad right-of-way into a “finished trail” in a few years doomed the project.

With Kowal gone, the Farmington council has work to do at its next meeting on Monday, May 2.

First order of business will be reading Kowal’s letter of resignation and then accepting one of the five elected aldermen as acting mayor. That term will last until the next general election in April 2023. At that point, an election will be held for a two-year term as mayor.

But first, someone has to step forward to serve as mayor, something that has not happened yet, according to City Manager Rollen Wright.

“I’ve had one of them who told me if we couldn’t get anybody to do it, he would.” Wright said.

Whichever alderman steps forward to serve as acting mayor will not be required to give up their position as a council person. The new acting mayor will appoint a replacement for David Black in Ward 3 until the 2023 election, when the position will be on the ballot for a two-year term. Black stepped down earlier this year and Kowal said he wanted the new mayor to make the appointment.

“Mr. Kowal had the experience and he knew how government worked and that’s going to be sorely missed,” said Wright, who gave Kowal a plaque of appreciation at the last meeting. “There’s going to be a learning curve.”

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- **Mining Talk** – Chuck Balagna of Farmington will give a free program on the history of local coal mines May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Salem Township Public Library.

This Week’s Events

- **Story Time** – Children invited to Morrison & Mary Wiley Library today, April 28, at 6 p.m. for story time activities and a reading of “Ladybug, Ladybug, Fly Away Home.”
- **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 Lilie M. Evans Library.
- **Yard Sales** – Elmwood community wide garage sales are Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30.
- The Oak Run community garage sales and spring artisan market is May 7, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo the second and fourth Thursday each month, including today, April 28, at 2 p.m.
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- **Courthouse Concert** – Kickapoo St. Mary’s students perform May 4 starting at 11 a.m. at Courthouse Plaza in Peoria.

Future Events

- **Puzzle Club** – Brimfield Public Library has a puzzle club that meets May 6, 10 a.m. to noon. Ages 18 and older. Put puzzles together with others.
- **Food Pantry** – Princeville Community Food Pantry open first and third Thursday each month at Princeville Presbyterian Church, 5-6 p.m., at 339 S. Santa Fe, Princeville.
- **Library Outreach** – Farmington Area Public Library does outreach to Hanna City on the last Monday of each month, from 10-11 a.m. A librarian will be on hand at Hanna City Community Center,

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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## GUEST VOICES





## Of popping morels, begging birds & dumb laws

Rambling through central Illinois, still shaking my head that corn is \$8 a bushel ... for the moment.

Who better to solve a dilemma about morel mushrooms than the **Mayor of Oak Hill**, who came out of the timber Tuesday to visit TWP headquarters after being away far too long. Yes, we missed him. Anyway, we had been discussing the age-old argument of whether mushrooms “pop” out of the ground suddenly or emerge and then grow to reach full height. “They pop,” the Mayor said. “I’ve seen the leaves go flying when they pop up.” Before disputing that comment, please remember that one of the Mayor’s favorite sayings is, “Why tell the truth when a lie will do.” And in the next breath, he said that morels do grow a little after they “pop” out of the ground. “But only until they reach their height. They will not keep grow-



Jeff LAMPE

ing,” he said. Now you know.

On Monday, the Elmwood School Board voted to sell \$2.3 million worth of bonds for an HVAC project. None of the four people in attendance voiced a comment. The meeting ended in eight minutes. If the topic had been “masks or no masks,” the crowd would have swelled and voices would have raised. Not sure what that all means, really. But it seems to me life is a marathon, not a sprint. And right now we sure have a lot of sprinters in this country. ... My favorite meeting attendees are the ones who say, “You’ll be seeing a lot of me” after they show up once to discuss the hot-button topic that brought them in. Most times you see them at one or two more meetings before they vanish, bored into submission by the numbing realities of governance and bureaucracy.

A Eurasian collared dove has been eyeballing me for two days. So has **Fatty Robin**. In an effort to save songbirds from the spread of avian flu, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is asking folks to hold off on

feeding birds or providing birdbaths through May 31. I will do my best. But when the birdbath is empty, those winged beggars stare right into our kitchen window, shaming me into action. This could be a long month.

Parting shot: In 2019, Illinois raised the registration fee for small trailers from \$18 to \$118 per year as a way to generate more money. Politicians heard so many complaints that – to their credit – they did an about-face, dropping the fee to \$36 per year in 2021. Springfield needs to do something similar with its Statement of Economic Interest form, which in its current ill-advised and revised format, requires more information than is needed from local elected officials. Word is the General Assembly will consider another revision of the form to possibly create a different version for local officials and Springfield pols. They better hurry. Farmington lost Mayor **Kent Kowal** in part because of the new form. Others will follow – at a time when merely filling elected positions is already difficult.

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Irrigated corn requires too much water

In a recent telephone conversation, a southwest Kansas farmer casually noted that he had stopped growing irrigated corn some years back because “it cost too much.” Curious, I asked what it cost to irrigate an acre of corn in his arid, cattle-feeding-and-corn-hungry corner of the state.

“It wasn’t the money,” he quickly explained, “it was the water.”

Most years, he said, he had applied about 18 inches of water per acre to produce a crop that reached 200 bushels per acre. “That was about 2,500 gallons of water per bushel and I just thought that was too much. So I went back to wheat and milo.”

Right now, most ag irrigators from Boston to Bakersfield are either laughing out loud or snickering quietly at this farmer for not doing what most would have done: keep irrigating. Or, in this case, use 10,000-year-old groundwater to grow a subsidized commodity crop in an increasingly arid region of the country to likely feed a meat animal or an ethanol plant.

And, legally, the snickerers are right. In almost every agricultural area in the nation, there are no laws to keep farmers, ranchers, and agbiz from using their Stone Age water to grow, process, and market any 21st century crop they choose – even if it takes 2,500 gallons to grow one

bushel of corn or one gallon to grow one, likely-to-be-exported almond.

So far, that is.

As public awareness of private water use grows, so does the pressure on how local, state, and federal governments allocate today’s dwindling supplies. More importantly, because of agriculture’s overall thirst – 70 percent of water usage worldwide is sucked up by farming and ranching – agriculture is the biggest, fattest, slowest target in every effort or idea to re-allocate it.

This year’s building drought only adds urgency to those calls. In fact, on April 4, the U.S. Drought Monitor, a joint effort by the University of Nebraska (Lincoln), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), released an updated map that shows “76.7 percent of the North American Great Plains” experiencing dryness that ranges from “Abnormally Dry,” the lowest level, to “Drought-Exceptional,” the highest level.

That means virtually every agricultural acre west of the Missouri River in the U.S. and the majority of the productive Canadian provinces from the Great Lakes through the Rockies begins the 2022 growing season with either “abnormal” dryness or much worse.

California, the biggest U.S. agricultural state by far, already faces unprecedented pressure to restrict water usage. After a promisingly wet early winter, reported by the New York Times in late March, “January and February represented

the driest two-month start to a year on record.”

Most of that shortfall is tied to the “dismal” winter snowpack, a key source of water in California, that stands at only 39 percent of normal. Already, a recently announced joint state/federal project hopes to spend some of its nearly \$3 billion to keep 824,000 acre feet of water, or 268 billion gallons, in the state’s rivers and out of northern California rice fields.

Alarming, however, even though 268 billion gallons is a massive amount, it will only supply 1.6 million California households – in a state with 14.4 million – with enough water for one year. And that’s if the plan succeeds.

The rest, and the state’s 4.4 million businesses, will continue to scramble for whatever else can be begged, borrowed, or...

Today’s rapid climate change will make it worse. Already, forecasters suggest 10 percent, or 500,000 acres, of California’s productive San Joaquin Valley need to be permanently fallowed “by 2040 to achieve sustainable water usage.”

Who wants to tell those about-to-be-fallowed farmers that their water will soon be someone else’s?

Not me, but those farmers – and, sooner than later, every U.S. farmer and rancher – will face similar news. As such, my Kansas farmer friend might just get the last laugh.

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Trivoli Twp. Cemetery Fundraising Update

Thank to all for your generous contributions for maintenance and improvements at our Township owned cemeteries. The following projects should get underway during 2022.

1. Road Improvements

2. Veterans Memorial

3. New flagpole

4. Restoration of damaged memorials

5. Entrance signs

We extend a special thank you to Jill Booth, who originated this fundraising project and chair the Fundraising Committee.

Also Jennifer Andrews and Reid Harmon for their efforts to advertise, organize, and coordinate multiple fundraising activities. Mark Anderson and Steve McMeen also need to be recognized for their interest in volunteer work. They made significant progress cleaning brush and trimming trees this past winter. Anyone interested in volunteer work at the cemeteries, please contact Lyle Ray at (309) 245-4271 or (309) 251-9508.

Township Cemetery Board  
Lyle Ray, Kathy Oldfield, & Cheryl Botten

Elmwood council discusses disconnecting TIFs

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE  
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood City Council discussed the city’s two Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts once again at its April 19 meeting.

Elmwood Township board member Gene Gibson was in attendance and said the township has a lot of concern about funds flowing between the Elmwood’s two different TIF districts.

“Where the taxpayers think the money is going and where it’s actually going is a concern for some of us on the township board,” he said.

Mayor J.D. Hulslander said that the city could redraw the TIF boundaries to disconnect the districts.

“That way absolutely no money can flow between them,” Hulslander suggested.

“That would not be a bad idea,” Gibson replied.

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After a lengthy discussion, Hulslander agreed to attend the May second Tuesday township meeting to talk about extending the term of the TIF district that encompasses the Elmwood downtown area.

The council then discussed the UB Max software program that involves how the city water department bills water usage and receives payments. Elmwood customers would be able to pay water bills utilizing debit cards, with a \$3 fee. The program would allow users to go online to check reports, have their bills printed and receive emails about their bills and pay them. The council decided to form a committee to examine this topic.

The council discussed excavating the ravine from East Ash Street to the railroad tracks to alleviate possible flooding there and the pooling of water in the ravine. The cost was estimated to be between \$17,000 and \$20,000. The culvert at the railroad tracks does not drain the water flow as quickly as the city’s culverts do and that is the problem with the ravine drainage. It was decided to research this issue and bring it back to the council later.

Travis Weaver spoke to the council about his campaign to become a state representative for the newly drawn 93rd district. Weaver is the son of former State Sen. Chuck Weaver of Peoria.

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Bright Futures screenings at area schools in June

By Weekly Post Staff Reports

Peoria County Bright Futures will be providing free preschool screenings in the month of June in local school districts.

Peoria County Bright Futures is an Illinois State Board funded Preschool for All Program that offers free preschool for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

Bright Futures has 22 preschool classrooms in 14 locations within participating school districts throughout Peoria County. Local districts include Brimfield, Elmwood, Farmington and Princeville.

Screenings will be held on the following dates:

- Farmington – June 1-2;
- Elmwood – June 15-16;
- Princeville – June 20;
- Brimfield – June 21.

To be eligible, children must turn 3 by Sept. 1, or be 4 years old after Sept. 1. Developmental screenings are in partnership with the Special Education of Peoria County (SEAPCO).

Call the Bright Futures office at (309) 686-8590 with questions or to schedule your developmental screening today. Learn more at [www.ph325.org/page/bright-futures](http://www.ph325.org/page/bright-futures) or visit Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/peoria-brightfutures](http://www.facebook.com/peoria-brightfutures).

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(c) Scholarships shall be given to students only to finance their education beyond high school in a properly accredited institution of higher education, i.e. college, including junior college, university, trade school, etc., either publicly or privately financed and operated.

Applications for scholarships and financial aid may be obtained from the Office of the Superintendent of Elmwood Schools, 301 W. Butternut St. Elmwood, IL 61529, telephone (309) 742-8464 or on the school website [www.elmwood322.com](http://www.elmwood322.com). All current graduates interested in obtaining scholarships and financial aid must file completed applications with the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on or before May 1, 2022 and post graduates must file completed applications with the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on or before June 15, 2022, to be considered eligible for grants and aid for the 2022-23 school term.

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PUBLIC RECORD

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

Police reports

• EDWARDS – Ronda S. Frye, 51, of Edwards was arrested April 22 after she was charged with two counts of forgery, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s report.

• A mailbox at a residence in the 5600 block of North Kickapoo-Ed-

wards Road was destroyed sometime between 8 p.m. April 10 and 7 a.m. April 11, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s report. The mailbox was among others in a row. Another mailbox was damaged. Homeowners did not hear or see anything, and no suspects were found.

• ELMWOOD – About 9:15 p.m. April 14, Hailey Grohmann of Elmwood was driving a Chrysler sedan west on Martin Road in Brimfield

Township and said she didn’t see a stop sign at Maher Road, continued straight and drove into a cornfield, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s report. She was uninjured. The vehicle was damaged significantly and towed. A sheriff’s deputy did not observe any street signs at the intersection. The driver said she was traveling about 45 mph at the time of the accident.

Peoria County mailing out real estate tax bills

Peoria County Treasurer Nicole Bjerke asks homeowners and commercial property owners to watch their mailboxes, as annual real estate tax bills are being mailed this week. The first installment due date is June 7, and the second installment due date is Sept. 7.

Of note this year, the City of Peoria Treasurer’s Office, also known as the City of Peoria Township Collector, located within Peoria City Hall, will

no longer collect real estate taxes. Those Township Collector duties are being assumed by the Peoria County Treasurer’s Office.

There are a variety of ways for property owners to pay taxes.

The Peoria County Treasurer’s Office, located in the Peoria County Courthouse, is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. for in-person payment. Most Peoria County banks accept real estate tax payments, too.

For a list of banks that participate, visit [www.peoriacounty.gov/411](http://www.peoriacounty.gov/411).

Payments sent by mail to the Peoria County Treasurer’s Office must be postmarked on or before June 7.

Credit card or electronic check payment options are also available after May 1. A convenience fee for credit card payments will be charged.

For more information, call the Peoria County Treasurer’s Office at (309) 672-6065, option 5.

ELMWOOD: Substitute teacher pay rate raised

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That is 0.2006 lower than last year.

The board also approved increasing the pay for substitute teachers to \$125 per day from the previous rate of \$100. The rate for long-term substitutes was increased to \$140 per day from \$115.

Wagner had suggested the increase after a survey of nearby area districts showed that the \$125/\$140 per day rates were standard for most. “In order to be competitive and to be able to secure subs, we need to make sure to keep pace with the area rate,” Wagner said.

Board member Mark Davis reported that the building committee met to discuss the construction of a 30x100 building that could house Ag, Industrial Arts and trades education. Davis said the proposal

from Board Member Claude Keefer will be discussed at a May 2 meeting of the finance committee.

In personnel matters, the board approved hiring Karen Mottaz as a part-time high school art teacher at a salary of \$30,375 for the 2022-23 school year and Jim Valla as a part-time learning loss specialist at a salary of \$23,373.75 for 2022-23.

Other personnel approvals include: Lauren Stephens as coach of junior high softball and 7th grade volleyball; Stephanie Colgan as high school golf coach; Brett Stevens as junior high baseball coach, Mike Dutton as JV football coach; Brandon Butler as freshman football coach and assistant high school boys basketball coach; and Chuck Vermillion as assistant high school girls basketball coach.

Grade School Principal Marcy Brugger reported that today, April 28, is the Kindergarten Round Up and the final day for classes is May 24.

Principal Tony McCoy reported that Sterling Merit Award winners this year are Nick Feller, Annie Herman and Noah Hollis. They will be honored at a May 3 banquet.

And the Grand March will be Saturday, April 30, at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium with the prom at Ravina on the Lakes from

6:30-10 p.m.

In other action, the board:

- Voted to keep fees for the 2022-23 school year the same as for 2021-22.
- Approved the Class of 2022 for graduation on Sunday, May 15.
- Approved promotion of 8th graders at 10 a.m. on May 19, the last day of classes for 8th graders.
- Approved rejoining the Western Area Purchasing Cooperative for \$270.
- Approved 2022-23 board meeting dates.



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# MORELS: Stop soaking morels in salt water

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room’s enemy – especially morels. Use a woven porous bag or basket. I prefer a bag, and I tend to spill them out of a basket, but if you have the grace and coordination to use a basket, use a basket.

Old recycled onion, orange, or other net/mesh produce bags can also be used. But be mindful of the hole size in the netting. Small mushrooms can sometimes work out of large holes in the mesh.

There are suppliers of products specifically sold to encourage good air circulation and spore dispersal during your hike. Still, any porous bag that allows air to circulate will work.

Next, comes the considerable debate: cut off at ground level or pull out from the ground? I’m old school and will tell you to pinch or cut off the mushroom at ground level vs. pulling it out. If you insist on pulling it from the ground, trim off the end of the stem with dirt and debris attached before putting it in your bag or basket. Skip this step, and you will go home with a pile of really dirty mushrooms and some extra work to get them clean.

If it’s warm and you have a long drive, don’t just stash the mushrooms in your vehicle; put them in a cooler for the ride home or change spots and patches. They will stay fresher, and the ones you picked five hours ago won’t be a



crumbly mess in the bottom of your bag or basket.

Once you get them home again, we have a debate in mushroom circles. Most in the know will tell you to STOP SOAKING THEM IN SALTWATER! The saline solution makes your mushrooms disintegrate faster, lose that famous morel taste and texture, and isn’t necessary. Just give them a brushing and

shaking off and store them in either a brown paper bag or a colander with a damp towel in the refrigerator.

I quick spray or rinse, then blot dry. A more forceful rinse under running water is OK if you have particularly buggy or sandy mushrooms.

I don’t slice mine in half until ready to cook them. Morels will stay fresh in the fridge much longer that way. When ready to cook them, slice them in half, rinse out any little creatures, and they are ready to go. Yes, you can bet they will have little creatures in them – sometimes bigger ones. So always give them a good close look before preparation

What’s the best way to prepare morels? There are many, but the most popular seems to come down to two methods. Breaded and fried or simply sauteed in a bit of butter, olive oil and a dash of your favorite seasoning.

The breaded and fried version involves dipping in an egg wash, rolling in bread crumbs, crushed cracker crumbs, or fish fry mix, and dropping into a heavy cast iron skillet with hot oil. This method is quick and easy, and you can reserve your egg wash to make a quick batch of scrambled eggs or an omelet.

While there’s no denying that hot from the skillet breaded and fried morels are a tasty treat, if you really want to experience the authentic texture and flavor of the morels, slice them and sautee them in a mix of butter and olive oil.

If you are lucky enough to find more than you can eat and want to store them for future use, they can be dried or frozen. Some prefer to bread and prepare for the skillet and then freeze on a cookie sheet so the mushrooms can go straight from the freezer to the fryer. Others prefer to make duxelles and freeze that for use in soups, stews and roasts. For many, dehydration and drying are the preferred method.

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## IDNR: Stop using bird feeders, baths

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) recommends that the use of bird feeders and bird baths cease through May 31 in an effort to protect songbirds from Avian Influenza.

The EA H5N1 strain of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is currently impacting some wild and domestic bird species. Though it has not been detected in songbird species (passerines), IDNR is urging caution through May 31, or until HPAI infections in the Midwest are expected to subside.

The IDNR notes that during spring, wild birds have ample food sources. IDNR also recommends:

- Clean and rinse bird feeders and baths with a diluted bleach solution (nine parts water to one part bleach) and put away or clean weekly if they can't be emptied.
  - Remove bird seed at the base of feeders to discourage large gatherings of birds or other wildlife.
  - Avoid feeding wild birds in close proximity to domestic flocks.
- If five or more deceased wild birds are observed in one location, an IDNR district wildlife biologist

should be contacted by visiting [www.wildlifeillinois.org/sidebar/contact-an-idnr-district-wildlife-biologist/](http://www.wildlifeillinois.org/sidebar/contact-an-idnr-district-wildlife-biologist/) or by calling USDA Wildlife Services at 1-866-487-3297.

In addition, IDNR requests all occurrences of deceased or sick bald eagles be reported.

When disposing of deceased wild birds, rubber

gloves and a mask should be worn. The carcass should be double-bagged in sealed plastic bags.

HPAI was detected in wild Canada geese in Illinois on March 10. Since then, wild bird mortality from HPAI has been confirmed in Champaign, Fulton, Sangamon and Will counties and is suspected in Cook County.

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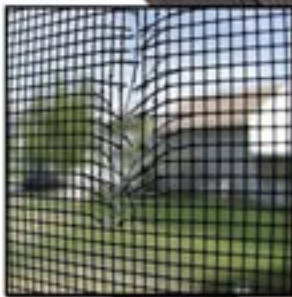
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Favorite Author/Book: "The Maze Runner"

Favorite Restaurant: Good Tequilas

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Moose Tracks

Country You Would Like to Visit: Scotland

Future Plans: Study Nursing at ISU.

I'll go to CRNA after becoming a nurse and  
move to Montana.



**National  
Honor  
Society**

National Honor Society induction was April 19, with 14 new members added to the group. New members are:

Isabel Cantorna, Alivia Crisco, Olivia Dray, Ainsley Faulkner, Breanna German, Melody Glenn, Annie Herman, Caleb Hollis, Riley Janson, Samantha Janson, Alexis Lehman, Olivia Meyers, Alexa Salverson, Brendan Williams, Brody Williams and Kate Yemm.

### Merit Award Winners

Sterling Merit Award winners for Elmwood this year are Nick Feller, Annie Herman and Noah Hollis.

They will be honored at a banquet on May 3.

Sterling Merit recognizes the top 8 percent of each school's graduating class.



### Grand March & Prom

The Elmwood prom is  
Saturday, April 30,  
at Ravina on the Lake  
from 6:30-10 p.m.

Grand March will be held  
in the auditorium  
starting at 4:30 p.m.

### Dates To Remember

- May 4 - Senior's last day of school
- May 5 - Junior/Senior High School spring concert, 6:30 pm
- May 10 - 5th/6th Band Concert, 6:30 pm
- May 11 - Senior Baccalaureate, 6 pm
- May 12 - PreK-2nd Concert, 6 pm
- May 12 - Grades 1-2 Concert, 6:45 pm
- May 12 - Grades K-3 Movie at Palace Theater
- May 13 - Grades 4-6 Movie at Palace Theater

- May 13 - Class Day for Class of 2022, 9-11 am
- May 15 - High School graduation, 1 pm
- May 17 - All School Picnic (watch for details)
- May 19 - 8th grade promotion, 10 am
- May 20 - AR Party
- May 23 - Early Dismissal, 2:15 pm
- May 23-24 - High School final exams
- May 24 - Last Day of School & Early Dismissal, 2:15 pm


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# Spirea Ogon a golden choice on name list

**By RON DIETER**  
For The Weekly Post

An interesting side trip for many gardeners is learning how plants got their name. I'm sure you remember learning about the binomial system of naming plants and animals in grade school. We can thank the Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus for developing that system of nomenclature. It allows us, for example, to distinguish bluebells, *Mertensia virginica* (Virginia bluebells) from bluebells, (*Hyacinthoides hispanica*) Spanish Bluebells.

One of my favorite

shrubs is *Spirea thunbergia* 'Ogon'. The genus *Spirea* gets its name from the Greek word "speira", which means spiral or twisted, referring to the plant's fine stems and branches which can be braided into wreaths and garlands.



The species name, *thunbergia*, honors the Swedish physician, Carl Thunberg, who brought spireas from Japan to Europe in the 1700s. Whether he is a distant relative to Greta Thunberg, the child star of climate activists, is unknown.

The cultivar *Spirea* 'Ogon' is especially impressive and has earned its keep in several places in our gardens. *Ogon* is the Japanese word for gold, referring to the golden spring and fall color of the foliage.

*Spirea* 'Ogon' was discovered at a plant market in Tokyo, Japan, in 1993 by Pennsylvania plantsman Barry Yinger. He has a knack for finding good plants, such as *Aralia cordata* 'Sun King', which he found in a Japanese department store, of all places, and which was named 2020 Perennial Plant of the

Year.

In early spring the bare wiry branches of 'Ogon' break forth with clusters of tiny white flowers. As the flowers fade, narrow, sparsely-toothed leaves an inch and a half long in shades of golden yellow begin to appear.

As summer commences, the fine-textured yellow foliage becomes bright yellow in full sun, or chartreuse if planted in light shade. In autumn the leaves take on a golden hue with hints of orange and hold well into late fall before falling to the ground. You'll get the best flowering and foliage color if you situate the plant in full sun.

The shrub has a pleasing overall appearance throughout the growing season. A multi-stemmed bush with a graceful mounded shape, its arching branches and willow-like leaves give the shrub a delicate refined look. Its outstanding radiant colors in the growing season make it a good choice as a garden focal point. The literature tells us that *S. 'Ogon'* can grow up to five feet tall

and wide, but none in our gardens have exceeded three feet.

*Spirea* 'Ogon' and the other *Spirea thunbergia* cultivars are not maintenance-free. Left to their own devices, they can become a tangle of twigs and sticks. You can prevent this by removing some of the oldest woodiest branches, cutting them off at the base after the flowers have faded. As with all spring-flowering shrubs, any pruning to shape and contour the plant should be done immediately after flowers have faded.

Shopping for specific *Spirea* cultivars can be frustrating and confusing because, in spite of our old friend Carl's best efforts, some of these plants have been given other names. *Spirea thunbergia* 'Ogon' is sometimes called *Spirea thunbergia* Mellow Yellow. The experts say they're one and the same.

While you're scouting for 'Ogon' this spring, you may come upon other spireas such as *S. 'Gold Mound'* and *S. 'Lime Mound'*. Keep looking. They're not *S. 'Ogon'*.

The straight species, *Spirea thunbergia*, from which the cultivar 'Ogon' was selected has the common name Baby's Breath spirea. It is similar to 'Ogon' in growth and habit but without the striking foliage colors.

There are more than 80 different *Spirea* varieties for gardeners to choose from, but when it comes to charm and elegance, 'Ogon' is at the top of the list. So go ahead – go for the Gold.

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Pages From The Past

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5 Years Ago

- After eight years of renovations and meeting elsewhere, Princeville Masonic Lodge #360 A.F. and A.M. has a new home. The Princeville Masons held an open house to unveil their remodeled lodge at 9410 W. Route 90, just east of Princeville. The Masons purchased the former bar/restaurant in 2009 and spent several years donating time and labor to restore a building that in previous incarnations had such colorful names as The Bloody Bucket, Streetcar, The Hill, Roxy 400 Club, Hilltop Tap and DT's.
- School board members from the Elmwood Board of Education held a ceremonial groundbreaking for an ongoing addition and renovation that totals \$6,018,779.20.

10 Years Ago

- Sarah's Friendly True Value hardware store in Elmwood held its grand opening.

20 Years Ago

- Princeville High School presented the play "Murder Can Be Habit Forming" in the gymnasium.

30 Years Ago

- At the Williamsfield school carnival, Lindsey Ellis proved she had good aim. She got Jeff Tuggle right on the nose with a wet sponge as he posed in the clown booth.

50 Years Ago

- Miss Debbie Lievens of Williamsfield won the Knox County Spelling Bee, earning a trip to the Journal Star Spelling Bee.

60 Years Ago

- Sheila Groeper of Princeville was selected by the Marquette Chapter of the National Secretarial Association to receive its scholarship for the outstanding senior girl within 25 miles of Peoria.

65 Years Ago

- Bob Whitney of Elmwood won first place at the meeting of the Illinois Junior Academy of Science District meeting at Monmouth.

80 Years Ago

- Doris Jaquet of Williamsfield placed first in both flute and piano at the sectional contest in Peoria.

95 Years Ago

- Elmwood won the Little Five

Conference track meet for the fourth time. Poor condition of new track made fast times impossible. Farmington won the mile relay. The schools finished in the following order: Elmwood 35, Farmington 29, Brimfield 23, Yates City 22 and Tri-voli 17.

- Twenty were killed, many injured and more than \$1 million damage was done to farm and other property during a recent tornado in the Princeville area.

100 Years Ago

- Lewis Streitmatter, 84, died. He came to the Princeville area when plowing by ox team was still practiced and planting corn was done by digging holes without plowing.

105 Years Ago

- John Ross of Princeville had a prize flock of hens. In one week, they yielded 150 dozen eggs for which he was paid \$46.

110 Years Ago

- Ralph Baird of Williamsfield purchased a 2-year old, registered Norman colt from Willis Reed. The price was too fancy to mention.

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If you have a family member who has passed away, you will need to take a copy of their death certificate to the PCBOEC to have them removed. This isn't done automatically by the county.

Please do this by May 12, as the ballots are being finalized in preparation for the June 28 Primary Election.

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OBITUARIES

Archie C. Foster

ELMWOOD – Archie C. Foster, 75, of Elmwood, passed away at 7:03 a.m., on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at his residence. He was born Sept. 9, 1946, in Brimfield, to Everett and Violet (Rynearson) Foster. He married Roberta Hall on Oct. 6, 1962, in Elmwood. She preceded him in death in 2004.



Foster

He is survived by five children, Rodney (Cindy) Foster of Peoria, William Foster of Elmwood, Lynn Foster of Elmwood, Robert Foster of Elmwood and Beth Foster of Elmwood; one sister, Joyce Foster; seven grandchildren, Lynn Marie Foster, Ashley (John) Brentrup, Jerimay Keel, Brittany (Joe) Bushong, Jessica (Jeremiah) Lacombe, Aaron (JoAnna) Bernal and Austin Foster; and eight great-grandchildren, Alex, Destiny, Faith, Saffron, Aiden, Evan, Brooklyn, Weston and one-on-the-way.

He is also preceded in death by his parents; one son, Charles Foster; six brothers; and four sisters.

Archie worked as a machinist at Caterpillar where he retired from after 30-plus years. He was also a Peoria County Police Officer for seven years and worked for Whitney & Associates in Peoria for seven years.

After retiring, he was a paper carrier for the Peoria Journal Star.

He adored his family, children,

grandchildren, great-grandchildren and his dogs.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., on Monday, April 25, 2022, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. Burial immediately followed the service at Oak Hill Cemetery.


In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association.

To view Archie's video tribute or to leave online condolences, please visit, oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

Jo Lynne Hofer

PRINCEVILLE – Jo Lynne Hofer, 52, of Princeville, passed away at 10:09 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022, at UnityPoint Health-Methodist. Jo was born on Sept. 29, 1969, in Peoria, devoted daughter of Vernon Miller and Janet (Newman) Miller. She married her high school sweetheart, Harry Hofer, on Aug. 11, 1990. He survives.





Hofer

Jo is also survived by her children, Brooke (Owen) Hofer of Chicago and Bennett (Olivia) Hofer of Overland Park, Kan.; her parents, Vernon and Janet Miller of Princeville; her siblings, Lea Anne Miller of Peoria and Matthew (Rhya) Miller of Flower Mound, Texas; numerous siblings-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

When we think of Jo's different roles and the ways she impacted lives around her, the list is a long one. Jo taught elementary school for over a decade. She fiercely loved and protected her students. She regularly stayed late to help tutor kids who needed extra help and her excitement when talking about their progress was infectious. She spent a lot of time thinking about how she could help improve her students' lives both in and out of school. She spearheaded a program at her school that helped provide supplemental food and nutrition to families who were going without. And the collection of children's books in her reading corner was truly epic and ever-growing.

She was incredibly close to her parents and went to visit with them often. She enjoyed reminiscing about her childhood in Laura, Ill., and was full of stories about being outside as much as possible. Jo loved having her family around her. Jo's parents, mother-in-law Sue, children, siblings, and siblings-in-law have helped create a phenomenal support system throughout her cancer treatment. Many in Jo's community are reminded of her when they see one of the many stained glass or blown glass creations she gave away. Jo was a true artist.

Her sense of adventure and curious spirit is something she shared with her husband, Harry. Harry and Jo were truly best friends and always happiest in each other's company. Harry's tireless caregiving for over a decade is a true testament to their



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CryptoQuote

answer

Metaphors have a way of holding the most truth in the least space.

— Orson Scott Card

Weekly SUDOKU


Answer

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deep bond. Their banter was full of goofs, sarcasm, and laughter. Most nights, you could find them snuggling up to watch a movie. Jo was always planning out their next vacation.

Of all her roles, Jo considered being a mom the most important. There was never a day where she wasn't thinking about Brooke and Bennett and praying for their contentment. Her first words out of surgery were always to tell them that she loved them. Sitting around a fire with a s'more and having a deep chat with her family was a happy place for Jo.

Her funeral service will be at Princeville United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Rev. Zach Waldis will officiate. Visitation will be Friday, April 29, 2022, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville from 4-6 p.m. Burial will be in the Princeville Township Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Akron Princeville Ambulance, Children's Literacy Initiative, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance or the American Cancer Society.

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

Dale E. Kenney

FARMINGTON – Dale E. Kenney, 77, of Farmington passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at his residence surrounded by family.

He was born on Oct. 4, 1944, in Green Valley Ill., the son of Everett Burl and Martia



Kenney

(Lee) Kenney. On Jan. 22, 1971, Dale married Sheila M. Davis in Bryant, Ill.. She survives.

Together they had three beautiful

children, Monte (Melissa) Kenney of Brimfield, William (Rachel) Kenney of Farmington and DeeDee Johnson of East Moline. Dale also had six grandchildren, Dylan, Ethan, Ty, Tanner, Alison and Brody.

Preceding him in death were his parents, four brothers and one sister. He has one surviving brother, George (Kay) Kenney of Canton.

Dale was a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran. He had earned a Purple Heart during the war. He was also an avid toy tractor collector. He was retired and enjoyed spending time with his wife and family.

There will be no services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project or The American Parkinson Disease Association.

The Cremation Society of Mid-Illinois Co. Pekin/Peoria is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at [csmico.com](http://csmico.com).

Michael M. Whittle

PRINCEVILLE – Michael M. Whittle, 64, of Princeville, passed away Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at his residence. Michael was born Nov. 12, 1957, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Melvin and Helen (Schreck) Whittle. He married Ruth Mohring on April 5, 1983, in Alva, Okla.; she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Shauna Whittle of Peoria; one son, Matthew Ballard of Princeville; his mother, Helen Whittle of Dunlap; one brother, Dale (Cheryl) Whittle of Peoria; four sisters, Mary (Tim) Shea of Peoria, Donna (Marc) Hall of Wooddale, Vickie (Steve) Garretts of Greeley, Colo., and Aimee (Rick) Cottrell of East Peoria; and several nieces and nephews.



Whittle

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Bill Whittle.

Michael received a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from Bradley University and worked for Caterpillar. Being an engineer, he always enjoyed tinkering with electronics, especially old TVs.

Michael loved to race the modified class of race cars at Peoria Speedway and Spoon River Speedway, which he did from 1996-2002, even winning the mid-season championship.

A celebration of Michael's life and burial in Prospect Cemetery will be held at a later date. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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

Charles W. Carter

HANNA CITY – Charles Winston “Wynne” Carter, 80, died Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at his home in Hanna City, surrounded by family.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1942, in Dunlap to Aune (Wainio) and Carl Woodrow “Woody” Carter.

On June 29, 1962, Wynne married the love of his life, Marilyn (Willis) Carter. Marilyn survives. Also surviving are his four daughters, Wendy (Curt) Kookan of Peoria, Charla Dixon of Hanna City, Jennifer (Tyronne) Redd of Bloomington and Kristi (James) Stephens of Hanna City; five brothers, Donald (Shela) Carter of Oklahoma, Gail Carter of Princeville, Jerry (Loree) Carter of Bartonville, Kevin (Mary) Carter of Dunlap and Mike (Kim) Carter of Dunlap; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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

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Sun. Worship: 10:40 am  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm

St. Joseph  
Catholic Church

Father John Verrier  
314 W. Clay, Brimfield  
(309) 446-3275  
[stjosephbrimfield.org](http://stjosephbrimfield.org)  
Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm  
Sat. Mass: 5 pm  
Sun. Mass: 10:30 am (10 am in the summer)  
Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 am

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Pastor Michael Liese  
204 W. Clay St., Brimfield  
(309) 446-3233  
Sun. Divine Service: 10 am  
Brimfield E-Free Church  
Pastor Donald Blasing  
11724 Maher Road  
Brimfield, IL 61517  
(309) 446-3571  
[brimfieldefree.org](http://brimfieldefree.org)  
Worship: 10:30 am  
Sunday School: 9:30 am

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

Brimfield United  
Methodist Church

Pastor Roland Millington  
135 S. Galena St., Brimfield  
(309) 573-1833  
Sun. Worship: 9 am  
Sun. School: 9 am  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm

Union Church at Brimfield  
United Church of Christ

Pastor Stephen Barch  
105 W. Clay Street, Brimfield  
(309) 446-3811  
[brimfieldunionchurch.org](http://brimfieldunionchurch.org)  
Sunday Worship: 9 am  
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm  
• First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten-free communion offered)  
• Youth group meets 2nd Sunday each month, 12:30-2 p.m.

DAHINDA  
Dahinda United Methodist  
Church

Pastor Teri Shane  
1739 Victoria St., P.O. Box 14  
Dahinda, IL 61428  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
(NOTE: Due to COVID-19, cancelled until further notice are:  
Fellowship & Coffee  
and Sunday School)  
Church: (309) 639-2768  
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389  
Email: [williamsfielddahin-](mailto:williamsfielddahin-)

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.)  
Facebook Live is 10:30 at  
Maquon UM Church page

EDWARDS  
Bethany Baptist Church

7422 N. Heinz Ln., Edwards  
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[bethanycentral.org](http://bethanycentral.org)  
Sun. Worship: Inside services at 9 & 10:30 am

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Father James Pankiewicz  
9910 W. Knox St., Edwards  
(309) 691-2030  
[stmaryskickapoo.org](http://stmaryskickapoo.org)  
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm  
Sat. Mass: 4 pm  
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Daily Masses (Mon., Wed. Thurs., Fri.): 8 am

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Pastor Tim Cavallo  
615 E. Ash St., Elmwood  
(309) 830-4259  
[crossroadselmwood.org](http://crossroadselmwood.org)  
Wed. Worship: 7 pm

Sun. Worship: 10:30 am  
Elmwood Baptist Church

Pastor 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

First Presbyterian Church  
of Elmwood

Reverend Marla B. Bauler  
201 W. Evergreen, Elmwood  
(309) 742-2631  
[firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org](http://firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org)

Sun. Worship: 10:30 am  
Sun. School: 9:30 am  
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  
United Methodist Church  
of Elmwood

Pastor David Pyell  
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(309) 742-7221  
[elmwoodumc.org](http://elmwoodumc.org)  
Sun. Worship: 9 am, 10:30 am  
Youth Sun. School: 9 am  
Adult Sun. School: 8 am

FARMINGTON  
Farmington Bible Church

Pastor Tony Severine  
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Farmington  
(309) 245-9870  
Sunday School: 9:30  
Worship Service: 10:30

First Presbyterian Church  
of Farmington

83 N. Cone Street, Farmington  
(309) 245-2914  
[firstpresfarmington.com](http://firstpresfarmington.com)  
Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Worship: 10:30 am  
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Fellowship: 11:30 am

New Hope Fellowship  
Assembly of God

Pastor Tom Wright  
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Farmington  
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Sun. Worship: 10 am  
Wed. Worship: 7 pm

PRINCEVILLE  
Princeville United  
Methodist Church

Pastor Zach Waldis  
420 E. Woertz, Princeville  
(309) 385-4487  
[princevilleumc@mediacombb.net](mailto:princevilleumc@mediacombb.net)  
Sun. Worship: 9 am  
Sunday School: 10:15 am  
St. Mary of the Woods  
Catholic Church  
Father Corey Kregiel  
119 Saint Mary St., Princeville  
(309) 385-2578

Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm  
Sat. Mass: 4 pm  
Sun. Mass: 8 and 9 am  
Tues and Thurs. Daily Mass: 8 am

WILLIAMSFIELD  
St. James  
Catholic Church

Father John Verrier  
Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N  
Williamsfield  
(309) 446-3275  
[stjameswilliamsfield.org](http://stjameswilliamsfield.org)  
Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 am  
Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 am in the summer)

Williamsfield United  
Methodist Church

Pastor Teresa Shane  
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Williamsfield  
(309) 639-2389  
Sun. School: 9:30 am  
Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 am  
Sun. Worship: 11 am

YATES CITY  
Faith United Presbyterian  
Church

Reverend Marla B. Bauler  
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Dated this 7th day of April, 2022.  
Rachael Parker  
Peoria County Clerk  
Published 4/14, 4/21, 4/28/22

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF 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.  
WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE  
OF JOEL R. INGLES; UNKNOWN  
HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF  
JOEL R. INGLES; JENNIFER  
KRAUSE; JESSICA LEVANDOSKI;  
JOEL O. INGLES; CALEB INGLES;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-  
RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
DEFENDANT  
21-CH-00057

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publica-  
tion having been filed, notice is  
hereby given to you, UNKNOWN  
HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF  
JOEL R. INGLES; and UNKNOWN  
OWNERS AND NONRECORD  
CLAIMANTS, Defendant in the above  
entitled suit, that the said suit has  
been commenced in the Circuit  
Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit,  
Peoria County, Illinois by the plaintiff  
against you and other defendant,  
praying for the foreclosure of a cer-  
tain mortgage conveying the prem-  
ises described as follows to wit:  
LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY  
OF PEORIA IN THE STATE OF IL A  
PART OF THE SOUTHWEST  
QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION  
ELEVEN (11), TOWNSHIP TEN (10)  
NORTH, RANGE SEVEN (7) EAST OF  
THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERID-  
IAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DE-  
SCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH-  
WEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH-  
WEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SAID  
SECTION ELEVEN (11); THENCE  
NORTH 0 DEGREES 0 MINUTES  
ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE  
SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4)  
OF SAID SECTION ELEVEN (11), A  
DISTANCE OF 190.0 FEET; THENCE  
SOUTH 87 DEGREES 54 MINUTES  
EAST A DISTANCE OF 33.02 FEET  
TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE  
OF STATE ROUTE 91 AND THE  
POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE  
TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE  
CONTINUING SOUTH 87 DEGREES  
54 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF  
152.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DE-  
GREES 15.5 MINUTES EAST A DIS-  
TANCE OF 150.0 FEET TO THE  
NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF  
THE DUNLAP EAST ROAD; THENCE

NORTH 87 DEGREES 54 MINUTES  
WEST ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-  
OF-WAY LINE OF THE DUNLAP  
EAST ROAD A DISTANCE OF 111.35  
FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-  
WAY LINE OF STATE ROUTE 91;  
THENCE NORTH 49 DEGREES 0 MI-  
NUTES WEST ALONG THE  
EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO  
STATE ROUTE 91, A DISTANCE OF  
55.66 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-  
OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROUTE 91,  
THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 0 MI-  
NUTES ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-  
OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROUTE 91,  
A DISTANCE OF 115.0 FEET TO THE  
POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATE,  
LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY  
OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLI-  
NOIS.  
LESS AND EXCEPT  
A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST  
QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWN-  
SHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF  
THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERID-  
IAN, PEORIA COUNTY, STATE OF IL-  
LINOIS, BEING DESCRIBED IN  
DETAIL AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT A SET PK NAIL  
MARKING THE SOUTHWEST COR-  
NER OF THE SOUTHWEST  
QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 11  
AND BEING RECORDED IN THE  
PEORIA COUNTY RECORDER'S OF-  
FICE AS MONUMENT NUMBER  
2012016106; THENCE NORTH 01  
DEGREES 19 MINUTES 49 SEC-  
ONDS WEST ON THE WEST LINE OF  
SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER  
189.89 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89  
DEGREES 05 MINUTES 14 SEC-  
ONDS EAST 30.81 FEET TO THE  
EASTERLY EXISTING RIGHT OF  
WAYLINE OF THE CENTERLINE OF  
FAS 1380 (IL91), SAID POINT OF  
BEING ON THE NORTHERLY PROP-  
ERTY LINE OF SAID TRACT OF  
LAND AND THE POINT OF BEGIN-  
NING.  
FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 07  
MINUTES 07 SECOS EAST 32.16  
FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES  
35 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST  
62.73 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN  
WITH CAP; THENCE SOUTH 18 DE-  
GREES 12 MINUTES 59 SECONDS  
EAST 83.92 FEET TO A SET IRON  
PIN WITH CAP; THENCE NORTH 89  
DEGREES 46 MINUTES 44 SEC-  
ONDS EAST 101.67 FEET TO THE  
EASTERLY PROPERTY LINE OF  
SAID TRACT OF LAND; THENCE  
SOUTH 01 DEGREES 20 MINUTES  
43 SECONDS EAST ON SAID PROP-  
ERTY LINE 9.79 FEET TO THE  
NORTHERLY EXISTING RIGHT OF  
WAY LINE OF THE CENTERLINE OF

OBITUARIES

Marjorie A. Mauch

PEORIA – Marjorie “Marge” A. (Barnewolt) Mauch, 90, was born on Aug. 1, 1931, in Peoria, and passed peacefully at Lutheran Hillside Vil-  
lage of Peoria on April 19, 2022.  
She was the daughter of Charles R. and Marguerite (Niemann) Barne-  
wolt, who preceded her in death. She was married to William “Bill”  
Mauch on Dec. 26, 1953. He died in 2006. They had one son, William Jr.  
He preceded in death her by just 13 days this April. Her only brother,  
Charles Barnewolt Sr., also preceded her in death, along with two beloved  
nephews, Charles Barnewolt Jr. and Brian Barnewolt.  
Marge’s sister-in-law, Agatha (Bateman) Barnewolt, survives,  
along with two nephews, Michael and Jeffrey Barnewolt.  
Marge spent her childhood in Peo-  
ria and on the family farm, Robin’s Nest, just north of Kickapoo. She was a graduate of Peoria Central  
High.  
After continuing at Western State College, she was employed by Great Central Insurance Co. of Peoria until her marriage to Bill. His career in the motion picture Industry then took her to Hollywood, where she raised their son, and was hostess to Bill’s many friends and acquaintances.  
A funeral service is to be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2022, at The Wilton Mortuary. Interment will fol-  
low at Swan Lake Memorial Gar-  
dens. A luncheon will follow services with a location to be announced fol-  
lowing the committal service.  
Condolences can be left online at  
www.thewiltonmortuary.com.

Floyd Mudd

HANNA CITY – Floyd Mudd, 79, died April 12, 2022, at his home in Hanna City.  
He was born on March 28, 1943, in Toledo, Ill., to Arvilla Mae (Wil-  
liams) and Richard Jesse Mudd.  
Floyd is survived by his loving

wife of 57 years, Marjorie (Laug-  
hary) Mudd. They have three chil-  
dren, Charles (Julie) Mudd of Eden,  
Teresa (Rick) Gorrie of Washington  
and Michelle (Danny) Fritz of Edel-  
stein. Together, Floyd and Marjorie  
have eight grandchildren and five  
great-grandchildren.  
Also surviving are two brothers,  
Monroe (Ruth) Mudd of Smithville  
and David (Sherry) Mudd of Tre-  
mont; and two sisters, Phyllis Morse  
of Bartonville and Vera (Rollin)  
Morse of Peoria. His parents, one  
brother, four sisters and one grand-  
daughter preceded him in death.  
Cremation rites have been ac-  
corded. All friends and family are  
cordially invited to an informal  
celebration of life at the former  
Hanna City Grade School gymna-  
sium, 511 N. Main Street, Hanna  
City, from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, May  
1, 2022.  
Condolences can be left online at  
www.masonfuneralhomes.com.

CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF )  
JUDITH A. KRAFT, )  
Deceased. ) No. 2022-PR-0000101

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **JUDITH A. KRAFT**, on March 11, 2022. Letters of Office were issued by the above enti-  
tled Court to **ERIC J. KRAFT**, of 21916 North State Route 91,  
Princeville, Illinois 61559, and **JOHN A. KRAFT III**, of 12815 North  
Jubilee Hills Drive, Brimfield, Illinois 61517, as Executors, whose  
attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main  
Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims  
against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk’s Office, Peoria  
County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representatives or  
both on or before the 4th day of November, 2022 or if mailing or  
delivery of a Notice from the representatives is required by Sec. 18-  
3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every  
claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to no-  
tify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief  
sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by  
the claimant to the representatives and to the attorney within ten  
(10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the  
Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.  
DATED this 13th day of April, 2022.  
**ERIC J. KRAFT and JOHN A. KRAFT III,**  
**Executors of the Estate of**  
**JUDITH A. KRAFT, Deceased.**

**ROBERT L. POTTS, Esq.**  
**WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.**  
**Attorneys for Executors**  
**118 West Main Street**  
**P. O. Box 368**  
**Elmwood, IL 61529-0368**  
**Telephone: (309) 742-3611**  
**becky@whitneyandpotts.com**  
Published 4/28, 5/5, 5/12/2022

CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF )  
SHARON S. BELFIELD, )  
Deceased. ) No. 2022-PR-0000102

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **SHARON S. BEL-  
FIELD** on March 21, 2022. Letters of Office were issued by the  
above entitled Court to **SHARON S. ARBOGAST**, of P. O. Box 4735,  
Bartonville, Illinois 61607, 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  
**4th day of November, 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 representa-  
tive 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 13th day of April, 2022.  
**SHARON S. ARBOGAST, Executor of the**  
**Estate of SHARON S. BELFIELD, Deceased.**

**ASHLEE E. STABLER, Esq.**  
**WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.**  
**Attorneys for Executor**  
**118 West Main Street**  
**P. O. Box 368**  
**Elmwood, IL 61529-0368**  
**Telephone: (309) 742-3611**  
**ashlee@whitneyandpotts.com**  
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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The Village of Princeville Zoning Board will meet on Thurs-  
day, May 12th at 7pm at the Princeville Village Hall, 206 N.  
Walnut Ave. to discuss and vote on a variance request to per-  
mit installation of a 32 foot section of 6 foot privacy fence on  
south edge of the SE corner of lot at 205 W. Douglas St.  
  
Dan Huss,  
Zoning Chairman  
  
Published 4/28, 5/5, 5/12/22

EAST LEGION HALL ROAD; THENCE  
NORTH 89 DEGREES 05 MINUTES  
12 SECONDS WEST ON SAID RIGHT  
OF WAY LINE 111.72 FEET; THENCE  
NORTH 50 DEGREES 01 MINUTES  
36 SECONDS WEST ON SAID RIGHT  
OF WAY LINE 55.66 FEET; THENCE  
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THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE  
SAID TRACT LAND CONTAINS  
5,554 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR  
LESS OR 0.127 ACRES, MORE OR  
LESS.  
COMMON ADDRESS:  
312 S. 4th Street, Dunlap, IL 61525  
P.I.N.:  
08-11-354-010  
and which said mortgage was signed  
by JOEL R. INGLES (DECEASED),  
Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic  
Registration Systems, Inc., as nomi-  
nee for Quicken Loans, Inc., as Mort-  
gagee, and recorded in the Office of  
the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria  
County as Document No.  
2015005519; and for such other re-  
lief prayed; that summons was duly  
issued out of the Circuit Court of  
Peoria County against you as pro-  
vided by law, and that the said suit is  
now pending.  
NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU,  
the said above defendant, file your  
answer to the Complaint in said suit  
or otherwise make your appearance

therein, in the Office of the Clerk of  
this Court in Peoria County in Room  
G-22 at 324 Main St., Peoria, IL  
61602 on or before May 16, 2022,  
default may be entered against you  
at any time after that day and a judg-  
ment entered in accordance with the  
prayer of said complaint.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF PEORIA  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING  
LLC;

Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DAVID L. CLARK AKA DAVID L.  
CLARK, SR.;  
CONNIE M. CLARK; MORTGAGE  
ELECTRONIC  
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS  
AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;  
Defendants,  
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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given  
that pursuant to a Judgment of Fore-  
closure entered in the above entitled  
cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Cor-  
poration will on Wednesday, May 25,  
2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the  
office of Andrew D. Cassidy, Cassidy  
& Mueller, 416 Main Street, 323  
Commerce Bank Building, Peoria, Il-  
linois 61602, sell to the highest bid-  
der for cash, the following described  
mortgaged real estate:  
LOT 7 IN CLAUD SUBDIVISION, A

SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE  
SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE  
SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION  
30, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8  
EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL  
MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE  
PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRU-  
ARY 3, 1950 IN PLAT BOOK "T",  
PAGE 97 AS DOCUMENT NO.  
451352, SITUATED IN PEORIA  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 14-30-  
455-020.  
Commonly known as 2311 West  
Hudson Street, Peoria, IL 61604.  
The improvement on the property  
consists of a single family residence.  
If the subject mortgaged real estate  
is a unit of a common interest com-  
munity, the purchaser of the unit  
other than a mortgagee shall pay the  
assessments required by subsection  
(g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condo-  
minium Property Act.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

**GARAGE SALE**  
**HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
**406 N. BURSON, YATES CITY**  
**May 5, 6, 7 – 8 AM to 4 PM**  
Too many items to list!  
**HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
**421 E ASH ST., Elmwood**  
**Fri., April 29th - 8 am to 7 pm**  
**Sat., April 30th - 8 am to 2 pm**  
Lots of brand new with tags items, gift sets, toys, household, clothes & shoes, sunscreen, bug sprays, air fresheners, car wash items and much more. Also baby bassinette, baby girl newborn to 6/9 months clothes, bambo seat, baby bath & maternity clothes.  
**HUGE YARD SALE**  
**(Including the sink)**  
**APRIL 29 & 30**  
**5509 N. EDEN RD, ELMWOOD**  
**8:00 am – 4:00 pm each day**  
Several tables and chairs, restaurant items, bar signs, old dishes,

and lots or misc.  
**108 N. IVY, ELMWOOD**  
**Fri., April 29 – 9 am TO 7 pm**  
**Sat., April 30 – 9 am TO 2 pm**  
30-gallon fish tank with stand only, scroll saw, yard & Christmas decorations, bedding, 2 exercise bikes and a treadmill, toys & books, scrub tops, girls clothes (7-12)(14-18), too much more to mention. (309) 360-0564.

**SERVICES**  
**• GIACOBBAZI'S INCOME TAX INC.:** Est. 1990, In Person or Remote Services, (309) 685-8003 or email office@giacobbazzitax.com. Office in Peoria or drop-off location in Farmington.  
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**• GARDEN TILLING OR LAWN MOWING:** Driveway grading and

yard grading prep & seeding, and more. Big or small, give me a call. Since 1998. Chris (309) 208-5413.  
**• AUCTIONS:** Marcy's Auction Wednesdays 9:30 am Farmington call for details (309) 251-4528 website www.marcysauction.com.

**FOR RENT**  
**• ELMWOOD:** 1 bedroom apartment with appliances. Water and garbage included. Carport. Security locked bldg. \$450. Call (309) 368-4460 if interested.  
**• WYOMING:** 2 bedroom at 102 East Elm. Living/kitchen downstairs, bedrooms and bath upstairs. \$450/month includes heat and water. No smoking/no pets. Available April 1. Landlord and employer references required. (612) 940-5208.

**FOR SALE**  
**• GRASS HAY:** No rain, on wagons, \$4 bale, (309) 635-4575.  
**• IRRIGATION PIPE:** 3" irrigation pipe with 3' tall nozzle head and

fittings, (309) 635-4575.  
**• MOWER:** John Deere riding lawn mower, 20 HP, with 42" mowing deck, above average condition with low miles, \$750 firm. (309) 742-8234.  
**• GENERATOR:** 10 HP, Briggs & Stratton portable generator, \$350 firm. (309) 368-6759.  
**• SEAT COVERS:** Cloth seat covers for late model Ford F-150 pickup. Gray and blue color. \$25. Call (309) 231-6040.  
**• HP PRINTER:** HP Color LaserJet 5550dtn printer. Two paper trays. Prints up to 11x17 copies. Extra hard drive included. \$50. Call (309) 741-9790.

**THANK YOU**  
George Tanner and Payton Hart were pleased with their support at Their reading at the Salem Township Library in Yates City.  
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Email free Thank-Yous to shelly@wklpost.com.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 309, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO SELL \$1,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE)**  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Community Unit School District Number 309, Peoria County, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 11th day of May, 2022, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the Library of Brimfield High School, 323 East Clinton Street, Brimfield, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving school sites.  
By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 309, Peoria County, Illinois.  
DATED the 25th day of April, 2022.  
Brent Graham  
Secretary, Board of Education,  
Community Unit School District Number 309,  
Peoria County, Illinois  
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Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.  
For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455.  
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
intercountyjudicialsales.com  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS**  
Busey Bank successor by merger to Herget Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Wanda Amerson; Angela Purdle; Illinois Housing Development Authority; City of Peoria - Community Development Division; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Gregory Amerson; Kenneth Amerson; Robert Amerson; Robert Magariello; Antoinette Crosby; Ebony McKinney; Dorian Rodriguez; Karl Amerson II; Tyron Amerson; Glenn Christopher Amerson; DeVonie Amerson; Luretha Amerson; Alexis S. Williams; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Robert L. Amerson; Linn Perkins, as Special Representative for Robert L. Amerson (deceased) DEFENDANTS  
20-CH-00115  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:  
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants  
Gregory Amerson  
Ebony McKinney  
Karl Amerson II  
Tyron Amerson  
Glenn Christopher Amerson  
DeVonie Amerson  
Alexus S. Williams  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Robert L. Amerson  
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:  
2319 N. Sheridan Road  
Peoria, IL 61604  
and which said Mortgage was made by:  
Robert L. Amerson  
the Mortgagor(s), to Herget Bank, National Association, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2011030792; 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.  
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 May 23, 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  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527  
(630) 794-5300  
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Our File No. 14-20-02402  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS**  
PNC Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
James Carl Gualdoni; Village of Bartonville; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS  
2022-FC-0000061  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:  
James Carl Gualdoni

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND RIGHT TO FILE PETITION**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a resolution adopted on the 20th day of April, 2022 (the "Resolution"), Community Unit School District Number 309, Peoria County, Illinois (the "District"), intends to issue General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving school sites. The Bonds will be payable from collections distributed to the District from those taxes imposed in The County of Peoria, Illinois, pursuant to the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law of the State of Illinois, as amended. If such revenue source is insufficient to pay the Bonds, ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount are authorized to be extended to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. A complete copy of the Resolution follows this notice.  
Notice is hereby further given that a petition signed by 224 or more electors of the District, said number of electors being equal to the greater of (i) 7.5% of the number of registered voters in the District or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15% of those registered voters, whichever is less, may be submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Education of the District (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice and the Resolution asking that the question of the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to referendum. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 8th day of November, 2022. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A 1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue the Bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.  
By order of the Board of Education of the District.  
DATED this 20th day of April, 2022.  
Brent Graham  
Secretary, Board of Education,  
Community Unit School District Number 309,  
Peoria County, Illinois  
RESOLUTION authorizing the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of Community Unit School District Number 309, Peoria County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving school sites.  
WHEREAS, Community Unit School District Number 309, Peoria County, Illinois (the "District"), is a duly organized and existing school district created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended; and  
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District (the "Board"), has considered the existing school facilities and the improvements and extensions necessary to be made thereto in order that the same will adequately serve the educational needs of the District; and  
WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District to pay the costs of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving school sites (the "Project"), all in accordance with the preliminary estimate of cost heretofore approved by the Board and now on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board; and  
WHEREAS, the Board has further determined the estimated cost of the Project, including legal, financial, bond discount, capitalized interest, printing and publication costs and other expenses, to be not less than \$1,000,000, and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully

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:  
4118 Fairview Dr  
Bartonville, IL 61607  
and which said Mortgage was made by:

James Carl Gualdoni  
the Mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage Co, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 03-59268; 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.  
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the

available to pay such costs; and  
WHEREAS, the Board has further determined that it is advisable and necessary that the Project be undertaken and, in order to raise the funds required to pay such costs, that the District borrow the sum of \$1,000,000 and, in evidence thereof, issue General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 (the "Bonds"), in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended; and  
WHEREAS, the Project is a "school facility purpose" within the meaning of the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "Sales Tax Law"); and  
WHEREAS, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable from collections distributed to the District from those taxes imposed in The County of Peoria, Illinois, pursuant to the Sales Tax Law (the "Pledged Revenues"); and  
WHEREAS, if the Pledged Revenues are insufficient to pay the Bonds, ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount are authorized to be extended to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds:  
NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 309, Peoria County, Illinois, as follows:  
*Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles.* The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.  
*Section 2. Determination to Issue Bonds.* It is necessary and in the best interests of the District to undertake the Project and the Bonds are hereby authorized to be issued and sold for that purpose.  
*Section 3. Publication.* This Resolution, together with a notice in the statutory form, shall be published in The Weekly Post, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and if no petition, signed by 224 electors, the same being equal to the greater of (i) 7.5% of the number of registered voters in the District or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15% of those registered voters, whichever is less, asking that the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to referendum, is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this Resolution and said notice, then the Bonds shall be authorized to be issued.  
*Section 4. Additional Resolutions.* If no petition meeting the requirements of applicable law is filed during the petition period hereinabove referred to, then the Board may adopt additional resolutions or proceedings supplementing or amending this Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of the Bonds and prescribing all the details of the Bonds, so long as the maximum amount of the Bonds as set forth in this Resolution is not exceeded and there is no material change in the Project or the purposes described herein. Such additional resolutions or proceedings shall in all instances become effective immediately without publication or posting or any further act or requirement. This Resolution, together with such additional resolutions or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for the issuance of the Bonds under applicable law.  
*Section 5. Severability.* If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.  
*Section 6. Repealer.* All resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.  
Adopted April 20, 2022.  
/S/ Steve Updyke  
President, Board of Education  
/S/ Brent Graham  
Secretary, Board of Education  
Published 4/28/2022

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 May 31, 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

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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT, CITY OF ELMWOOD, ILLINOIS

Following is the Consumer Confidence Report for the City of Elmwood, Illinois. Since our public water supply experienced no violations during 2021, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has issued our supply a waiver from the hand-delivery or direct-mail methods of delivery. However, if you would like a copy of this report, you may pick one up at the Elmwood City Hall during regular business hours.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

ELMWOOD  
IL1430300

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by ELMWOOD is ground water

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name Dan Bybee

Phone 309-742-2351

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pickup substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that my be present in source water include:  
- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.  
  
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.  
  
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculturum urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.  
  
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.  
  
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be

obtained by calling the EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead..>

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 309-742-2351. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: ELMWOOD: To determine Elmwood's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1991 by the Illinois EPA, and a Source Water Assessment Program, were reviewed. Based on the information contained in these documents, twenty-one potential sources of groundwater contamination are present that could pose a hazard to groundwater pumped by the Elmwood community water supply wells. These include two stores/sales, a hardware store, five below ground fuel storages, a small engine repair, four above ground fuel storages, a warehouse, a manufacturing process, a ready mix/cement, a de-icing agent, a pile of material, a lagoon, a feed lot, and a mortuary. Based on information provided by Elmwood water supply officials, the following businesses, also indicated as potential sources in the site data table, are no longer present: J&J Oil, Maplelane Country Club, Elmwood Construction co., Linder's garage, Central Illinois Monument, Croziers Auto Parts, Blunier Concrete Co., Gorham Brothers, Knox Sunoco, and an unknown feedlot. Based upon this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that Elmwood Wells #1, #3, and #4 are not susceptible to IOC, VOC, OR SOC contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeologic date for the wells. In anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that Elmwood's community water supply wells are not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the community's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; there is a hydrogeological barrier that restricts pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. However, having stated this, the U.S. EPA is proposing to require States to identify systems in karst, gravel and fractured rock aquifer systems as sensitive. Water systems utilizing these aquifer types would be required to perform routine source water monitoring. Because the community's wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which whould provide an adequate degree of protection to prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the vulnerability determination.

SOURCE WATER INFORMATION

SOURCE WATER NAME	TITLE OF WATER	REPORT STATUS	LOCATION
WELL #4 (01122)	GW	ACTIVE	NEAR WTP
WELL #5 (01793)	GW	ACTIVE	306 SOUTH LILAC STREET

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT, CITY OF ELMWOOD, ILLINOIS

2021 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:  
Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of contamination in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.  
Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	09/20/2019	1.3	1.3	0.011	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	09/20/2019	0	15	1.6	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Avg:Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

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ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG Detected	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2021	1.2	1.05 - 1.24	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids HAA5	2021	7	6.68 - 6.68	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2021	0.0029	0.0029 - 0.0029	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2021	0.7	0.7 - 0.7	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits, Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	2021	0.054	0.054 - 0.054		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2021	0.11	0.11 - 0.11	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	2021	95	95 - 95			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	2021	0.025	0.025 - 0.025	5	5	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Naturally occurring; discharge from metal.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination-
Combined Radium 226/228	09/15/2020	2.84	2.84 - 2.84	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	09/15/2020	9.85	9.85 - 9.85	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

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# BASEBALL: Kelch has 2 homers, 7 RBI in win

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Elmwood last Thursday. McGarry, Hunter Swanson and Kuberski each knocked in a run.

**Brimfield-Elmwood**  
The Indians (19-2) won at Prairieland rival Farmington on Monday, 12-4. It was a game of errors by both teams, but B-E's hitting and pitching prevailed over the misplays.

"We still have to work on defensive execution," Coach Brandon Porter said. Austin Baysingar threw five innings, striking out five and yielding just two hits. Drew Kieser pitched the final two. Drew Bryant hit 2-for-3 and drove in three. Kyle Binder also drove in three.

Frank Kelch had two RBI. B-E crushed West Prairie on the road Saturday, 17-0, as Caleb Tyre and Kieser combined for a no-hitter. Eddie Peterson had a hot bat with six RBI and a 3-for-3 batting line. Cam Blodgett clubbed a round tripper and was 2-for-3. The Indians dropped a 5-3 decision at home last Friday to Peoria Christian. A five-run fifth by the visitors was too much to overcome, as B-E batters struck out 12 times. Kelch and Jack Houlihan had two hits apiece. "Peoria Christian pitcher Wes Hunt was a tough customer for us," Porter said. "We missed some scoring opportunities in the game." Michael Seibert pitched

three innings, striking out three, walking two and yielding three hits. Kelch fanned two, walked two and gave up one hit. B-E topped R-W on April 21, 8-3, as Bryant tossed six solid and whiffed seven. Tyre fanned the side in the seventh. Kelch, Bryant, Landon Binder, Levi Moon and Peterson each drove in a run. Brady Johnson doubled.

B-E was home on April 19 and topped Prairieland foe Abingdon-Avon, 12-1. Kelch had a huge game with a grand slam, two home runs and seven RBI. Kyle Binder hit 2-for-2 while Houlihan also had two hits.

Baysingar pitched a complete game, fanning 13 and giving up two hits.

**Farmington**  
Farmington (10-7) dropped a 12-4 home matchup Monday to Brimfield-Elmwood. The visitors jumped ahead with five scores in the first inning, and the Farmers weren't able to make it back.

Gage Renken had a good hitting day with a home run and a double. Riley Embry picked up a hit and an RBI. Jacob Evans had one hit. Lane Wheelwright tossed four innings and fanned four. Zach Austin pitched two innings and Embry pitched the final frame. FHS earned a 6-4 Prairieland win at Lewistown on Saturday. Kane Fox pitched five innings of nine-strikeout, three-hit ball. Jace Crawford pitched the sixth for a hold, and Embry finished for the save. Embry also belted a home run. Ethan Evans had two hits in the win. "Riley Embry has been hitting really well all season, some of the best hitting displays I've seen all season," Coach Justin Begner said. The Farmers beat Knoxville on April 21, 8-6, as Renken drove in two and Crawford had three RBI. The Farmers used five pitchers, who allowed contact but did not give up any big innings to Knoxville.

## Local coaches honored by IBCA

Former Brimfield Coach Maribeth Dura and Gregg Meyers of Elmwood were selected as high school girls basketball Coaches of the Year by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association. After winning a

state championship last year, Dura recently accepted the head coaching position at Canton. Also honored as a boys basketball Coach of the Year was Marty Lozier of Farmington.

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Trivia

test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LANGUAGE: What is the practice of chiromancy?  
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is unusual about the date the Chinese New Year is celebrated each year?  
3. ACRONYMS: What phrase does "http" stand for?  
4. MUSIC: Which Beatles' song asks listeners to "take a sad song and make it better"?  
5. TELEVISION: What is the name of SpongeBob Squarepants' best friend in the animated series?  
6. GEOGRAPHY: Nairobi is the capital of which African country?  
7. MOVIES: Which two male actors starred in "The Sting" (1973)?  
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby oyster called?  
9. HISTORY: In its planning stages, which World War II attack was coined "Operation Z" by the Japanese?  
10. LITERATURE: During which war is the novel "All the Light We Cannot See" set?

Answers

1. Predicting the future by reading the lines on your palms  
2. It varies between Jan. 21-Feb. 20, depending on the lunar calendar  
3. HyperText Transfer Protocol  
4. "Hey Jude"  
5. Patrick  
6. Kenya  
7. Paul Newman and Robert Redford  
8. A spat  
9. The attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941  
10. World War II

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Fantastic Beasts: Secrets (PG-13)  
2. Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (PG)  
3. The Lost City (PG-13)  
4. Everything Everywhere All at Once (R)  
5. Father Stu (R)  
6. Morbius (PG-13)  
7. Ambulance (R)  
8. The Batman (PG-13)  
9. K.G.F.: Chapter 2 (NR)  
10. Uncharted (PG-13)

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# SOFTBALL: Hunt pounds two homers in R-W win

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at Washington. B-E opened play there with another walk-off victory, 8-7 over Maple Park Kaneland. Johnson singled home the winning run. A pair of losses ensued – 7-2 to the host team and 16-11 to West Aurora. Maddie Hes-sing then pitched a com-plete-game shutout in a 7-0 beating of Williamsville.  
**ROWVA-Williamsfield**  
Kataleena Hunt had six RBI on two home runs Monday as the Lady Cou-gars (10-10) defeated host Delavan 12-2. R-W scored three times in the first in-ning and four times in the second. Pitcher Ashlyn Murdock allowed five hits

in a complete game.  
On Tuesday R-W scored three unearned runs in the 10th to top host Prince-ville, 8-5, which had nine errors overall. Madison Nelson had three hits.  
Prior to this week, R-W had lost four straight at home. Knoxville scored three times in the 12th in-ning Thursday to win 7-4. R-W tied it in the seventh on a two-run error.  
On Friday, West Prairie defeated R-W 8-5, boosted by a six-run fourth. The Lady Cougars also lost a doubleheader Saturday to Ridgewood, 7-3 and 5-2.  
**Princeville**  
Princeville dropped an 8-5 contest to R-W Tuesday



Ashlyn Murdock picked up a complete game win for ROWVA-Williamsfield on Monday. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

despite home runs by Me-kaya Cihla and Kinley McGinn.  
Bridget Gilroy pitched a no-hitter Friday to lead the Lady Princes to a 15-0 four-inning victory over

Midland. She struck out seven and walked one.  
Cihla went 3-for-3 with four RBI for Princeville (7-7), which scored 11 in the third. Cihla hit a two-run homer and tripled.  
**Farmington**  
A two-out hit in the bot-tom of the seventh inning Monday provided the win-ning run for Lewistown, which defeated Farming-ton 4-3.  
Reece Putrich was 3-for-4 for Farmington (4-5), which scored three times in the sixth to tie the game. Alisyn Eichorn had a two-run double. Lewistown opened its first inning with two walks, followed by a home run.

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# TRACK: Farmington boys second at Bowen Invite

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Hursey also won the 100 in 13.57 ahead of teammate Miller (14.44); Miller was second in the 200 (30.44) and 400 (pr 1:10.66); Jenna Clark won the 100 hurdles (21.27); Claire Hanlin won the 300 hurdles (56.69); the 4x100 relay of Hursey, Hayden, Lily Swanson and Gilstrap won in 55.25 while the 4x200 of Hayden, Paige Stevens, Swanson and Gilstrap won (1:59.94), as did the same crew in the 4x400 (4:59.42). The 4x800 was second in 12:15.65.  
Farmington’s boys were fourth at the county meet and were paced by wins from Logan Morse in high jump (5-9.75) and Brayden Morse in pole vault (10-0). Logan Morse was also second in the 100 (12.06), Dane Hitchcock was second in 110 hurdles (19.58), Zach Taylor was second in triple jump (36-9.75) and Chandler Whisenand was third in high jump (5-7.75).  
Farmington won the 4x200 (1:37.49) and 4x400 (3:47.76) and was second in the 4x100 (48.56).

Farmington’s boys were second last Friday at the annual Tuffy Bowen Invite, finishing with 90 points – 58 behind winner Stark County. The girls team placed third with 101 points, behind winner Deer Creek-Mackinaw (131) and Stark County (106).  
Winners for the boys included the 4x200 relay of Hunter Darsham, Hitchcock, Jake Martin and Logan Morse in 1:36.64, Whisenand in the high jump after clearing 5-9.75 (same height, less misses than third-place teammate Logan Morse) and Matt Kenney in pole vault (11-0).  
Other top Farmington finishes were a second in pole vault by Brayden Morse (9-11.75), Logan Morse placing third in the 100 (12.56), Hitchcock taking third in 110 hurdles (19.73) and Martin’s third in the 400 (57.73).  
Winners for the girls last Friday were Hursey in pole vault (9-5.75) and Webel in discus with a personal record throw of 118-4.75.  
Other top finishers were: Hayden second in pole vault (pr 7-11.75);

Hursey second in 100 (14:05); Farmington’s 4x100 second-place relay of Hayden, Gilstrap, Swanson and Miller (54.87); Hanlin second in 300 hurdles (pr 57.63); Gilstrap third in high jump (pr 4-4), Webel third in shot put (30-10.75), Farm-ington’s third-place 4x200 relay (2:00.64); and Josslyn Altom’s third in the 800 (3:00.73).  
• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** was sev-enth on the boys and girls side at the Rockridge Co-Ed Invite last Fri-day. Emily Short was second in high jump (4-11.75) and third in 300 hurdles, and Bella Voss was third in long jump (13-8.25). Top boys finisher was the second-place 4x800 relay of Adam Sharp, Justin Godsil, Jackson Sornberger and Gavin Gerard (9:34.55). Seth Johnson was third in the 100 (11:58) and 200 (24.02).  
• **Elmwood-Brimfield** moved its Elmwood Invite to Tuesday due to cold conditions on Monday. Com-petitors seemed pleased with the decision on Tuesday as the sun was shining.

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# Princes win

## Princeville sweeps Galva for first Ws

**By PHIL JOHNSON**  
For The Weekly Post

The Princeville baseball team got the brooms out for a Lincoln Trail double-header sweep of Galva Monday on the road.

In the first game, Princeville (2-17-1) erupted for 11 on the way to a 21-0 final. Gage DeVries threw a two-hitter and whiffed four. On the other side of the ball, DeVries hit a home run and drove in four. Parker Dickinson also collected four RBI. J.T. Snyder had three RBI.

In the nightcap, PHS broke it open in the fourth with 10, leading to a 13-5 victory. Carter Stutzman had three RBI. Snyder picked up three hits. Dickinson struck out 10 from the bump.

The Princes lost 12-2 to a hard-hitting Henry team last Friday in non-conference action on the road. DeVries hit a big fly, was 2 for 3 and had two RBI.

PHS lost 9-1 to IVC on April 19 on the road in a non-conference game.

DeVries had two hits, in-

cluding a double. Dickinson, DeVries and Snyder all pitched in the effort. “Parker Dickinson kept a good hitting IVC team off balance from the mound,” Princeville coach Chris Delbridge said.

And in a correction from last week, Conner Freres had two hits on April 16 at Annawan-Wethersfield.

**ROWVA-Williamsfield**

The Cougars (5-11) let one get away Monday in an 8-7 setback in eight innings at ICAC foe Delavan..

Ahead 7-2 going into the home sixth, the Panthers began their comeback with three scores. Delavan tied it in the seventh, then won on a single in the eighth.

Wyatt Self pitched four innings, giving up two earned runs. Parker Sornberger relieved for three, striking out two but yielding four walks. Bryan Bertlshofer pitched the eighth, giving up a walk and a hit.

Logan Kuberski hit safely twice and had two RBI. Sornberger drove in three runs. Graham Wight



ROWVA-Williamsfield pitcher Logan Kuberski allowed two hits and struck out 10 Stark County batters in an 11-1 victory on Saturday. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

collected two hits.

R-W picked up an 11-1 win over Stark County Saturday at home in the first game of a Lincoln Trail doubleheader. The Cougars struck for six in the sixth to put it away. Kuberski threw a complete game, striking out 10. Wight hit a home run with three RBI. Lewis Sams was 3-for-4 with four

# Fulton Co. champs

## Farmington girls win county track meet

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Weekly Post

Cold weather didn’t seem to bother the Farmington girls track team Monday night in the Fulton County meet at Canton.

The Farmington girls turned in strong finishes in relays and field events to win the meet with 135 points to 105 for Canton.

Anna Webel won both the shot put (30 feet, 1.5 inches) and discus (97-7.25) for the Lady Farmers. Farmington also got a first from pole vaulter Miranda Hursey with a personal record vault of 10-6; a third in pole vault from Mariah Hayden (7-6.25); second-place from freshman Claire Hanlin in long jump (13-1.5); second in high jump from Kyleigh Miller (4-6); and third in high jump from Averie Gilstrap (4-2).

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# B-E softball splits at Washington tourney

**By NICK VLAHOS**  
For The Weekly Post

The Brimfield-Elmwood softball team won four of six recent games, including a 12-6 victory Monday at Illini Bluffs.

Kierra Johnson had two singles and two triples against IB. A six-run fifth inning, including a Johnson two-run triple, broke a 2-2 tie. IB cut its deficit to 8-6 in the sixth,

but B-E (14-4) scored four more in the top of the seventh.

On Thursday, Brooke Sumner’s two-run single on the first pitch of her seventh-inning at-bat gave B-E a 4-3 walk-off victory against North Fulton.

In between those victories, B-E went 2-2 in the Panther Classic tournament Friday and Saturday

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