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Elmwood renews downtown TIF, four taxing bodies to get cut

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – A quartet of local taxing bodies is to receive new revenue from a renewed Elmwood tax-increment-financing district.

During its meeting March 7, the Elmwood City Council approved a 10-year extension of the Central Business District TIF area. The vote followed talks among city officials and representatives of the Elmwood Rural Fire Protection District, Elmwood Township and the Elmwood School District.

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Under the renewal terms, those entities and the Elmwood road and bridge fund are to receive 50 percent of downtown-TIF revenue paid from 2024 to 2028, in proportion with their property-tax rates. The city is to keep the other 50 percent.

From 2029 through 2033, those four taxing entities are to receive

all the downtown-TIF proceeds. The city is not required to share money it receives from the TIF district, which was formed in 2011. The district is intended to help fund downtown improvements.

“With TIF districts, the farther you get into it, the more money you generate because of the time,” City TIF Attorney Mike Seghetti said following the council meeting. “So sometimes you get to a point where you’re in a position that you can start giving some of the money back.”

In TIF districts, property taxes

that are to go to various bodies are frozen. Subsequent tax increases are diverted into a fund used for infrastructure improvements that can lead to area redevelopment.

By state law, the maximum length of a TIF district is 23 years. If a TIF is active, its revenue can be used for its intended purpose.

“The biggest reason to do this is to keep the TIF alive so we are able to enter into redevelopment agreements to the end of that TIF,” said Amy Davis, the city economic-development director.

The renewed TIF plan lists three potential private projects that might receive funding. They are development of city-owned land at Main and Magnolia streets; expansion of the Ag-Land FS Inc. grain elevator at 215 S. Magnolia St.; and redevelopment of a vacant building at 120 W. Main St.

Regarding public projects, two were listed – possible additional downtown-area parking facilities and possible improvements to and ongoing maintenance of sidewalks and streetscapes.

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STATE-MANDATED VACATION

Illinois bill guarantees paid leave

Legislation effective starting Jan. 1, 2024

By NIKA SCHOONOVER

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker signed Senate Bill 208 into law Monday, ensuring at least 40 hours of paid leave for Illinois workers.

Effective Jan. 1, 2024, workers will begin to earn paid leave on their first day at a rate of one hour of leave for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours of paid leave for the year. Employees can begin using their paid leave either 90 days after their employment begins or 90 days after the act’s effective date.

“Today we will become the third state in the nation to require paid



Gov. JB Pritzker signs Senate Bill 208 into law Monday, guaranteeing workers up to 40 hours of paid time off every year. Capitol News Illinois photo by Andrew Adams.

time off and the first among the largest states,” Pritzker said Monday. “I’m exceptionally proud that labor and business came together to recognize the value of this requirement to employees and employers alike.”

The measure passed in both

chambers earlier this year during the 102nd General Assembly’s lame duck session.

Prior to the act’s effective date, Illinois workers have not been guaranteed paid time off for sick leave, child care, medical appointments or

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JH wrestling team yields state champ

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – School boards make decisions every month across Illinois, often with little obvious change.

Occasionally though, a vote leads to a clear consequence – sometimes even a state championship, as was the case in Farmington.



Showalter

In the first year of establishing a junior high wrestling program, Farmington saw sixth-grader Isaac Showalter go undefeated in his 70-pound weight class en route to an IESA Class A state championship last

weekend.

Showalter and fellow junior high qualifier Chase Frye were part of a contingent of wrestlers on hand to be recognized by the school board at its monthly meeting. Also honored were high school state qualifiers Keygan Jennings, Rese Shymansky, Bradley Ellis and JV qualifier Caleb Showalter.

“Without your support none of this would have been possible,” Farmington Wrestling Coach Jacob Durbin said. “To say (the first year of a junior high program) was a success would be an understatement.”

Also recognized was teacher Abigail Simaytis, who received an outstand-

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ELMWOOD: TIF funds to Elmwood entities only

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 “Obviously, they’re pretty open-ended, because we don’t have anything firm,” Seghetti said.

On Dec. 14, a joint review board considered the TIF-renewal plan. The board consisted of representatives from all parties affected. A public hearing was held Jan. 18.

“We’ve had a lot of discussion with everybody about this, so everybody knows what’s going on and what the intention is,” Seghetti said.

The new deal is expected

to provide the Elmwood School District with about \$26,500 in each of the first five years, based on 2021 TIF revenue. That figure was about \$92,000, according to Elmwood School Superintendent Chad Wagner. About \$66,000 would have been eligible for the 50-50 split.

Elmwood Township is expected to receive about \$1,600 annually in that five-year span, the road and bridge fund about \$2,100 and the fire-protection district about \$2,700.

No non-Elmwood-based

regional taxing entity is to receive additional money from the renewed downtown TIF. Those bodies include Peoria County, the Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District, Illinois Central College and the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria.

Downtown money also is not to be transferred to the other Elmwood TIF district, which includes the Fairground Acres subdivision at the north end of the city. After that TIF district expires, scheduled for 2027, its funds can be transferred downtown.

The downtown TIF was implemented following the 2010 tornado that caused about \$85 million in dam-

age in Elmwood. TIF money has been used to help pay for downtown streetscapes and façade improvements, among other things.

“We’re rebating back quite a bit of the TIF revenue with this additional 10 years, so hopefully that’s something that everybody feels comfortable with. I think the council does,” Seghetti said. “Hopefully the other taxing districts are satisfied with it.”

The council also set a May 31 deadline for Ameren Illinois to remove a dirt pile it left at Fairground Acres. Ameren has agreed to remove the dirt sometime this spring, according to City Clerk Bethany Lovingood.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week's Hot Picks

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- **Mostaccioli Dinner** – St. Matthew's Parish, 156 E. Vernon St., Farmington, sells mostaccioli and homemade meat sauce Saturday, March 18, 4-6:30 p.m.
- **Pancake Breakfast** – Union Church at Brimfield, 105 W. Clay St., has its annual pancake and sausage breakfast Saturday, March 18, from 7-10:30 a.m. Adults \$8, kids \$5.

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This Week's Events

- **Ladies' Night** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood has Ladies' Night Out today, today, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. featuring creating pillows by finger knitting yarn. Ages 18 and older.
- **Movie Night** – Farmington Area Public Library has a free showing of "Devotion," a PG-13 movie, today, March 16, at 6 p.m. Free popcorn, waters bottles cost 25 cents.
- **Classic Movie** – Brimfield Public Library shows "Some Like it Hot" Friday, March 17, 1 p.m. Free movie and popcorn. Ages 18 and older.
- **Fiber Arts** – Salem Township Library in Yates City hosts a meeting of the Fiber Arts Club Saturday, March 18, from 10-11 a.m. (309) 358-1678.
- **TRIAD Meeting** – Knox County TRIAD has Seniors and Law Enforcement Together meetings scheduled for March 20 at 10 a.m. at Oak Run's Brentwood Park Office and March 21 at 10

a.m. at Salem Township Library in Yates City. Fundraisers, cleanup days planned.

- **Toddler Gym** – Youngsters can play at Elmwood Community Center every Friday school is in session, from 9-11 a.m. Cost \$1. Call Bonnie at (309) 742-8507.
- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays, 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4. Classes also on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville's Lillie M. Evans Library.

Future Events

- **Fish Fry** – The Kickapoo Sportsman's Club has a fish fry March 24, 4:30-7 p.m. Other date April 7. Adult dinners \$16, kids 12 and under fish dinner \$5, kids hot dog meals \$4.
- **Trivia Night** – Elmwood Business Women's Trivia Night is Saturday, March 25, at Maple Lane Country Club. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Cost \$100 per table of up to eight people. Call Jeanne at (309) 712-4527.

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GUEST VOICES



Of bluebells, a late trey & cats scratching

Rambling through central Illinois, happy to report the bluebells are starting to poke through the leaf litter and promise to put on a fantastic show later this spring.

Callers have been wondering if we will have stories about political races before the April 4 election. Yes! Watch for stories on the Brimfield and Williamsfield school board elections and the contested race for Farmington mayor in the next two editions. ... Anyone who saw Elmwood get thumped by Illini Bluffs (32-5) in the sectional had to be impressed by IB. Some even pondered whether IB had what it takes to win it all. Seems they did, if not for a last-second 3-pointer that handed IB a 45-44 loss to Waterloo Gibault in the supersectional. Gibault beat Scales Mound for the Class 1A state title over the weekend, 65-45, and also won easily in the semifinals against Bloomington's Cornerstone Christian Academy, 70-46. The only consolation for IB is that nearly the entire roster returns next year, includ-



Jeff LAMPE

ing 6-foot-9 Hank Alvey. That's not such good news for the rest of the ICAC, though.

Once upon a time, I had a nice leather recliner. OK, it was pleather, but real high-quality pleather. For a few weeks I loved that chair. Then our cat decided she loved it too. Before long, the pleather was decorated with long white streaks where the cat's claws had proved her love for the arms of the chair. I mention this after reading a story about veterinarians who support Illinois House Bill 1533, a state law that would ban the declawing of cats. These vets are going against guidance of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association, which encourages its members to oppose HB 1533. Vets against declawing say it "often increases biting and house soiling," proven reasons for cats to be put up for adoption, or worse. Hmmm. Seems that was the exact choice presented to the family when our Rosie got cat-scratch fever. No claws, or she goes. An inside cat, Rosie now has no front claws. Even though she still scratches away every day, the furniture is safe and - while she is still a weird little animal - there's no more talk of Rosie leaving.

Stark County led Illinois in corn

yield this year with an average of 240 bushels per acre, followed by Woodford and Ogle counties. That's according to USDA figures. McLean County had the largest corn crop, with nearly 71 million bushels produced, according to the USDA. Overall Illinois had the top five corn-producing counties in the country but ranked second to Iowa in total corn production. McLean County also led the nation in soybean production. Worth noting is that McLean is the largest county in Illinois and is actually larger than the state of Rhode Island. ... Not all is kudos in the Prairie State, though, as MoneyGeek rates Illinois as the least tax-friendly state in the country. According to MoneyGeek's analysis, families in Illinois pay an average of \$14,778 per year in taxes, or nearly 17 percent of their household income. Compare that to the most tax-friendly state of Wyoming, where residents pay about \$3,438 per year in taxes. And then tell me, "Why do I still live here?" Ah yes, it's so the state can tell me I can't have my cat declawed. ... Parting shot: Driving north Tuesday afternoon, we saw numerous tell-tale plumes. Burning season is here - fun for everyone but firefighters.

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Supreme Court hears SAFE-T Act arguments

By **JERRY NOWICKI**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The state’s highest court heard arguments Tuesday in a case that could drastically alter the legal landscape for criminal defendants who are incarcerated as they await trial.

It’s the latest development in the ongoing legal challenge to the pre-trial detention provisions of the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform – short for Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today – which the high court put on hold in December just hours before it was scheduled to take effect.

The case pits Illinois’ attorney general, legislative leaders and governor, who wish to uphold the pre-trial detention overhaul, against state’s attorneys and sheriffs representing 64 counties who say the legislature should have put a constitutional amendment to voters if they wanted to make such a change.

The Supreme Court put the case on an expedited schedule and a decision is expected later this year, though the court did not set a specific timeline.

If the court allows the pre-trial detention changes to take effect, judges would no longer be able to incarcerate a defendant who is awaiting trial

solely because they cannot afford to post bail. The system replacing cash bail would allow a judge to order pre-trial detention based on an accused person’s level of risk of reoffending or fleeing prosecution.

But the law would also create a list of lower-level nonviolent offenses for which a defendant cannot be held pre-trial if they are not already out on pre-trial release when committing the alleged offense or proven to be a “willful flight” risk.

The case was appealed by the state after a Kankakee County circuit court judge ruled in December parts of the law were unconstitutional.

PAID LEAVE: Bill under negotiation since 2019

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any other reason.

“About 4 million workers ... in Illinois do not have access to even a single sick day,” said state Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Westchester, who carried the bill in the Senate.

The measure has been under negotiation since 2019 and has “changed hands” a number of times since its inception, Lightford said.

“This is an issue that has been lingering around the General Assembly for far too long,” Lightford said. “I’m really glad it landed in my lap when it came over to the Senate.”

When SB 208 was debated on the floor in January, one key point of opposition was that it would burden small busi-

nesses by raising costs.

“My major concern are the little guys. It’s the mom-and-pops that have 5, 10, maybe 13 employees, that this has a significant impact on their budgets,” Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, R-Jacksonville, said on the House floor.

Pritzker pushed back against this sentiment at the bill signing ceremony.

“Just like bigger businesses, small businesses want their workers to be more productive, to be able to deal with their stresses, emergencies at home, so they can be better and more productive at work,” Pritzker said.

The measure does not apply to employees subject to collectively bargained contracts, because time off

would be subject to negotiations between the union and the employer.

Also, an employer who already provides any type of paid-leave policy that satisfies the minimum amount of leave required is not required to modify the policy – so long as that policy offers an employee the option, at the employee’s discretion, to take paid leave for any reason.

Ultimately, the measure

received a few Republican votes in the House but passed the Senate with only Democratic support.

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Elmwood man faces sexual abuse charges

• **PEORIA** – A 69-year-old Elmwood man faces between three and seven years in prison if convicted of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Robert R. Arnold was indicted and arraigned last week in Peoria County Circuit Court. He pleaded not guilty and was being held in the Peoria County Jail on \$75,000 bond. He needed to post \$7,500 to be released.

According to the indictment, Arnold is accused of knowingly committing sexual conduct with someone at least 13 years of age but younger than 17. A trial was set for 9:30 a.m. May 8.

Police reports

• **PEORIA** – An Elmwood man was accused of stealing a vehicle by force, according to Peoria County Circuit Court documents.

Jose R. DeJesus, 31, was to be arraigned today, March 16. DeJesus was being held in the Peoria County Jail on \$100,000 bond. He needed to post \$10,000 to be released.

A grand-jury indictment last week accused DeJesus of stealing a Mercedes-Benz from a man in the 1200 block of N. Underhill St. in Peoria. If convicted, DeJesus might face 4-15 years in prison.

• **FARMINGTON** – More than \$3,000 in cash was reported stolen from a Farmington restaurant.

Police were summoned about 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 to Farmington Pizza Co., 1200 E. Fort St. The owner said he was last to leave the restaurant the previous night, about 11:30. When he returned, he noticed money was missing from a cash register, a kitchen safe and from plastic bags on a desk upstairs.

The register had been pried open and a rear outer door was unlocked, according to a Farmington Police Department report.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Mapleton woman was accused of multiple crimes, including drunken driving, after smashing her vehicle into a Farmington house. Jenny L. Buckley, 50, was transported to Graham Hos-

pital in Canton after the incident. It took place shortly before 12:30 p.m. Feb. 27 near Oak and Court streets, according to the Farmington Police Department.

Officers found a 2019 blue Chevrolet sport-utility vehicle with its rear against a house in the 100 block of N. Oak St. Buckley was behind the wheel but was incoherent, a police report stated.

A witness said the SUV struck another vehicle, then struck the front of a boat trailer. The impact pushed the trailer into a van. Buckley then backed up through grass, struck two traffic-control signs and stopped when her vehicle hit the house.

Someone inside the house said the impact was enough to knock him to the ground, according to the report.

Buckley told rescue personnel she had neck and back pain and had been drinking alcohol, according to the report. At the hospital, Buckley said she didn't remember hitting vehicles, hitting a house or being in Farmington. She believed she was in Peoria, not Canton, the report stated.

In addition to driving under the influence, Buckley was accused of reckless driving and illegal transportation of alcohol. She is to appear March 31 in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

• **EDWARDS** – Robert W. Markham, 45, of Edwards was arrested for violating an order of protection. Markham called and/or emailed two people he is not supposed to contact, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. A deputy took Markham into custody about 5:45 p.m. March 11, but Peoria County Jail officials would not admit him. Markham said he had taken cocaine, morphine and a tranquilizer, among other substances.

Instead, Markham was transported to UnityPoint Health-Methodist in Peoria. Markham was given a notice to appear April 19 in Peoria County Circuit Court.

• **FARMINGTON** – Kayla S. Wisner, 32, of Farmington reported to city police about 2 p.m. Feb. 23 on a Fulton County warrant for driving on a suspended license. Wisner posted \$500 bond and was released with a notice to appear at 9 a.m. March 29 in Fulton County Circuit Court.

• **FARMINGTON** – Magic T. Stobaugh, 27, of Chillicothe reported to city police about 4 p.m. Feb. 23 on a Fulton County warrant for battery. Stobaugh posted \$150 bond and was released with a notice to appear at 9 a.m. March 29 in Fulton County Circuit Court.

• **FARMINGTON** – Tabitha E. Clift, 30, of Farmington was arrested about 3:15 a.m. March 9 and accused of driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to reduce speed, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **ELMWOOD** – Chief Aaron Bean reported the following Elmwood Police Department activity for February: Eight reports, five traffic stops, four warnings and two citations.

• **YATES CITY** – Chief Randy Benson reported the following activity for the Yates City Police Department in February: 2 arrests, 2 citations, 8 warnings, 9 traffic stops, 1 ordinance violation, 1 open door and 15 reports.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Hanna City man damaged the screens of two televisions in a residence he shares with another man, according to authorities.

William A. Tillman, 40, was arrested after the incident, which took place about 9:15 p.m. March 2 in the 400 block of N. Carole Ave. Total damage estimate was \$750.

There were different accounts about what happened, but Tillman was accused of criminal damage to property and was transported to the Peoria County Jail. He was being held without bond. Tillman also was wanted in Tazewell County for criminal damage to government property.

• **HANNA CITY** – A truck driver accused another driver of causing more than \$1,500 in damage to his vehicle. The truck driver said his vehicle was backed into about 8 p.m. on Feb. 28 at Refuel, 12910 W. Farmington Rd. in Hanna City. The truck driver gave a Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy the name of an alleged offender.

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Williamsfield school board OKs spring coaches

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – The Williamsfield School Board approved spring coaches and passed a threat assessment plan Monday at its regular monthly meeting.

Approved as spring high school coaches were the following.

• Baseball – Paid coaches are Arnie Gonzalez, Mike Weitekamp, Jeremy King and Brian McGarry. Volunteer coaches are Dan Self, Brent Stewart, Charlie Sams, Tim Farquer, James Sams, Mike Smith and Steve DeWitt.

• Softball – Paid coaches are Beau Burnett, Cory

Garza, Chad Reed and Paige Collopy. Volunteer coaches are Denny Smith, Ryan West and Alycea Burnett.

The board also approved Mary Kay Bronny for concussion oversight and watched a demonstration by Williamsfield's Bionic Bombers team, who showcased their robot projects.

The board did enter executive session, but no action was taken from that closed session.

Superintendent Farquer reported on the second-place finish by Williamsfield's seventh-grade volleyball team, which was the first volleyball team to make it to state and brought home the first

IESA state trophy in school history.

Farquer said the recent FFA Banquet brought about 150 people into the school to hear about the FFA program.

Farquer said spring musical rehearsals and set development is underway. He said the Academic Challenge team took first place at regionals and awaits sectionals, noted the senior trip to Arizona will be

April 4-8 and said spring sports and spring standardized testing of students starts soon. Billtown students will be competing in high school baseball, softball and track and field, middle school track and field and intramural soccer.

Farquer said a few small building projects are underway, noting the bus barn paving, microgrid installation and interior remodel.

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Billtown's final gaming license goes to Ladd's

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – Ladd's Food Mart is to receive the final video-gambling license the current Williamsfield Village Board intends to issue.

The board decided March 6 to cap at three the number of video-gambling permit holders in town, according to Village President Matt Tonkin.

Only one Billtown business offers video gambling – Double Take Bar & Grill, 111 N. Oak St. Another license has been granted for a combination gambling

parlor-laundromat being constructed across the street from Double Take, according to Tonkin.

"I'm not a fan of gambling," he said. "It's just a shame that's where people choose to spend their money, and it's a shame that businesses seem to need it. But I understand their position. I would rather we don't have gambling, but I would like us to have a grocery store."

Ladd's new owners, represented by Harsh Puri, requested video-gambling permission last month. In January, they purchased the business from longtime owner Jerry Ladd. Puri and proprietor Pardeep Kumar are part of a family that also owns food stores in Bushnell and Mason City.

Once video gambling begins at Ladd's, likely in the next few months, up to six terminals are to be ac-

cessed through a separate entrance, according to Tonkin. Alcohol by the drink is to be sold, in keeping with state regulations.

The local American Legion post owns the Ladd's building and land. The legion board signed off on the grocery store request, according to Tonkin. He noted significant opposition from Village Board members, despite their ultimate approval.

"The family did a great job ingratiating themselves with the trustees. They seem like a nice bunch," Tonkin said. "The fact is, nobody else was interested in buying from Jerry Ladd because it's a hard business to make ends meet."

In other business, the board approved a \$3 monthly increase in the base water rate. The new rate is to be about \$47.25, according to Tonkin.

A primary reason for the increase is the second phase of a water-improvement project the village is to begin later this year.

The rate increase also is to help offset hikes in the cost of electricity, Tonkin said.

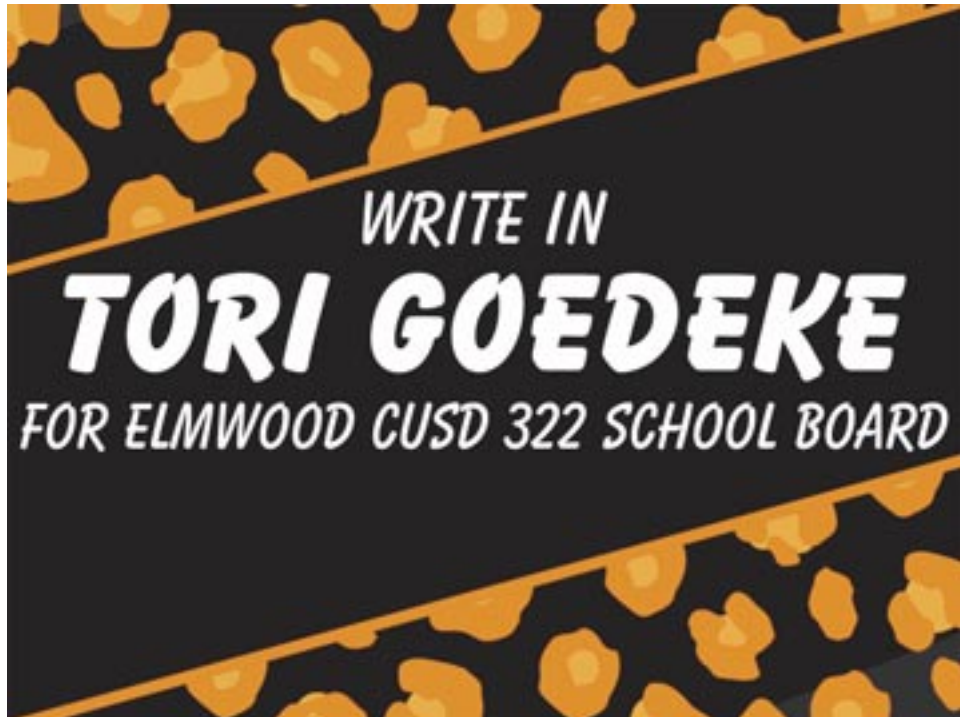
Trustees gave final approval to the project, which is estimated at \$1.75 million, including fees. Hoerr Construction Co. of Goodfield offered the lowest bid, about \$1.45 million.

Water-distribution lines in the east part of the village are to be replaced, and a 30,000-gallon ground-level storage tank is to be constructed. The tank work probably won't take place until 2024, Tonkin said.

The project fulfills Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requirements.

The board also gave preliminary assent to a budget for Fiscal Year 2024, which begins May 1. Final approval is expected in April. General-fund spending is to rise about 12 percent, with most or all coming from village savings, per Tonkin.

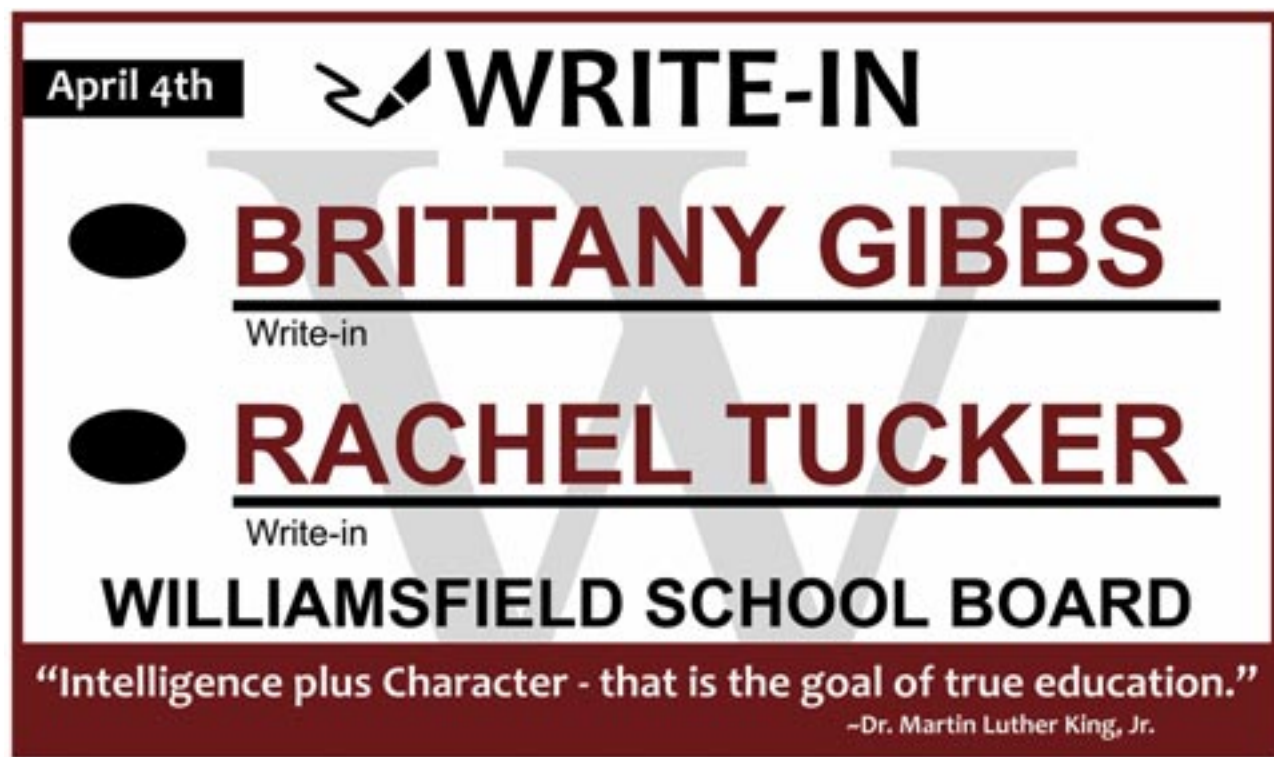
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2023 All-America winners offer planting options

By **BRUCE J. BLACK**
Illinois Extension

If winter seems to be lingering, think ahead to spring and to new plants that could add a spark to your yard.

A good source for intriguing new plants is All-America Selections, a non-profit organization that releases several trialed plants each year as AAS Winners. This year, there are 11 AAS winners and six are suited for Illinois.

Vegetables

• **Pepper jalapeno San Joaquin F1** (Capsicum annuum var. San Joaquin F1) – A thick-walled jalapeno setting about 50 fruits per plant. Good for preserving or roasting, holds taste and firmness. It has 60 days to harvest from transplant.

• **Squash kabocha Sweet Jade F1** (Cucurbita maxima var. Sweet Jade F1) – This is a single-serving-sized, fall harvest squash. High yielding, 1- to 2-pound squash. Jade colored outside with deep orange flesh perfect for an edible bowl. It has 85 days to harvest from transplant.

• **Tomato Zenzei F1** – A high-yielding, early-maturing Roma, plum-type tomato. Its fleshy, easy-to-harvest tomatoes are good fresh or for preservation, and born on bushy indeterminate plants.

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Flowers

• **Coleus Premium Sun Coral Candy** – The first



Pictured above is Snapdragon Double-Shot Orange Bicolor F1.

seed coleus to be an AAS Winner. This flower is a compact, multicolored foliage plant with narrow, serrated leaves that holds color well in full sun. Perfect for a 14- to 16-inch container or hanging basket.

• **Salvia Blue by You** – A perennial salvia with blue flowers blooming up to

two weeks earlier. It is both heat tolerant and winter hardy. Blooms late spring into fall with dead-heading of spent blooms. It is pollinator friendly and not deer or rabbit friendly.

• **Snapdragon Double-Shot™ Orange Bicolor F1** – An intermediate-height, double-flowered annual snapdragon. It has warm shades of orange and orange-red, that transition to dusty shades on strong stems producing more branching and a higher flower count. Perfect for containers or in-ground plantings.

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Your child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2023.

Registration will be 5:30-6:30 in the grade school cafeteria.
An informational meeting will be held at 6:00 PM

This evening is for **Parents Only**. Parents will be asked to fill out all registration packets and pay registration fees that evening.

Kindergarten registration fee is \$55 cash or check made payable to BGS.

Parents will sign up for kindergarten screenings to be held on Friday, April 21, 2023

Before and aftercare (BAC) fees will be explained at the meeting. Registration for a single child is \$25

If you are unable to attend or if you have any questions please contact the school at 309-446-3366, for registration papers and to sign up for a screening time.

Yates City board approves water, sewer increases

YATES CITY – The Yates City Village Board approved an increase to water and sewer and garbage rates at its Feb. 8 meeting.

Water and sewer rates increase to \$9.50 per month and garbage was bumped up 50 cents per month.

The board also approved a seven-day-per-week contract with TEST for water and wastewater services for \$2,500 per month.

The board discussed Motor Fuel Tax plans and approved up to \$40,000 of MFT fund to be used for spray patching, tar and

chipping this summer.

A hearing was held prior to the regular monthly meeting in regards to an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan for a new well and ground-storage tank. There were no public comments at the hearing and plans will move forward.

ward.

In other business, the board approved:

- Hiring William Emerick for the public works department for \$15 per hour for the first 90 days and \$16 thereafter.

- Repairing the village snowplow.



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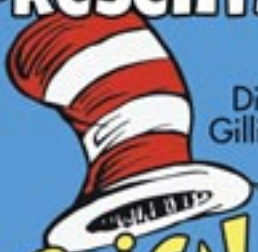
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Selection is made by a committee of agriculture industry representatives and teachers and is designed to reward FFA members who demonstrate outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through record keeping, leadership and scholastic achievement.

Stiers, the daughter of Jeff and Joanie Stiers, is now eligible to compete in the State FFA Awards selection process in Decatur on March 25.

Band, princess party part of benefit for Ava

ELMWOOD – A live band and

princess parties are part of a Rock-n-Boogie benefit scheduled for March 25 at the Uptown Cafe, 118 E. Main St..

All proceeds benefit Ava, a young girl in Farmington who was injured in a lawn-mowing accident last summer.

Rosie and the Rivets, a Chicago 1950s and '60s tribute band, will play from 7-10 p.m. in the upstairs ballroom. Swing-dance lessons will also be offered at 6 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person, \$20 per couple at the door, \$5 off tickets in advance. Call Jon Young at (309) 660-3534 or the cafe at (309) 742-4500.

There will also be a Princess Pizza Party from 2-4 p.m. with Cinderella. Cost is \$5 per child.

Bringing family relics back home discussion

PEORIA – Angie Sneeringer, vice president of the Peoria County Genealogical Society, will present a

free talk on "Bringing Your Family Relics Back Home" on March 23 at 6 p.m. Peoria Public Library's North Branch. Sneeringer is an Edwards resident and a teacher at Brimfield Grade School.

The talk is also available on Zoom. Link at peoriacountygenealogy.org/events.

Et cetera

- Spring catchable trout season in Illinois opens April 1 at 58 ponds, lakes and streams around the state, including Miller Park Lake in Bloomington, Siloam Springs State Park in Clayton, the Hennepin Canal Parkway Visitor's Center in Sheffield, Weldon Springs State Park and three Springfield locations: IDOT Lake, Southwind Park and Washington Park Pond.

- Tammy Willis has been named the acting Illinois State Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14

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

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What is the name of Scarlett and Rhett's daughter in "Gone with the Wind"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What body of water lies between Australia and New Zealand?
- TELEVISION: Eric Camden is a minister on which TV dramedy?
- CHEMISTRY: Which element has the Latin name stannum (Sn)?
- LITERATURE: Which book is first written in C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia series?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the bird logo on Twitter?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How long does it take a sloth to digest food?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What is the irrational fear represented by coulrophobia?
- MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek god stared at his own reflection until he died?
- INVENTIONS: What did Alessandro Volta invent?

Answers

- Bonnie Blue Butler.
- Tasman Sea.
- "7th Heaven."
- Tin.
- "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."
- Larry.
- An average of 16 days, and up to 30 days.
- Fear of clowns.
- Narcissus.
- The electric battery.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Creed III (PG-13)
- Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania (PG-13)
- Cocaine Bear (R)
- Demon Slayer (R)
- Jesus Revolution (PG-13)
- Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13)
- Operation Fortune: Ruse de Guerre (R)
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OBITUARIES

Scott A. Eisenbarth
DAHINDA – On Wednesday, March 8, 2023, Scott Alton Eisenbarth, 59, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family after an eight-year battle with cancer. Scott was born on Oct. 6, 1963, in Kewanee to Ronald and Javon (Alton) Eisenbarth. He married Cindy Henehan on Feb. 8, 1992, in Bradford; she survives.

Also surviving are his two daughters, Mackenzie (Jordan) Kingdon of Hanna City and Madison (Josh) Garber of Dunlap; one son, Nick Eisenbarth of Dahinda; his parents, Ronald and Javon (Alton) Eisenbarth of Chillicothe; seven grandchildren, A.J., Milly, Sam, Ben, Emmy, Peyton and Charlotte, as well as another grandson due in June; two brothers, Mark (Kim) Eisenbarth of Greensboro, N.C., and Kyle (Jill) Eisenbarth of Chillicothe; two brothers-in-law, Jim (Lori) Henehan of Normal and Fr. Patrick Henehan of Peoria; one sister-in-law, Susan (Jason) King of Wyoming; parents-in-law, Jim (Sharon) Henehan of Wyoming; and many nieces and nephews.

Scott graduated from Wyoming High School in 1982. He then went on to graduate from Loras College



Eisenbarth

after a successful basketball career as a DuHawk. He was affectionately known as “Scooter” and “Ice” by his teammates, some of whom he remained close to throughout his life. Most recently, he was inducted into the Loras College Hall of Fame with his 1982-1983 men’s basketball team.

After college, Scott began working at the family business, Wyoming Motors, where he was the general manager for 29 years. He had a passion for golf, Ford trucks and the Green Bay Packers, and was known for having the best “Dad Jokes.” Most of all, he loved and cherished the time spent in the company of his children and grandchildren. He will be dearly missed.

His funeral mass was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2023, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming. Fr. Patrick Henehan officiated. Visitation was Sunday, March 12, 2023, also at St. Dominic Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Dominic Catholic Cemetery. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Illinois CancerCare Foundation or Siteman Cancer Center at MSC 1-247-414-2100, 7425 Forsyth Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63105, or online at siteman.wustl.edu/tribute.

Condolences may be left for Scott’s family on his tribute wall at

www.haskellfuneral.com..

Patrick L. Cherrington
DAHINDA – Patrick L. “Pat” Cherrington, 87, of Dahinda, died March 8, 2023, at Seminary Manor, Galesburg.

Pat was born on March 10, 1935, in Appleton. He was the son of Patrick E. and Viola (Little) Cherrington. Pat married Anita Cyphers in Kansas on July 2, 1955.

He then married Cathy Eaton on Jan. 3, 1969. Together they celebrated 11 years of marriage before she preceded him in death on Sept. 14, 1980.

He later married Patty Jo (Duke) Pickrell on July 16, 1983. Surviving Pat are his wife, Patty of Galesburg; children, Alan (Sandy) Cherrington, Jesse (Kim) Cherrington and Kathy (Jim) Martin, all of Minnesota, Danny (Trudy) Cherrington of Galesburg, and Pam (Scott) Mason of Gilson; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and sister, Pearl (Cherrington) Resor of Peoria.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Cathy and sister Mary Cherrington.

Pat attended Williamsfield schools and Carl Sandburg College. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army from November of 1952-55. He worked as a coil maker and then maintenance at OMC/Gale Products. He then went on to retire from NAEIR

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answer

You can find poetry in your everyday life, your memory, in what people say on the bus, in the news, or just what's in your heart.
— Carol Ann Duffy

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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Products as a maintenance tech. Pat was a member of the Dahinda United Methodist Church. Cremation rites will be accorded. Burial of cremated remains will be held at a later date. Condolences can be left online at hurd-hendricksfuneralhome.com.

Nancy B. Hanks

YATES CITY – Nancy B. Hanks, 66, of Yates City, died March 8, 2023, at her home. She was born July 8, 1956, in Peoria, to David and Helen (Mason) Hanks.

Nancy is survived by one sister, Penny Hanks; and two brothers, David Hanks and Kenneth (the late Sue) Hanks.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Nancy worked in the Informational Technology department at Ameren/CILCO for 25 years. She later worked at OSF in the Medical

Records department. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m., on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation will be prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial of ashes will be held at Yates City Cemetery at a later date. Condolences can be left online at www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Michael R. McClain

FARMINGTON – Michael Ray “Macho” McClain, 53, of Farmington, died peacefully surrounded by family and friends on March 4.

He was born on Sept. 6, 1969, to Michael and Cordie (Cook) McClain. They preceded him in death along with his niece, Katie.

Mike married Bobbi DeWester on Sept. 1, 2007, in Farmington. She survives along with his and Bobbi’s daughter, Summer; daughters

Sharee, Chelsey, Samantha Mae and Maddy; four stepsons; his sisters, Riva (Dean), Angela and LeAnne (Justin); brother Jeff (Rachel); and several grandchildren.

Mike was raised in Chillicothe and worked security at Caterpillar.

He was an avid Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Pirates fan and enjoyed playing fantasy football and baseball. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and helping others. He enjoyed fishing and especially playing bingo with his wife on their “date nights.” Mike was a dedicated member of the New Hope Fellowship church in Farmington.

Cremation has been accorded. A celebration of life was held March 11. Burial of his ashes will be held at a later date.

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BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey
1. Is the book of Galatians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In how many verses is the specific name of Satan used in the Old Testament (KJV)? 0, 1, 15, 174
3. From Genesis 36, which city was Esau’s home base? Petra, Tyre, Gilgal, Perga
4. Which of these persons hid in a cave while God passed by? Noah, Moses, Abraham, Jonah
5. From Esther 5, who/what was Zeresh? King of Persia, Mountain, Wife of Haman, River
6. In 1 Peter, to what animal is Satan compared? Serpent, Wolf, Rat, Lion
ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) 15, 3) Petra, 4) Moses, 5) Wife of Haman, 6) Lion
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 NOTICE is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of ELMWOOD in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois, that the Annual Township Meeting of said Township will take place on **TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**.
 The Township Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Township will be held at the hour of 6:00 P. M. on said day at the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 111 West Main Street, Elmwood, Illinois, in said Township, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of Law, come before the Meeting and especially to consider and decide the following:
 Call Meeting to Order;
 Nomination/Election of the Moderator;
 Moderator's Oath of Office;
 Approval of minutes of previous Annual Town Meeting;
 Annual report of Supervisor;
 Annual report of Road District Treasurer;
 Audit of Accounts;
 Permanent Fund Transfers;
 Resolution appointing the Township Attorney;
 General Business; and,
 Adjournment
 DATED this 14th day of March, 2023.
 DIANA HALL,
 Elmwood Township Clerk.

Published 3/16/23

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JUBILEE
 NOTICE is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of JUBILEE in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Township will take place on **TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**.
 The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 8:00 P. M. on said day at the JUBILEE TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 12807 N. Princeville-Jubilee Rd., in Jubilee Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of Law, come before the Meeting and especially to consider and decide the following:
 Call Meeting to Order;
 Nomination/Election of the Moderator;
 Moderator's Oath of Office;
 Approval of minutes of previous Annual Town Meeting;
 Annual report of Supervisor;
 Annual report of Road District Treasurer;
 Audit of Accounts;
 Determine time of next Annual Town Meeting;
 Permanent Fund Transfers;
 General Business; and,
 Adjournment.
 DATED this 13th day of March, 2023.
 ROBIN A. FORNEY,
 Jubilee Township Clerk.

Published 3/16/23

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PERSIFER
 NOTICE is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of PERSIFER in the County of Knox and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Township will take place on **TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**.
 The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 6:30 P. M. on said day at the PERSIFER TOWN HALL, located at the corner of U. S. Route 150 and the Dahinda Road CH No. 15, in Persifer Township, Knox County, Illinois, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of Law, come before the Meeting and especially to consider and decide the following:
 Call Meeting to Order;
 Nomination/Election of the Moderator;
 Moderator's Oath of Office;
 Approval of minutes of previous Annual Town Meeting;
 Annual report of Supervisor;
 Annual report of Road District Treasurer;
 Purchase of Real Estate;
 Audit of Accounts;
 Permanent Fund Transfers;
 General Business; and,
 Adjournment.
 DATED this 14th day of March, 2023.
 ANN COLLOPY,
 Persifer Township Clerk.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 TRUIST BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO SUNTRUST BANK, PLAINTIFF,
 VS.
 WILLIAM BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JASON RUTHERFORD, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JASON RUTHERFORD; KADEN RUTHERFORD; GENNA GENEVISE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
 NO. 22 FC 000015
 1911 EAST MINNESOTA STREET
 PEORIA, IL 61614
 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 1, 2023, Sheriff of Peoria County will on 04/10/2023, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 08:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
 For Information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpilc.com>.
 Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-086591L
 PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
 I3213153
 Published 3/2, 3/9, 3/16/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,
 VS.
 WILLIAM BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF BERNICE KELLY, DECEASED; SHAWNTELL Y KELLY; BERNETTA ARNETTA KELLY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KAREN BOOKER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANGIE BOVAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BERNICE KELLY A/K/A BERNICE KELLY BURNEY, DEFENDANTS.
 NO. 22 FC 0000106
 1601 NORTHEAST JEFFERSON AVENUE PEORIA, IL 61603
 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 1, 2023, Sheriff of Peoria County will on 04/10/2023, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 08:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

Part of Lot 7 in Block 126 in Birket's Addition to the City of Peoria, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the corner of said Lot at the intersection of Mary Street with Jefferson Avenue; running thence Northeasterly along the line of said Lot on Jefferson Avenue 32 feet; thence Northwesterly parallel with Mary Street, 120.4 feet; thence Southwesterly parallel with Jefferson Avenue, 32 feet; thence South-easterly along the line of said Lot of Mary Street, 120.4 feet to the place of beginning, situate, lying and being in the City of Peoria, County of Peoria and State of Illinois.
 TAX NO. 18-03-255-018
 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1601 Northeast Jefferson Avenue Peoria, IL 61603
 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is brown. The gas

is on. I am unable to verify that the water is on or off. The property does not have a fence. The property is vacant. Garage door is boarded up. The Judgment amount was \$17,892.18.
 Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.
 The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
 The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 Nationstar Mortgage LLC PLAINTIFF
 Vs.
 Bon Buffington, Jr.; Cody Buffington; Village of Peoria Heights; State of Illinois - Department of Revenue; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Bon J. Buffington; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Linn Perkins, as Special Representative for Bon J. Buffington (deceased) DEFENDANTS
 No. 2023-FC-0000031
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Bon J. Buffington 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: 5003 North Best Street Peoria Heights, IL 61616 and which said Mortgage was made by: Bon J. Buffington the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Finance of America Mortgage LLC, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2018001788; 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 April 3, 2023, 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

TEMPLE AND CLEVELAND'S ADDITION to the City of Chillicothe, as shown on the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "G", page 67 1/2; situated in PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 05-29-229-005.
 Commonly known as 609 North 3rd Street, Chillicothe, IL 61523.
 The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
 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 Ms. MyXuan Koski at Plaintiff's Attorney, Marinosci Law Group, PC, 134 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. (312) 940-8580.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC PLAINTIFF
 VS.
 Shanika Linzy; et. al.
 DEFENDANTS
 No. 19-CH-00425
 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 01/11/2023, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on April 17, 2023 at the hour of 8:30 AM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
 LOT 46 IN DARST & COMSTOCK'S SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. PIN 14-34-385-019
 Improved with Residential
 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1305 East Nebraska Avenue Peoria, IL 61603
 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF PEORIA PEORIA, ILLINOIS
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; Plaintiff, vs.
 ANTHONY J. SCHOL; RACHEL A. SCHOL; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 19 CH 453
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in Andrew D. Cassidy, Cassidy & Mueller, 416 Main Street, 323 Commerce Bank Building, Peoria, Illinois 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 Lots 3, 4, and 5 in Block "C" in

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
 To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Farmington, in the County of Fulton and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6 o'clock p.m. at 141 E. Vernon Street, Farmington, Illinois for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting, and especially to consider and decide the following: Set time, date, place, and salary for 2024 Annual Meeting and review Supervisor's annual reports.
 Dated March 13, 2023
 Sandra K. Horn
 Township Clerk

Published 3/16/23

Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300
 DuPage # 15170
 Winnebago # 531
 Our File No. 14-23-00136
 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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 Published 3/2, 3/9, 3/16/23

any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
 If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
 For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-10478. I3214568
 Published 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2005-1, NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-1; Plaintiff, vs.
 Marla G. Elser; Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants; Defendants.
 Case No. 23 FC 32
 Published 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 THE BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; PLAINTIFF, vs.
 ANTHONY J. SCHOL; RACHEL A. SCHOL; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS, 19 CH 453
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in Andrew D. Cassidy, Cassidy & Mueller, 416 Main Street, 323 Commerce Bank Building, Peoria, Illinois 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 Lots 3, 4, and 5 in Block "C" in

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Heinz, Wight earn all-state special mention

A pair of area high school senior boys received Illinois Basketball Coaches Association 2022-23 all-state honors.

Oliver Heinz of Brimfield and Graham Wight of ROWVA-Williamsfield were among 27 IBCA special-mention players.

A 6-foot-4 forward, Heinz averaged 18.8 points, 7.7 rebounds 1.3 steals and 0.7 blocks per game this season for a 14-

18 team. His field-goal percentage was 55 on 2-pointers and 34 on 3-pointers, according to Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson. Heinz finished his career with 939 points.

Wight averaged 16.6 points and 8 rebounds per game for R-W, which finished 21-10. The 6-4 post player also shot 68 percent on free throws.

Also achieving IBCA special-mention status

were two players from the Lincoln Trail Conference – Kewanee Wethersfield junior Landon Sauer and Monmouth United senior Abel Wilson. Peoria Christian sophomore Malachi Persinger represented the Inter-County Conference. Illini Bluffs junior Hank Alvey was a second-team pick by the IBCA and The Associated Press.

• **All-LTC** – Wight, Stark County senior Daniel

Kieser and Princeville sophomore Tucker Sennett were among 10 first-team all-Lincoln Trail selections. Sauer and Wilson joined them, as did West Central senior Mason Carnes, Knoxville senior Braden Downs, Annawan senior Mason Heitzler, Abingdon-Avon junior Kellen Hook and Mercer County senior Owen Relander.

On the second team were R-W junior Riley Danner, Stark County junior Luke Rewerts and Galva freshman Blake Stahl. They joined Mercer County junior Lucas Collison and-Colby Cox and senior Chase Olson; Knoxville senior Beau Honeycutt; Annawan senior Tyler Pallas; Abingdon-Avon junior Carter Redfern; and Ridgewood junior Garrett Vincent.

Princeville senior Marcus Daily and R-W senior Adam Kohl were honorable-mention picks.

BILLTOWN: Storm leads in serves

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that game over and try to come back. And we did," Secrist said.

Eliza Tucker, Ava Storm, Lyllah Shaffer and Kennedy Miller combined for 33 service points against Lincoln. Those are the four 7th graders on a Williamsfield roster that also includes six 6th graders.

"Ava is just a little tiny girl with an underhand serve. She just served deep and they couldn't get it," Secrist said. "And then Eliza Tucker, she was our rock all tournament. She's one of our main

passers, she's our middle and she's the one who really picked apart the defenses and put the ball down a lot for us."

Storm finished the tournament with 22 service points, Tucker had 20, Shaffer 11 and Miller 9. Next high on serves were 6th-graders Avery Manning (seven) and Olicia Stone (five).

Others on the second-place roster are Cynthia Binder, Lizlynn Cole, Jasmine Jackson and Cameron Yerkey.

Secrist said Williamsfield's fans also received kudos after cheering for West Lincoln in its third-place match.

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est bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will

entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-07370. I3215287 Published 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/23

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Nicholas Chester; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2022-FC-0000013
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in

the above cause on 06/06/2022, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on April 26, 2023 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 41 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 42 IN BLOCK 3 IN RESERVOIR HEIGHTS ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK "C", PAGE 68, IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-27-404-023
Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1513 E London Ave Peoria, IL 61603

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the

mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030

North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-00235. I3215288 Published 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/23

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Fifth Third Mortgage Company PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Christopher J. Kidd; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 17-CH-00519
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 05/07/2018, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on April 26, 2023 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOTS FORTY-FOUR (44) AND FORTY-FIVE (45) AND FORTY-SIX (46) IN BLOCK THREE (3) IN RESERVOIR HEIGHTS ADDITION TO AVERYVILLE, NOW CITY OF PEORIA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN PLAT BOOK "C", PAGE 68; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-27-404-021
Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1505 E London Avenue Peoria, IL 61603

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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BASEBALL: Farmers build around Wheelwright, trio of 3-year starters

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players to graduation that provided value to our team. Embry played with all-state numbers. Evans, Thompson and Fox revived the role of utility player, playing anywhere on the field and Austin worked well from the mound," Begner said.

"We still have good experience returning. Seniors Renken, Crawford and Kyle Litchfield will have three years of varsity experience to help our younger players adjust. I like that we always start with a high level of competition vs. IVC, East Peoria and Limestone. Playing that competition early helps us be ready for the long haul."

Princeville

Princeville clawed to a third-place Lincoln Trail Conference East finish in 2022. Two Lincoln Trail first-team all-conference and McDonalds' All-Stars graduated from Coach Chris Delbridge's squad: Gage Devries and Conner Freres. Also moving on was LTC honorable mention player Kasey Juskv.

Senior pitcher and infielder Griffin Crear, who missed all of his junior season, is anxious to get back on the mound and infield. The Princes will have senior receiving help with catcher Liam McGrath. Senior Carter Stutzman returns to the outfield and JT Snyder is an experienced senior on the bump, in the

outfield and in the infield. Sophomores returning with varsity experience include pitcher, infielder, outfielder and LTC first-team performer Parker Dickinson; pitcher and shortstop Jake Williams and Logan Olshawsky, who pitched and played infield.

"We graduated the bulk of our offense from last year. We will be young this season, but I feel like we have a strong core," Delbridge said. "We are returning our top pitchers, so we feel like we can be pretty good on the bump, and if we can support the pitching with good defense, we feel we can be competitive."

Delbridge said he is also excited to have 13 freshmen out for baseball, guided by veteran JV coach Bret Williams, along with Daniel Murk.

ROWVA-Williamsfield

The Cougars battled to a 15-15 record in 2022. Ace pitcher Logan Kuberski has graduated. Also moving on were key infielder Wyatt Self and outfielder Parker Somberger.

Veteran Coach Arnie Gonzalez will have five players returning with much varsity experience, especially at the plate. Senior infielder Jake McGarry is back, bringing a .380 batting average from his

junior season. Infielder Graham Wight returns for his final season with a .375 average from 2022. Senior Lance Trotter will be on the field after hitting .260 during his junior year.


Cade Farquer has plenty of varsity hitting and fielding work to contribute after hitting .280 as a sophomore. Junior Bryan Bertleshofer batted .300 in '22.

"We have several seniors playing with six juniors, and if we can play smart, error free defense and give our middle-of-the-order hitters a chance to hit with

runners on, we will be competitive," Gonzalez said.


"The boys have been working hard coming into the season. They have challenged themselves, listened

well and practiced with good enthusiasm. I am looking forward to a solid season, especially after we play a number of games to see what we have with our newcomers."



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B-E baseball retooling pitching

By PHIL JOHNSON

For The Weekly Post

An encore to last year's Elite Eight season won't be easy for Brimfield-Elmwood, which finished 31-3 in 2022, won two conferences, a regional and sectional, and saw the season end in a Class 2A quarterfinal to eventual state champion Joliet Catholic.

Eight-year head coach Brandon Porter was named IHSA 2A Baseball Coach of the Year and will have his work cut out for him this spring.

Gone to graduation are eight seniors who helped Brimfield go 78-14 in three years, with two Elite Eight showings. Grads include pitcher and designated hitter Frank Kelch, right fielder and pitcher Drew Bryant left fielder Eddie Peterson, third sacker Jack Houlihan, top pitcher Austin Baysingar and No. 2 pitcher Michael Siebert.

But while graduation took a toll on B-E pitching, plenty of offense, defense and baserunning return for the Indians.

Returns include junior shortstop Jude Strahm



Landon Binder is one of several juniors who will be counted on to lead this year's Brimfield-Elmwood baseball team.

(.333 batting average, 30 steals, 24 RBI), junior catcher Kyle Binder (.314, 11 doubles, 36 RBI), junior first baseman Landon Binder (.337, 18 RBI). Sophomore second sacker Brady Johnson (.306, 25 RBI) helps to solidify the team up the middle.

The top pitching returnee is junior Drew Kieser, who threw 25.2 innings, striking out 35 and logging a 2.72 ERA. Junior Camden Blodgett will move in with the staff. Strahm, Binder and Johnson also look to see pitching action, and sophomore Cleve Bizosky will also work from the mound.

"Our lineup will be deeper than last year. The defense will be sound. Our pitching will be young," Porter said.

Assistant coaches for Brimfield/Elmwood are Brad Coyle, Jeff Binder, Tucker Blum, Josh Johnson and Austin Sims.

Farmington

Guided by Coach Justin Begner, the Farmers went 14-13 last year.

A big loss to graduation was .482 hitter Riley Embry. Ethan Evans, who batted .333, has moved on. Key contributors Austin Thompson, Zach Austin and Kane Fox are also gone.

Workhorse pitcher Lane Wheelwright is back on the mound and at the plate, where he helped the offense with a batting average of .338.

ERA team leader Jace Crawford is back on the mound for the Farmers. Starters from the '22 team Gage Renken (senior) and Carter Lambin (sophomore) also will be called upon by Begner.

"We lost some key

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Williamsfield's 7th grade volleyball team brought home a second-place trophy from the IESA 7-1A tournament at Clinton Junior High School. Williamsfield lost the championship match to Pontiac St. Mary's, 25-13, 25-9.

Billtown VB second at state

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

CLINTON – They were likely the smallest team at state and almost certainly had the most sixth-graders on the roster.

But what Williamsfield's 7th grade volleyball team lacked in outward dominance, it made up for with internal strength according to Coach Lori Secrist.

"They just put their heads down and play every night," Secrist said. "They had a lot heart and they kept winning."

After upending traditional power Limestone Walters for a sectional title, Williamsfield (22-4) went 2-1 at the IESA state tournament at Clinton Junior High School last weekend to place sec-

ond.

Billtown's only loss at state came Saturday evening against unbeaten Pontiac St. Mary's (27-0), 25-13, 25-9.

"You had to beat them, because they did not make mistakes," Secrist said.

In the first round on Friday, Williamsfield beat Grant Park (12-10), 25-19, 25-23.

"We played all right. We definitely had nerves, but our serving was solid," Secrist said.

In the semifinals on Saturday, Williamsfield won the first game against West Lincoln-Broadwell, 25-19, then struggled in a 25-6 loss.

"We got rattled and we needed to get

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