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DROUGHT DAYS

Fewer beetles, more cherries

By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

Watering the gardens and patio planters takes priority over all other projects these drought-stricken days. I feel like the watering wand has grafted to my hand.

As I water I make at least two passes, the first to wet the soil surface so it more readily absorbs the water on the second and third pass. I use a watering wand with a trigger handle. With the wand I can put water right where I want it.

Watering perennials and annuals, I place the nozzle at the base of the



While Japanese beetles are back, their numbers seem to be lower. And Ron Dieter says the drought could have a negative impact on them moving forward.

plant, taking care not to wet the foliage.

On shrubs and large plants, I apply the water not just at the plant's base, but farther out over the root zone. If the area is protected by a heavy layer of mulch, I'll put the nozzle down into the

mulch to force the water underneath.

I pay special attention to newly planted shrubs and trees. No drought tolerant plant is drought tolerant until it is established. A plant is considered established

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Brimfield board may add permanent subs

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield School District has about 20 substitute teachers, none of whom is a full-time employee. That might change.

The Brimfield School Board is expected to consider hiring at least one permanent substitute teacher. Brimfield Grade School Assistant Principal Nicole Loser suggested the hire would reduce scheduling headaches, increase classroom consistency and perhaps save money over the long run.

"A lot of those substitutes are only comfortable doing certain positions," Loser said about the current ar-

rangement. "Although we have 20, we can't always put all 20 people in any position in the building."

Loser said a permanent substitute at the grade school might be the most pressing need. But if the high school also is having substitute issues, two hires might be appropriate.

"It would be somebody who would have to be flexible in all positions," Loser said during a board meeting June 21.

"There's a lot of different things that this person could potentially do. A permanent substitute, or possibly two, could save money. A lot of times, we pay for half-day subs when we really only

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Battle lines drawn on energy pricing

By **ANDREW ADAMS**

Capitol News Illinois

CHICAGO – Millions of Illinoisans could see higher energy bills next year, but the size of those increases will be determined by a state agency that has recently had its oversight powers expanded.

Four gas utilities and the state's two largest electric utilities are currently requesting authority from the Illinois Commerce Commission to increase rates. Together, these companies serve 4.1 million gas customers and 5.3 million electric customers in Illinois.

All told, electric utilities have asked to raise rates by a combined \$2.8 billion over four years, while gas utilities have requested \$890

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million in increases next year.

It's an "unprecedented" number of proposed rate increases for one year, according to David Kolata, former longtime head of the Citizens Utility Board, or CUB, a nonprofit organization created by the General Assembly in 1983 to represent consumers.

The number of cases in front of the ICC is due, in part, to a pair of major policy changes affecting the

way utilities request rate increases and the commission's authority to amend those requests. For electric utilities, that means a more complicated, multi-year rate-setting process and a more thorough review of profit margins. For gas companies, that means more scrutiny of infrastructure costs.

The utilities are making their case for rate increases in an 11-month regulatory process that is set to conclude around the end of the year. But third parties like business groups and consumer advocates, in addition to ICC staff, also have a chance to weigh in before an administrative judge and eventually the five-member ICC

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Native American dancers performed at the first Dahinda Days event last Saturday on the shores of the Spoon River. Photo by Robert Haugland.



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DROUGHT: Put beetles in soapy water, and smile

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when its root system has grown out from the nursery root ball into the surrounding earth. For shrubs and trees that's about two years. For perennials it's a year.

One benefit of hand-watering is that you look over the gardens more closely. As I was watering our garden plots and pots, I spied the first Japanese beetle of the season, tucked inside the flower of a white canna. A closer inspection revealed the presence of three more. I gleefully crushed them with my bare fingers. Now my better half and I have at the ready two cottage cheese containers filled halfway with soapy water.

Japanese beetles are late

sleepers. They're lethargic and slow moving until the sun warms the air. Drowsy beetles are easy to knock off leaves and flowers into the soapy water in the early morning.

I like to take a cup of coffee with me as I check out the gardens in the morning, but I give up that luxury to have both hands free- one holding the container and the other flicking the bugs into the water.

So far the beetle yield has been low but the season is just beginning. I'm not expecting a large beetle crop this year. Their numbers were low at our place last year, fewer beetles laying eggs. This year's dry weather and low humidity could put a damper on their

numbers for next year.

If you find Japanese beetles at your place, resist the idea of buying beetle traps. Those traps contain a pheromone that attracts the beetles from great distances. You don't want to create a mass migration to your treasured plants.

They say that every dark cloud has a silver lining. One benefit of the current lack of rain and low humidity is less plant disease problems. Most foliar diseases need moist leaf surfaces to grow and multiply. Such diseases begin to take hold in late spring and become a bigger problem as the growing seasons progresses.

This year's dry spring with low humidity and no morning dew has prevented most foliar diseases from getting started. That's a little bit of good news for area crop producers who would otherwise need to apply costly fungicides. It's

bad news for aerial applicators – unless they serve farmers who use overhead irrigation.

Our cherry crop this year is one of the best we've ever had and it's due to the dry weather. We usually lose a significant portion of the crop to brown rot. But this year I've been able to pick beautiful cherries by the handful.

Brown rot is a fungal disease that affects not only cherries, but also peaches, plums, apricots, and almonds. The disease overwinters on any mummified fruits remaining on the tree. Warm spring weather and rains cause the spores to grow and spread. I've seen first-hand how brown rot spreads like wildfire once it appears.

So for the next week or so, I'll be harvesting both cherries and Japanese beetles. Hopefully I'll get a nice homemade pie. Cherry, of course.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week's Hot Picks

- **Tractor Pull** – Elmwood and Farmington FFA Alumni 5th annual tractor pull fundraiser is Saturday, July 1, starting at 10 a.m. at Harvest Home Park in Yates City. Food stand and 50/50 support local FFA chapters. Rules found at backroadspulling.com.
- **July 4 Events** – Farmington has a July 4 parade at 10:30 a.m. and events, inflatables, food and music at Reed Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Free fireworks show at dusk on July 4 in Elmwood's Sweetwater Park courtesy of Elmwood, Yates City, Farmington Fireworks Inc.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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This Week's Events

- **Manna Meal** – The monthly Manna Meal is today, June 29, at Elmwood United Methodist Church at noon. Bring table service. Meals \$6.
- **Food Pantry** – Free food boxes given out the last Friday each month at Elmwood United Methodist Church, including June 30, 10-11 a.m.
- **Summer Reading** – Forest Park Nature Center will bring animals to Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood on Friday, June 30, for the final program of the summer.
- **Farmer's Markets** – Elmwood's weekly Farmer's Market is Friday, June 16, 4-6:30 p.m. at Central Park. Vendors welcome. Weekly through Aug. 25.
- Brimfield's Farmer's Market is Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. downtown on Galena Street next to Brimfield Hardware Store.

• **Band Concert** – Elmwood's Municipal Band plays Sundays at 7:30 p.m. in Central Park until Aug. 6.

• **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

• **Food Pantry** – Princeville Community

Food Pantry open first and third Thursdays at Princeville Presbyterian Church, 5-6 p.m., at 339 S. Santa Fe Ave.

• **Food Pantry** – Christ Alive Church in Kickapoo

opens its food pantry on the first and third Monday each month, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• **Blood Drive** – Farmington Area Public Library District blood drive is July 11, 2-6 p.m. Call (309) 245-2175.

• **Harvest Home** – Fundraiser dinner for Harvest Home festival is July 20, 4:30-7 p.m. at Yates City Community Center.

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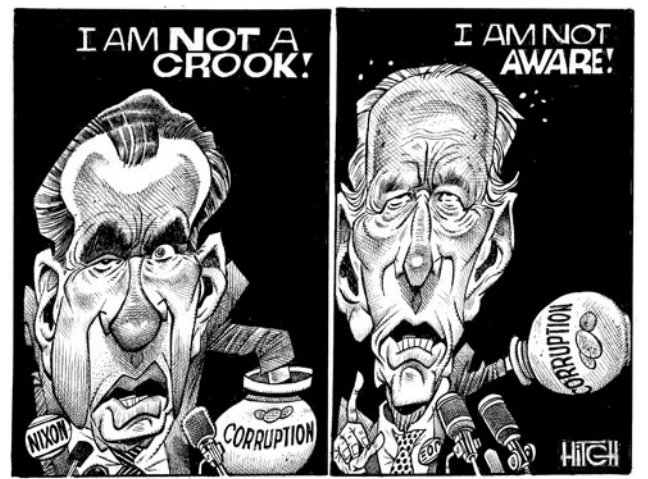
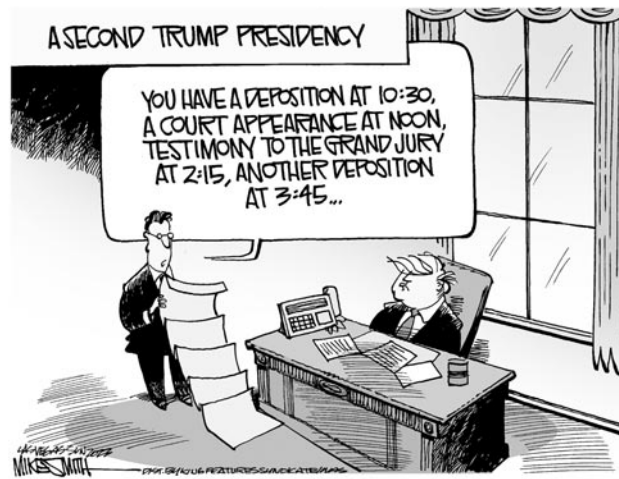
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Of a pervasive pastor, Joshua Tree & rainmakers

Rambling through central Illinois, counting the hours until we get to drive through Beartooth Pass.

Pastor Pyell was everywhere. This is no slam on any other people of the cloth, but for the past six years, the Pyells - David and his wife Linda - have been familiar faces at nearly every community event in Elmwood. Because they also have a son, Daniel, who went to school here, they were regulars at concerts, sports games and all sort of other school events. Actually, that's been true even after Daniel's graduation. So there is sadness in the fact that last Sunday was Pastor Pyell's finale in the pulpit in Elmwood and Brimfield. But the loss in Elmwood is a gain nearby, as he is moving on to take over the ministry at United Methodist churches in Princeville, Laura and Monica. One problem for Pastor Pyell is that he's going to have to replace all his orange Elmwood shirts for Princeville's maroon and gray, pronto.



Jeff LAMPE



now the most beautiful tree on our property! We call it, 'The Joshua Tree.'" That story that should give hope to all of us aging oak planters. We may not see the acorns of our labors, but somebody will. ... Incidentally, if retirement ever comes my way (please God), one hope is to get hired at Hoerr Nursery to sell trees. ... Great news for Illinois State Fairgoers: The poultry show is back! Shut down last year for concerns over avian influenza, the Poultry Show will start Aug. 11 at 9:30 a.m. See you there.

One perk of writing lots about trees is that people talk with me more about acorns and saplings than politics. An enjoyable sample correspondence came from Marilyn Carson of Dahinda, who sent me pictures of an oak tree (above right) planted by her grandson, Joshua Hilman. Here's the story. "Twenty six years ago our grandson, Joshua, was given this tree as a tiny sapling in a styrofoam cup. His grandpa planted it in our pasture and kept it protected from critters, sheep and cattle. I do believe it is

Here's hoping the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will follow the lead of its Iowa counterpart, which helped create a bill that becomes law July 1 and allows for year-round hunting and trapping of raccoons. As part of the new Iowa law, outside of normal hunting seasons, landowners can shoot or trap raccoons using cage traps or dog-proof traps without a license and do not need to notify the DNR.

Our efforts to make it rain worked

perfectly this weekend. A "camping" trip to a KOA in Lena brought nearly 2 inches last Saturday and left some folks at my wife's family reunion scrambling for shelter after their tents were flooded. Those were the sacrificial lambs and we appreciate their efforts, though it was more enjoyable to hear rain pinging on the roof of a cabin than to sleep in a car while drying off. Unfortunately, not much moisture made it home, meaning I might soon have to set up a tent to ensure another downpour.

Add another title for Chicago: Worst Air Quality in the World! That was the claim Tuesday when smoke from Canadian wildfires came billowing south and pushed the Windy City ahead of such Jakarta, Indonesia, in terms of bad air quality. The smoke was pretty evident Downstate, too, where we are getting a little taste of life in the Industrial Revolution. Actually, at first I thought there was another fire in Farmington, but was glad that was not the case. ... This is the last time you'll read in this space about a "best place" for nudity of any sort. But a recent list by LawnStarter claims Philadelphia, Pa., is the country's best city for naked bicycle riding. That made me pause. If you listed cities where you can get beat up for riding a bike naked, I think Philly would be a good No. 1. Maybe the list-makers mistook the nickname "City of Brotherly Love" as a real thing. Hey, Philly fans are among the least tolerant in the world. They have even booed Santa Claus, for heavens sake. ... Parting shot: Hmm. I just read where Beartooth Pass through Wyoming and Montana was closed Monday due to a four-foot snowfall. Maybe that trip can wait awhile.

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GUEST VOICES

The curious case of Cow 6111, Part 2

Editor's note: This column is continued from last week.

I leaped up from my chair. What? I had seen that cow less than three hours ago. She was definitely not getting ready to have a calf. I charged out the door. Matt was just coming out of the barn.

"It's nursing now," he said by way of explanation.

I opened the door to the back shed and sure enough, there was 6111 with a sleek black calf nursing enthusiastically at her side.

Thankfully, Matt has an almost supernatural power of observation and keen eyesight. When they had taken corn down to the cows in the pasture earlier that morning, Matt noticed a calf nursing a heifer as she ate corn at the feed bunk. He saw it had no ear tag nor a hole in its ear where a tag had been. It was small and sleek and black.

As he set the bucket back into the RTV he asked AJ, "Do you think that cow could have had a calf?"

That was enough to get AJ to shut the RTV off and get out to look at what had caught Matt's eye.

"Yeah," he said slowly as he pondered the little calf. "I think she could have."



Jeanne HARLAND

As improbable as it seemed, they hypothesized that 6111 had given birth to this calf sometime Monday night. The calf must have lain down near the corral panels that form part of the pen and somehow gotten under it or perhaps in the process of licking it clean, the cow inadvertently pushed it under. One way or another, it ended up outside the pen.

When the rest of the herd came to drink from the big tank, the resourceful and probably very hungry calf traveled back to the pasture with them. Instinct told the calf it needed to nurse, so it found an inexperienced mom who let the little stranger nurse while she ate corn.

Now confident that the little calf did, indeed, belong to 6111, Matt

scooped the shiny little bull calf into his arms and strode back to the RTV with it. He put it in the back and climbed in to hold onto it on the ride back to the barn. Once there, he set it gently down near the cow in the back shed. She butted it. Then she sniffed it. It smelled like another cow or maybe several other cows. She butted it again. Fortunately, the calf was spunky enough to just go nurse the cow. She stood still. She nuzzled it a little.

We kept the pair in the back shed and the lot for a few days to make sure they were firmly bonded. Then AJ opened the gate to the lane so they could leave when they wished. It's been four days now, and baby has not ventured out. 6111 goes to pasture for several hours each day. But she comes back to nurse the calf and spends the night snuggled up next to it. During the heat of the day she will lie in the cool old barn with the calf.

We'll never know for sure exactly what transpired in this very confusing situation. Always a docile cow, 6111 never exhibited any behavior typical of a cow whose calf has gone AWOL. She never fussed until that day they found her calf down in the pasture. She must have birthed it efficiently and promptly eaten the cleanings, as cows do. We had seen no trace of that calf or that it even existed at all.

In our defense, we were always looking at a black cow in a dark barn while standing in blindingly bright sunlight. Still, we all three felt we needed to hang up our animal husbandry bona fides.

We were all so elated that everything turned out well that it was a couple days before I came to the conclusion that maybe when things aren't making sense, it's because we don't have all the information. We thought we knew something that turned out to be incorrect. Our instincts told us one thing, but the sheer improbability of a newborn calf getting out of the pen and not standing there bellowing at its mother, and the mother not bellowing at it, blinded us to reality.

We never considered that the little calf could have trekked down to the

pasture and then had the gumption to steal milk from a random cow to survive.

I certainly hope that we never have a situation similar to this happen again. But if we do, I hope we can open our minds to all the possibilities, however unlikely they may seem at the moment. For now, however, calving season is finally officially, conclusively over. And that, at last, makes sense.

IRISH HILLS REUBEN BURGER

Ingredients:

- 1 pound 90% lean ground beef
- 8 ounces deli corned beef
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon granulated garlic
- 8 ounces sauerkraut, drained
- 4 Swiss cheese slices
- 4 tablespoons Thousand Island dressing
- 4 hamburger buns

Directions:

1. Combine ground beef, pepper and garlic in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 1/2-inch thick patties.

2. Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 8-10 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 7-9 minutes) until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F, turning occasionally.

About 2 minutes before burgers are done, place buns, cut sides down, on grid. Grill until lightly toasted. During last minute of grilling, top each burger with a cheese slice.

Cook's Tip:

To prepare on stovetop, heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place patties in skillet; cook 12-15 minutes until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F, turning occasionally.

BURGER BUILD

1. Line top bun with 1 tablespoon thousand island dressing. Next place the burger patty on top the bottom bun and top with 2 ounces sauerkraut and 2 ounces corned beef. Close the sandwiches and serve with sides

Jeanne Harland is a cow-calf producer in Knox County where she and her husband, AJ, also raise corn, soybeans, oats and turnips.

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Drought expanding, crop conditions worsen

By DANIEL GRANT
 FarmWeek

The expanding drought and crop condition ratings continue to trend in opposite directions as many farmers nervously await what should be the pivotal corn pollination period.

All 102 counties in Illinois are now fully engulfed in drought and abnormally dry conditions, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor released Thursday.

Nearly one-third of the state is in severe drought, mostly from the Interstate 72 corridor to just north of Interstate 74 and along the eastern border of the state from northern Edgar to Lake County. And more than half the state (51 percent) is in moderate drought.

“This is something we haven’t seen in a long time – really intense dryness,” Trent Ford, state climatologist with the Illinois State Water Survey, told FarmWeek. “We’re about 8 to 10 inches below normal (precipitation)

in some parts of Illinois. We’re flirting with 1988 as far as precipitation totals.”

In fact, average precipitation for the entire state from April 1 to June 10 was the second lowest on record dating back to 1951, according to the state climatologist. The only year it was drier in the past 72 years was 1988.

“The one thing that’s been a saving grace is we had moisture in the ground before this drought started,” Ford said. “It’s been the one thing keeping things alive. The crops are just kind of hanging on in some places.”

But many farmers wonder just how much longer crops can hang on with no considerable moisture. The portion of crops rated good to excellent in Illinois as of June 20 plummeted to just 36 percent for corn (down 12 points from the previous week) and 33 percent for soybeans (down 14 points), the National Agricultural

Statistics Service Illinois field office reported.

Nationwide, just 55 percent of corn was rated good to excellent as of June 20, which is the lowest rating for the week since 1992.

“We’re heading to a catastrophe if it doesn’t rain soon,” said Gary Steward, FarmWeek CropWatcher from Stark County. “I’m more worried about corn than beans, because August rain may make a few beans.”

Early-planted corn that was able to tap into some of the soil moisture generally looks better than later-planted corn in many areas. But growth of all crops has slowed in recent weeks, regardless of planting date, according to Gabe Glotzbach, crop specialist with Heritage FS in Iroquois County.

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FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
 Plaintiff,
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 BRUCE EVANS, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
 Defendant
 2023 FC 0000025

NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on July 28, 2023, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street (South Door), PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3908 LAUDER AVE, BARTONVILLE, IL 61607 Property Index No. 17-26-331-005 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$100,593.55. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, 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. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments

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Case # 2023 FC 0000025
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust
 PLAINTIFF
 Vs.
 Christian J. Galladora; State of Illinois - Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services; Peoria Heights Water Works
 DEFENDANTS
 No. 2022-FC-0000139
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 08/22/2022, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on August 2, 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: PIN 14-27-127-032 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1016 E Rouse Ave Peoria Heights, IL 61616 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).

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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.

Origin of Laura fire under investigation

• **LAURA** – No injuries were reported in a house fire north of Laura, but the blaze's origin appears in question.

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal was investigating the incident at 22908 N. Illinois Route 78, which was reported about 6:30 p.m. June 20. The location is just south of the Peoria-Stark county border.

Brimfield Community Fire Protection District officials requested state help because they were unsure if the blaze was set on purpose, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. By about 7 p.m., when a deputy arrived, the fire was extinguished.

The front porch was charred and there was extensive damage to the house exterior near the front door and to the front entryway, according to a sheriff's-office report. Flames burned a large hole in the door. Pools of water covered the first floor and seeped into the basement.

Nobody was home when the fire started, although two dogs were inside the house. One ran away and the other was unharmed, according to the report.

The homeowner said she left about 4:30 p.m., followed a few minutes later by a friend who helps maintain the property. Security-camera footage taken about 90 minutes after that revealed a small flame at the base of an end table directly in front of the front door, the report stated.

Firefighters from the Akron-Princeville, Elmwood, Logan-Trivoli and Williamsfield departments joined Brimfield colleagues in response. No damage estimate was available.

Police Reports

• **BRIMFIELD** – An Elmwood man was transported to a Peoria hospital following a single-vehicle rollover accident south of Brimfield.

The accident happened about 5:30 a.m. June 24 in the 9800 block of N. Maher Rd. Rescuers found a 2019 Ford sedan on its top in a cornfield on the west side of the road, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The driver was Steven A. Murphy.

An ambulance ferried Murphy to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. A deputy who visited the hospital wasn't able to talk with Murphy, who fell asleep after he received pain medication. Hospital staff said Murphy's injuries weren't life threatening, per the report.

The vehicle sustained significant damage. The deputy noted skid marks on Maher Road that led north into the ditch.

• **LAURA** – A two-vehicle crash east of Laura resulted in a Peoria woman arrested for driving under the influence of cannabis.

The accident happened shortly before 9 a.m. June 21 at Illinois Route 90 and Brimfield Road, Peoria County Sheriff's Office reports stated.

Naquesha M. Isadore, 31, was driving a 2011 Dodge Journey north on Brimfield Road when it collided with a 2020 BMW X4 that was eastbound on Route 90. The other driver was Mary A. Addis, 67, of La Fayette. The collision knocked the Journey onto its passenger side.

A deputy at the accident scene noted Isadore smelled of burned cannabis. She admitted to smoking it about 6 a.m., according to the sheriff's office.

Isadore (hip pain) and Addis (lacerated ankle) were transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. So was the passenger in each vehicle – a woman in Isadore's and a female child in Addis'.

The adult passenger complained of left-eye and rib pain. She said she didn't detect impairment regarding Isadore but noted a heavy perfume smell. The child, who was restrained in a safety seat, complained of belly pain.

After Isadore was released from the hospital, she was transported to the Peoria County Jail. In addition to DUI, she was accused of failure to yield right of way at an intersection and failure to wear a seat belt. Addis was cited for failure to wear a seat belt. The vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Princeville woman sustained minor injuries in a single-vehicle accident northwest of her hometown.

About 11 p.m. June 17, Alexis N. Kelton was driving a 2019 Jeep Compass north on Princeville Cemetery Road about one-half mile south of Mendell Road when she realized a bridge was closed. Kelton tried to turn around but backed up too far and ended up in a west-side ditch.

When Kelton accelerated to get back on the pavement, the vehicle jumped the ditch and rolled on its passenger side, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Kelton sustained abrasions to her left arm as she exited the vehicle, but she declined medical treatment.

• **HANNA CITY** – A semi-trailer truck snagged an overhead electrical wire in Hanna City and pulled it to the ground, according to authorities.

The incident happened at 1:30 p.m. June 12 at Main and Hanna

streets, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. Driver Nathan A. Lindahl of Peoria was turning north from Hanna Street onto Main Street when he heard a loud noise. He looked back and saw his truck was dragging electrical wire.

As the truck was turning, it apparently caught a wire that extended from a utility pole to the Country Relics gift shop, 120 N. Main St. The truck also ripped away the electrical box attached to the business. The wire was not live, according to the report.

• **FARMINGTON** – Following a traffic stop, a Farmington man was accused of illegal possession of cannabis.

Rowdy G. Eldridge, 18, was a passenger in a black 1999 Ford Ranger that Farmington police stopped about 5:15 p.m. June 16 at Poplar and Fort streets. The vehicle had an expired registration sticker, according to a police report.

After a police dog detected cannabis in the vehicle, Eldridge admitted to having a bag of pot – 9.8 grams of it, according to police. He was issued a citation. The driver, 18-year-old Peyton B. Kelsey of Farmington, was cited for operating a vehicle with expired registration.

• **HANNA CITY** – A building west of Hanna City was the site of a burglary, according to authorities. The burglary in the 14200 block of W. Farmington Rd. was reported June 17. Criminal damage to property also was alleged, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. No other information was available. The sheriff's office cited an ongoing investigation in declining a request to release a report about the incident.

• **ELMWOOD** – Zachary A. Benja Kelly, 33, of Elmwood was arrested about 11:15 a.m. June 20 and accused of operating an uninsured motor vehicle/bodily harm and driving on a revoked license, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **ELMWOOD** – Larry A. Wilson, 39, of Elmwood was arrested about 7:15 a.m. June 19 and was being held for another law-enforcement agency, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between June 11-17: threats, Yates City; road hazard, Williamsfield.

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Princeville OK's school resource officer

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – A school resource officer will continue to be stationed in Princeville for at least the next three years. But that officer probably will continue to skip classes every now and then.

During its meeting June 20, the Princeville Village board authorized the municipal cost-sharing role in a three-year agreement the local school district has with the Peoria County Sheriff's Office to provide the officer. In early May, the Princeville School Board approved the deal.

Under a separate, 10-year contract authorized in 2019, the school district and village agreed to split evenly the price of the officer, which in 2023-24 is to be \$103,171. But Village President Jeff Troutman said neither he nor Trustee Ron Delbridge remembered such an agreement.

Troutman's signature is on a copy of the contract School Superintendent Shannon Duling provided The Weekly Post last month. Delbridge is the only current trustee who was on the Village Board when the agreement was deliberated, per Troutman.

Last week, Troutman and Village Treasurer Julie Delbridge retrieved board minutes from that era. They confirmed the approval.

"We're not out trying to get out of

anything with the school board," Troutman said. "We just wanted to find where it was documented. It took a while to figure that stuff out."

The Village Board considered the deal June 5 but deferred a decision. Troutman said village officials considered asking the school district to allow the officer to patrol the village a few hours each day. But last week, Troutman suggested he's satisfied with the status quo from the current officer, Crystal Strauss.

"I know the deputy has patrolled at least 45 minutes to an hour," Troutman said. "She eats lunch here. I think we're doing fine. We'll just let things roll as it is another (three) years and see where we're at then."

"I think our village and school district have a relationship that's excellent, and we want to continue that."

The resource-officer cost is to rise to \$106,169 in 2024-25 and \$109,352 in 2025-26. If Illinois state law someday requires schools to have a resource officer, the village no longer will be obligated to pay, according to Troutman.

In other action, trustees approved a residential electronics-salvage deal with Eagle Enterprises Recycling Inc. of Galva. Eagle is to collect recyclable electronics once a month from locations outside each residence but not at the curb, to discourage

scrapping and vandalism, according to the contract.

Princeville residents also will be able to drop off recyclable electronics at the Eagle office for no charge. The village is to pay Eagle 50 cents per village household each month, effective July 1. The contract expires in June 2027.

The board also approved an agreement with Greenfield Contractors of Princeville regarding tax-increment-financing benefits as it seeks to purchase about 15 acres of land north of village limits. Greenfield intends to build shop and office space there, then request the village annex the property.

Costs Greenfield incurs between its property acquisition and annexation/TIF-district inclusion would be eligible for benefits, Troutman said. Total projected investment is \$2 million, with 10 full-time jobs created, according to village documents. TIF-eligible costs are projected at \$540,000.

A village donation of \$1,000 to the St. Jude Princeville-to-Peoria Run also was authorized. The annual run is Aug. 5.

Building permits were issued for a 10½-by-8-foot garden shed at 319 S. Santa Fe Ave. and a swimming pool at 112 E. Douglas St.

JUMP: Gas utilities seek \$900 million increase

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board. Rate changes, if approved by the ICC, would take effect in January.

CUB and other consumer advocacy groups are pushing for the ICC to lower the electric utilities' requests by at least \$1.4 billion and the gas utilities' requests by at least \$231.8 million.

"Energy is essential. You can't do anything without it," Kolata said prior to his recent departure from the CUB for a climate-tech company. "We want to be sure we do everything we can to make our bills affordable."

Gov. JB Pritzker has recently shaken up the board that will have the ultimate say on the rate hikes.

In March, Pritzker announced replacements for three of the five ICC commissioners. The governor tapped former ICC Chair Doug Scott to rejoin the board as a replacement for ICC Chair Carrie Zalewski, who left her role

last week. The other two members took their posts earlier this year, replacing members who had either retired or saw their terms expire. Advocates hope changes will make the board more "consumer friendly."

And while Pritzker hasn't weighed in on the electric cases, he wrote a March op-ed in the Chicago Sun-Times calling for increased accountability for gas companies.

"Illinois (gas) utilities want a combined \$900 million in rate increases this year alone, and if no action is taken to stop it, Illinois ratepayers could be left footing the bill," Pritzker wrote in the article published two days before he announced his new ICC appointments.

Customers of the four gas utilities with pending rate cases – Ameren Illinois, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas – could pay between \$60 and \$140 more for gas per year on average if the ICC approves their requested rates.

Infrastructure upgrades and maintenance are typically a major factor in rate

increases, and for about a decade, gas utilities recouped their costs on those projects through a formula-based process that allowed them to collect – and routinely increase – a customer fee without having to go through an 11-month rate case.

Advocates say that program – referred to as the "qualified infrastructure plant," or QIP – encouraged wasteful capital spending.

The QIP program is scheduled to expire at the end of the year, giving the ICC greater authority to review the utilities' infrastructure-related expenses and fees through the standard rate case process moving forward.

Ameren officials noted that gas transmission upgrades, which are often federally required, will continue.

"We're making ongoing investments in system integrity and QIP, no QIP, that commitment to safe and reliable gas delivery service doesn't change," Matthew Tomc, an executive at Ameren, said.

Beyond QIP, Gas company representatives have

pointed to changes in the macroeconomic landscape to explain their requested increases.

But for many in the state, the prospect of increased energy bills is daunting. In April, 12.3 percent of customers of utilities with pending rate cases had a deferred payment agreement – meaning they were more than a month behind on their bills – according to data submitted by the companies to the ICC.

On the electric side, Ameren and Commonwealth Edison's rate plans are the first filed under a new kind of regulatory process outlined in the landmark 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, or CEJA. While the ICC's new rate approval process is handled in a similar regulatory fashion to a traditional rate case, utilities' requests are part of four-year plans that are considered in conjunction with a comprehensive grid plan for modernization projects.

Consumer advocates have praised the public involvement allowed in the new process and electric executives have credited the process for facilitating smoother coordination between setting rates and grid planning.

The new system provides more opportunities for input and accountability, particularly as the electric sector moves toward the legislation's goal of carbon-free energy generation by 2045, Kolata said.

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BRIMFIELD: First-year teacher salary is \$43,189

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need somebody for an hour or two.”

Farmington, Illini Bluffs, Peoria Heights and Stark County are among area districts that have permanent substitutes, according to information Loser provided. Most of those districts have two. Elmwood and Williamsfield do not have permanent subs.

Brimfield required substitute teachers 166 days out of 174 days school was in session in 2022-23, according to Loser. Of those 166 days, more than two substitutes were required on 144.

Loser proposed a Brimfield permanent substitute be paid the same as a first-year teacher, with identical benefits. According to Loser, permanent subs in Farmington, Peoria Heights and Stark County receive first-year pay.

The Brimfield first-year salary for 2023-24 is

Peoria Co. Farm Bureau holding ag night July 15 at Chiefs game

PEORIA – The Peoria County Farm Bureau is sponsoring Ag Night at the Peoria Chiefs baseball game on Saturday, July 15. Game time is 6:35 p.m. with gates open at 5:30 p.m. Fireworks follow the game.

The Farm Bureau has organized a fun-filled evening of trivia, prizes, and games, all while enjoying the Peoria Chiefs play at Dozer Park in Pork Tenderloin Jerseys.

Peoria County Farm Bureau President Bob Janssen will sing the national anthem. Local youth will throw out opening pitches and there will be ag-related activities in between innings on the field.

Barnyard Discoveries, a farm animal exhibit owned and operated by Ron and Betty Wasson, will be just outside the entrance to Dozer Park.

Farm Bureau members can purchase discounted tickets for \$5 at the Farm Bureau, or tickets can be electronically sent to a smart phone. Seats are down the third-base line in sections 111 and 112.

Contact the Peoria County Farm Bureau at (309) 686-7070 or office@peoriacountyfarmbureau.org to purchase your tickets.

The Peoria County Farm Bureau Ag Coalition will have an exhibit with free Ag Bags for children. There will also be a Spin the Wheel Ag Trivia Challenge Game accompanied with prizes.

\$43,189, according to Erich Weiger, president of the union that represents Brimfield educators.

Weiger suggested a permanent-sub hire would have to be negotiated with the union.

“If we’re going to have somebody who’s going to be called a teacher, they would fall into a teacher’s contract, substitute or not,” he said.

Loser also argued for an increase in part-time substitutes’ daily pay, which is \$125. That’s \$15 less than what Elmwood pays.

“I just have a really hard time advocating and trying to get people in to do a job that’s really hard where there are signs up at other places where they can make more money,” Loser said.

Board Member Mark Bell, among others, appeared receptive to Loser’s pleas but wanted more financial information. Loser acknowledged a need for additional details before a board vote on the plan, which was tabled.

“I definitely see the benefit,” Bell said. “If it’s closer to a wash financially, I would definitely be

on board for it.”

Expenses the board approved included:

- \$20,006 for Perdue Pavement Solutions of East Peoria to resurface parking lots and driveways at the high school;
- \$19,000 for Kelly Glass Inc. of Peoria to furnish and install a pair of doors at the grade school;
- \$20,500 for D. Joseph Construction Co. of Peoria to replace doors and hardware at the school track building;
- \$72,841.75 for three sets of grade-school curriculum materials;
- And \$52,437.60 for Heart Technologies Inc. of East Peoria to replace 30 units in the high school computer laboratory. A state grant is to provide \$20,800 of that total.

Regarding personnel, the board authorized hiring Josh Clarke as a high school social studies teacher and high school girls junior-varsity basketball coach, and Taylor Simpson as a junior-high cheer coach.

The meeting was the final one at Brimfield for Superintendent Tony Shinall, whose last day in of-

ice is Friday. Effective Saturday, Shinall is to become superintendent at Princeville. Shinall spent five years at Brimfield – two as high school principal and since 2020 as superintendent.

Shinall’s replacement is Chad Jones, a former Brimfield teacher who has been superintendent and principal at Hollis Grade School near Bartonville. Jones’ first day on the Brimfield job is Saturday.



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Camp Big Sky celebrating 20th anniversary

For The Weekly Post
 MIDDLE GROVE – On July 9, 2004, a group of young people with disabilities went fishing, enjoying the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors just like everybody else.

Flash forward 20 years: Camp Big Sky is celebrating its mission of providing education, training and skills development through participation in accessible outdoor activities to people of all ages and abilities.

Camp Big Sky was incorporated in May of 2000 as Why Not Now? Inc. by the Guidi family of Farmington. The camp is located on 102 acres of former strip-mine ground one mile south and one mile west of Middle Grove and approximately five miles west of Farmington.

Over the last nearly 20 years, the nonprofit camp has hosted thousands of people with disabilities and their families, friends and caregivers, allowing them to access, discover, learn and enjoy the outdoors.



A father holds a fish for his son during an outing at Camp Big Sky. Submitted photo.

All day services are still provided at no cost. No state or federal funds are used to pay for operational costs.

In 2007 Illinois Mutual Insurance and the McCord family of Peoria made a substantial capital investment, allowing Camp Big Sky to improve its infrastructure and significantly increase the capacity to host more campers coming

from greater distances.

The camp provides three primary services based on the idea of, "Living a life like any other."

Accessing the Outdoors offers multiple outdoor activities in an accessible and least restrictive environment.

"Even after 20 years, we still see someone do something for the very first time in his or her life almost every day" said Brad Guidi, the camp's founder and mission director.

The volunteer training program teaches adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities how to become volunteers.

Many graduates go on to volunteer and secure employment. This helps to increase understanding and

acceptance of people with disabilities and helps to dispel myths about this special population.

Finally, the life skills education initiative teaches critical skill sets to local high school special education students.

The camp is available to any person of any age with any disability and is open every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and some Saturdays from May 1 until the end of October.

Overnight stays in two cabins and the Learning Center and Lodge are available at a nominal cost. Reservations are required and may be made at www.campbigsky.org/Visitors or by calling (309) 258-6383.

"Volunteers are the heart of our organization and contribute over 5,000 hours of time and talents annually," said Karla Kane, board vice president.

Volunteers add about \$150,000 of value to the organization at no cost.

To find out more about visiting, volunteering and supporting Camp Big Sky, send email to exec@campbigsky.org or call (309) 258-6002. You can also visit www.campbigsky.org or follow the camp on Facebook at Camp-BigSky/IL.

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Troutman due back in Princeville on July 4

PRINCEVILLE – Dean Troutman was passing through Prophetstown on Monday and is expected back home in Princeville by July 4 after completing his latest fundraiser walk.

Troutman, 92, set off on a 400-mile walk to benefit St. Jude on May 21. He walked to Monroe, Wis., and has been making his way back home for the past few weeks.

Troutman walked 700 miles in 2014 for his first fundraiser and raised more than \$70,000 for the park he established in memory of his late wife, Dorothy. Since then, his subsequent treks have raised more than \$80,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To learn more about his journey or to donate, visit his Troutman's Trek page on Facebook.

Shuttle available for Wellness Center event

ELMWOOD – A shuttle bus will run from the Elmwood High School parking lot to the Graham Medical Group today, June 29, for a 10 a.m. unveiling of plans for a new Community Wellness Center to be built adjacent to Graham's office.

There will be no parking available in the Graham clinic's lot.

Pulsifer Road bridge open, finished early

BRIMFIELD – The Peoria County Highway Department has reopened the Pulsifer Road Bridge approximately three miles south of Brimfield.

Temporary pavement markings are in place. Permanent pavement markings will be installed in the coming week, conditions permitting. Motorists are asked to use caution in the work zone.

The rehabilitation project began in mid-April and is now completed a



Dean Troutman took time to pose for a picture outside Prophetstown on Monday. He is expected back in Princeville on July 4. Photo by Rebecca Cook.

few weeks prior to its mid-July expectation.

Hunter's safety class set for Princeville

PRINCEVILLE – A free hunter's safety class will be held at St. Mary of the Woods on July 28-29 from 5-10 p.m. each night. You must attend both nights.

Dinner will be provided both nights. The class is open to ages 9 and up, meaning student must be turning 9 by the end of 2023.

To register, contact Mike Aldrich at (309) 229-4090.

College graduate

• **Katie Burnham** of Brimfield was among the 1,143 students who graduated from Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va., this spring. Burnham earned a Doctor of Musical Arts in performance.

College honors

• **Greta Inskip** of Elmwood was named to the Elmhurst University spring Dean's list (3.75 gpa or better).

• Named to the Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) this spring at Illinois Wesleyan University were the following local students: **Kate Meyers** of Elmwood, junior, mathematics/secondary education; **Josh McMillin** of Hanna City, sophomore, biology; **Eileen Conklin** of Elmwood, freshman, history/secondary education.

• Local students named to the Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) at Carl Sandburg College include **McKenna Clark** and **Kathryn Cruise** of Dahinda; **Jacob Abenroth** and **Logan VanHeuklon** of Edwards; **Abigail Simpson** and **Megan Wherley** of Farmington; **Chase Williams** of Princeville; **Lily Sharum** of Trivoli; and **Cadence Manning** of Williamsfield.

• Local students named to the Western Illinois University Dean's list (3.6 gpa or better) include **Lauren Troxell** of Edwards, **Cameron Dillefeld** of Elmwood, **Cameron Howerton** of Elmwood, **Braden McFall** of Elmwood, **Madison Noll** of Elmwood, **Lauren Keyt** of Hanna City, **Caleb Mahr** of Hanna City, **Emma Bird** of Princeville, **Caleb Moore** of Trivoli, **Briar Hilsabeck** of Edelstein, **Nathanael Adams** of Dahinda, **Heather Gillam** of Williamsfield, **Christine Mahr** of Williamsfield and **Paige Vallianatos** of Farmington.

Et cetera

• WILLIAMSFIELD – The Williamsfield School Board will hold a special meeting today, June 29, at 7 p.m. in the Kutkat Conference Room. Agenda items include action on 2023-24 extra-duty assignments at Williamsfield, finalizing parent-teacher advisory committee assignments and discussion on adding a school resource officer. The next board meeting is July 10 at 7 p.m.

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Pages From The Past Compiled by Josie Griffith

5 Years Ago

• The Farmington City Council approved a new \$1 million dollar veterinary clinic to be constructed by Jennifer and Matt Ulm. Ulm Veterinary Clinic plans to break ground on its new building in August on East Fort Street. The building will be three times the size of the old vet clinic, making more space for animals and veterinarians.

• The Brimfield School Board sent a formal apology to alumni Wyatt Daniel after he was not allowed to graduate due to a computer error when inputting his final grades.

• The Elmwood School Board voted unanimously for a new room in the school called the I.D.E.A Studio, standing for innovation, design, engineering and art. The room will consist of newly designed cameras, projectors, 3-D printers and a virtual reality headset.

• The Farmington School Board hired Dennis McMillin as its new high school principal. McMillin had been a middle school principal for six years at North Mac CUSD #34.

• Laney Wunder, 6, of Dahinda was named Little Miss Knox County Fair in Galesburg. Wunder said at the time she hoped to someday be a farm veterinarian.

10 Years Ago

• Local businessman Jim Feuchter discussed plans to develop the site of the former Gilles Tavern in Kickapoo with a family-oriented restaurant. The projected opening is set to be early 2014.

• Peoria Notre Dame Coach Mike Sullivan, of Elmwood, a veteran of 38 years of coaching, was a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year award.

20 Years Ago

• From June 15-27, members of the Timber Framers Guild from across the county gathered to reconstruct the timber frame of the historic Phelps Barn south of Elmwood. Rich Collins and his staff at Trillium Dell Timberworks in Knoxville provided logistical support and equipment to help complete the work, which used the same wood-peg system as when the barn was first built in the 1840s.

• A storm in the Tri-County area impacted many local cities. Power was out over much of the Fulton, Knox and Peoria County area for more than 12 hours – some areas were out for days. One of the hardest hit areas was Farmington. The storm destroyed most of Farmington High School's track and field facilities, damaged the gym and caused extensive damage to dozens of homes and businesses.

75 Years Ago

• George and Gerald Shaheen, 4-year-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shaheen, received honorable mention in the junior division at the Illinois Twins Convention at Starved Rock. They were among 250 sets of twins who participated in the event.

80 Years Ago

• Home England, the owner of the new cold storage plant at Knoxville, announced he is open for business.

90 Years Ago

• Fred Fussner's brooder house in Williamsfield, with 200 chicks inside, was destroyed by fire.

• The Kickapoo Development Co., composed of Peoria men, is getting ready to sink a test oil well on the farm of L.W. Super two miles east of Elmwood. The drilling outfit is being brought by truck from the vicinity of Glasford. A carload of 8- to 10-inch castings from Casey has been unloaded and taken to the scene of operations. There is sufficient pipe for close to a 1,000-foot hole.

100 Years Ago

• The deadliest catastrophe Williamsfield has known came Saturday afternoon, when a party of boys returning from swimming in Tucker's pond was struck by a detached engine. Willie Scott, Otto Tucker and the Santa Fe operator were killed. James Andrews, Tommy O'Brien, Claude Witt, Wiley, Howard Burch and Ray Gibson were among others in the accident.

• There are several cases of malaria fever in town. Most of them are boys who have been swimming in Kickapoo Creek. Several places have not heeded the order of the health department order to clean up their premises.

• In Princeville, the new pastor

and wife, Rev. and Mrs. G.L. Davis, were formally welcomed to the pastorate of the Princeville Presbyterian Church.

110 Years Ago

• Persistent reports come out of Edelstein and Chillicothe today of an alleged attempt made about 7 p.m. last Monday evening to wreck an eastbound troop train in the rough grades between the two towns. The report is that an engineer on the train noticed an object on the track five miles east of Edelstein and stopped his train. An investigation revealed that a heavy log chain had been wrapped around one of the rails. It was removed and the train preceded with little delay.

• Marie Huber of Williamsfield had her neck and face badly scalded with hot coffee.

• John Dickinson in Princeville has just received news of the mysterious disappearance of his uncle, O.H. Hull, 65 and an invalid, is missing from his home in Woodward, Iowa. It is believed he was kidnapped by two women in order that one of them might marry him and benefit from his wealth.

120 Years Ago

• A ceremony was held in Yates City for the laying of the cornerstone for the new school house.

• There was a flood which washed away fences along the Spoon River and many acres of corn near Williamsfield. The wind and rain swept away a great deal of peaches and other fruit in the trees. It is the worst flood in six years. Bridges were carried away and much damage was done to the roads.

• A farmer near Nokomis says he discovered a remedy for the pesky chinch bug. He sowed salt, about a bushel to the acre, over his corn ground. The bugs ceased operations and would not cross the land on which the salt was scattered.

• The first story of Holtz's block in Yates City is about half up. It is expected to have two storerooms ready for occupancy by Sept. 1.

• Fred Galpin of Williamsfield has recently received a patent for a rotary engine.

130 Years Ago

• The Elmwood Creamery is receiving an average of 5,00 pounds of milk per day, which is about half of its capacity.

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Princeville OKs stiffer bullying rules

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Harassing and bullying of staff or students might warrant immediate removal and/or suspension from Princeville School District athletic teams, organizations and activities.

During its meeting June 13, the Princeville School Board approved updates to the district junior-senior-high handbook for the 2023-24 academic year. Those changes included an athletic/activity code update regarding removal and/or suspension includes photographing, video recording or using an electronic device for unlawful purposes.

The updated handbook states these violations will be subject to more severe disciplinary action immediately, rather than a graduated approach. Cases also might be referred to the Peoria County

Sheriff's Office, if necessary.

Board Member Sue Hefler asked that activities be included in the final draft. The original draft specified teams and organizations.

"That sounds like a sports team or an organization like FFA, but it doesn't sound like it's including any activities like prom or plays or whatever," Hefler said. "To me, it didn't sound like everything the kids could be involved in."

The board also approved adding a fifth year to the contract of Rich Thole, the junior-senior high school principal. That extra year will take Thole to retirement, according to Superintendent Shannon Duling. A five-year deal is the longest a school administrator can have under Illinois law.



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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Trivia test

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the tallest building in the world?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does HTTP stand for in a website address?
3. LITERATURE: Which kind of animals are featured in the novel "Watership Down"?
4. HISTORY: When was the first iPhone released?
5. MOVIES: What kind of fish is Nemo in "Finding Nemo"?
6. GAMES: What is the final course on Mario Kart video games?
7. ASTRONOMY: How many planets in our solar system have moons?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was licensed as a bartender?
9. MEDICAL: What is a more common term for somnolency?
10. TELEVISION: How many castaways are on "Gilligan's Island"?

Answers

1. Burj Khalifa, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
 2. HyperText Transfer Protocol.
 3. Rabbits.
 4. 2007.
 5. Clownfish.
 6. Rainbow Road.
 7. Six of the eight planets.
 8. Abraham Lincoln.
 9. Talking in your sleep.
 10. Seven.
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FOR ANSWERS
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. The Flash (PG-13)
 2. Elemental (PG)
 3. Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG)
 4. Transformers: Rise of the Beasts (PG-13)
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Rollin R. Arnett

PRINCEVILLE – Rollin Roy Arnett, 69, of Princeville, passed away from complications of pancreatic cancer at 11:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, 2023, at home surrounded by his family.

Rollin was born on Oct. 24, 1953, in Peoria, the son of Paul and Edna (Baer) Arnett. He married his high-school sweetheart, Rose (Gronewald) Arnett, on Sept. 15, 1973, at the former St. Clements Catholic Church in Dunlap; she survives.



Arnett

Also surviving are three children, Andrew (Maresca) Arnett, Rachel (Mark) Francis and Joseph Arnett; six grandchildren, Jack, Kellen, Harper, Edoardo, Filippo and Lucilla; four sisters, Jennifer (Steve) Downard, Nancy (Mike) Suddith, Colleen (Mike) Wade and Lisa (Tim) Kurtz; and three brothers, Nick, Clint and Jeff Arnett. Rollin was preceded in death by his parents.

Rollin grew up in Alta Gardens and graduated from Dunlap High School in 1971. He attended Illinois Central College and Illinois State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in environmental health and safety.

Rollin was skilled in many jobs, including excavation, construction, project management and safety management. During his career he worked for a cable-engineering company, Keystone, Alcoa, P.J. Hoerr construction and Bradley University.

Rollin was a volunteer fireman for Akron-Princeville Fire District for many years, also serving as its safety officer. He was a member of the committee that organized the Akron-Princeville Ambulance Service, later became an EMT and served as a member of the Enhanced 911 Peoria County Board.

He coached baseball from t-ball through high school, JFL football for his son Andrew, flag football (although he compared it to "herding cats") and was a Princeville High School football coach for 19 years. He was a positive influence on and off the field. He truly loved coaching and his players. He was always excited to catch up with a former player and would often talk about how proud he was of the accomplish-

ments they went on to have in their personal lives.

Faith and family were extremely important to Rollin and he led by example, with his deep love for God and family, a hard work ethic, kindness to others and unselfish attitude. He was a former member of St. Clements Catholic Church and was active in the St. Jude and St. Mary of the Woods Catholic parishes, serving on various committees and as a past trustee. He loved every holiday and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Bears fan. Rollin will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

His funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 29, 2023, at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Princeville. The Rev. Patrick Henehan will officiate. Visitation was to be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. A rosary service was to begin at 4:30 p.m. prior to the visitation at the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Cemetery in Princeville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary of the Woods Building Fund, Illinois CancerCare, Akron-Princeville Ambulance Service or Akron-Princeville Fire Protection District.

Rollin's children would like to thank their mom, Rose, for her loving care to Rollin throughout his battle.

Online condolences may be left on Rollin's tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Earlene E. Hanlon

ELMWOOD – Earlene E. Hanlon, 92, of Elmwood, passed away at 8:25 p.m., on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Country Comfort in Elmwood.

She was born Feb. 27, 1931, in Brimfield to Earle and Hazel (Miles) Collins. She married George "Ray" Hanlon in 1951 in Brimfield. He preceded her in death in 2000.

Earlene is survived by her two sons, Bill (Dee) Hanlon of Elmwood and Bob (Meltem Aktas) of Chicago; two grandchildren, Joel (Katie) Hanlon and Lora (Ryan) Colglazier; and two great-grandchildren, Lily and Mag-



Hanlon

gie. She is preceded in death by her parents and one son, Brad.

Earlene graduated from Brimfield High School and Bradley University. She taught at Elmwood Grade School for 27 years. She owned the Hub Ballroom in Edelstein with her husband Ray Hanlon for 25 years.

She also enjoyed volunteering at OSF Center for Health, Meals on Wheels and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m., on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elmwood. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 9-10 a.m. at the church. Burial will immediately follow the service at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in rural Elmwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Claude Keefer Industrial Arts Building.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com. Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood in charge of arrangements.

Marilyn J. Hofer

PRINCEVILLE – We are sad to announce that Marilyn Joyce Hofer passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Heritage Health in Chlicothe at the age of 98.

A lifelong resident of the Princeville and Dunlap area, Marilyn was born in Princeville at the home of her parents, Thomas E. and Hazel (Burgess) Murphy on Dec. 20, 1924. Her early life was full of projects, a love of school, dancing, time with grandparents, helping at her parents' Midway Café and business education/work following her graduation from Princeville High School in 1942.

She married H. William "Bill" Hofer on Nov. 10, 1943. During their 50 years of marriage, Marilyn and Bill raised three sons on grain and livestock farms in Valley and Akron Townships before moving to Princeville in 1968.

Later Marilyn and Bill joined her father at Murphy Realty. Princeville United Methodist Church attendees will recall her longtime membership and participation in the choir. Her piano and singing skills were a hid-



Hofer

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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CryptoQuote

answer

You are imperfect, permanently and inevitably flawed. And you are beautiful — Amy Bloom

Weekly SUDOKU

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den talent to many. She developed an interest in golf at age 60, which allowed her to share the game with numerous grandchildren.

Marilyn was predeceased by her parents, her husband Bill, and her son Richard H. Hofer. She was among the last survivors of a large circle of friends who knew her as a bridge player, travel partner, Dutch apple pie maker and animal lover with a great smile and quick laugh.

Consistent with her Irish heritage, Marilyn enjoyed a good story, and she was always interested in hearing about her family and friends – as well as the service providers who helped during her last decade of life.

Marilyn is survived by her sons, Thomas (Sue) Hofer and Charles (Denise) Hofer, and sister, Kay (Bill) German. She will also be greatly missed by two more daughters-in-law, 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson, three nieces and five nephews.

Visitation will be held at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville on Saturday, July 1, 2023, from 10-11 a.m. A funeral service will immediately follow at 11 a.m. Rev. David Pyell will officiate. Burial will be in the Princeville Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron-Princeville Ambulance Service and the Akron-Princeville Fire Protection District. Condolences may be left at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Marilyn F. Miles

ELMWOOD – Marilyn F. Miles, 64, of Elmwood, passed away at 9:34 a.m., on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at OSF Saint Francis Hospital in Peoria.

She was born Oct. 11, 1958, in Peoria, to Byron and Patricia

(Johnson) Lippert. She married Nathan Miles on May 16, 1997, in Elmwood. He survives.

She is also survived by two children, Ron Powell of Elmwood and Tony Powell of Wyoming, Ill.; two brothers, Sidney (Linda) Bedford and Edward Moore; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Joy Staggs.

Marilyn loved painting and taking care of her animals, especially her cats. She was a member of Crossroads Assembly of God in Elmwood.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Crossroads Assembly of God Church in Elmwood. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be made to S.A.M.S. Stray Animal Shelter.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneral-home.com.

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

Lois A. Weinzerl

INDIANAPOLIS – Lois Ann Weinzerl, 74, of Indianapolis, passed away early Friday morning, June 16, 2023, at her brother's residence surrounded by her pet cats, Binx and Baxter. She was born on Jan. 7, 1949, in Peoria, the daughter

of Herbert and Anna "Eileen" (Gilles) Weinzerl.



Miles



Weinzerl

of Herbert and Anna "Eileen" (Gilles) Weinzerl.

Surviving are her brother, Tom Weinzerl of Indianapolis; sister-in-law, Tracy (Brian) Weinzerl of Wyoming, Ill.; two nephews, Tyler (Jessica Roberts) Weinzerl of Peoria and Trey Weinzerl of Pekin; and one niece, Brianna (Jamie) Romanowicz of Peoria. Her brother, Brian, passed away on June 17, 2023, one day after Lois. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Kevin Weinzerl; and one great-nephew, Maxwell.

Lois retired in 2011 after many years of employment in the banking industry. As a young girl, Lois was in the Girls Scouts and 4-H. She learned how to tat lace from her dad's oldest sister. She enjoyed watching old, scary movies, reading daily and collecting all types of jewelry. Her hobbies included making rosaries, growing different types of orchids and succulents. She was a cat mom to Binx and Baxter and loved giving them treats before going to bed.

Her funeral mass will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kickapoo. The Rev. Jim Pankiewicz will officiate. Visitation will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Kickapoo. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be left on Lois' tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.



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1. Is the book of Numbers (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In which Gospel did Jesus say, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth"?
3. From Mark 15:23, while on the cross Christ was offered wine mingled with ...? Salt, Water, Myrrh, Speck
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- 4. In 2 Kings 5, who had his leprosy washed away in the Jordan? Naaman, Zacchaeus, Elijah, Joshua
5. From Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and ..."? Light, Builder, Wisdom, Strength
6. Who had a rod that God turned into a serpent? Noah, Moses, Abraham, Isaac
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Worship Service: 10:30

- Farmington Methodist Church
Pastor Rick Atchley
187 W. Fulton St.
Farmington
(309) 245-4310
farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
Pastor Cindy Bean
83 N. Cone Street, Farmington
(309) 245-2914
firstpresfarmington.com
Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship: 10:30 am
Live on Facebook also
Fellowship: 11:30 am
New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God
Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
Farmington
(309) 231-8076
Sun. Worship: 10 am
Wed. Worship: 7 pm
PRINCEVILLE Princeville United Methodist Church
Pastor Zach Waldis
420 E. Woertz, Princeville
(309) 385-4487
princevilleumc@mediacombb.net
Sun. Worship: 8:30 am
Sunday School: 9:45 am
St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
Father Corey Krengiel
119 Saint Mary St., Princeville
(309) 385-2578
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm
Sat. Mass: 4 pm
Sun. Confession: 8-8:45 am
Sun. Mass: 9 am

- Tues., Thurs., Sat. daily Mass: 8 am
TRIVOLI Brunswick Community Church
4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli
Pastor Terry England
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Sunday Worship: 10:45 am
Sunday Evening: 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 pm
(309) 403-4626
WILLIAMSFIELD St. James Catholic Church
Father John Verrier
Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N
Williamsfield
(309) 446-3275
stjameswilliamsfield.org
Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 am
Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 am in the summer)
Williamsfield United Methodist Church
Pastor Teresa Shane
430 N. Chicago Ave.
Williamsfield
(309) 639-2389
Sun. School: during worship
Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 am
Sun. Worship: 11 am
YATES CITY Faith United Presbyterian Church
Reverend Marla B. Bauler
107 W. Bishop St., Yates City
(309) 358-1170
Worship: 9 am
Sun. School: 10:15 am
Thurs. Choir: 7 pm

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY—IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GAYLARD L. BOND, DECEASED

CLAIM DAY NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of GAYLARD L. BOND. Letters of office were issued on March 3, 2023 to CELINE CHASTAIN, of 2017 S Noble Ave., Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Executor whose attorney of record is Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP (NANCY A. SCHELL), 167 West Elm Street, Canton, Illinois 61520, Phone #309/647-6317, Fax #309/647-6350.

Administration of this estate will be without court supervision, unless an interested party requests supervised administration pursuant to a petition filed under 755 ILCS 5/28-4.

Claims must be filed on or before a date not less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of this notice to creditors, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Claims must be filed in the Office of the Peoria County Circuit Clerk, 324 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602. The claimant within ten (10) days after filing his or her claim with the court: (1) shall cause a copy of the claim to be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney of record, unless the representative or the attorney has in writing either consented to the allowance of the claim or waived mailing or delivery of the copies, and (2) shall file with the court proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2023.

CELINE CHASTAIN, as Independent Executor of the Estate of GAYLARD L. BOND, deceased

By: /S/ NANCY A. SCHELL
Nancy A. Schell, their attorney
FROEHLING, WEBER & SCHELL, LLP
167 West Elm Street, Canton, Illinois 61520
(309) 647-6317; nschell@fslawyers.com
Published 6/15, 6/22, 6/29/23

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

LoanCare, LLC
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Stephen Coffman; Village of Peoria Heights; April Coffman; Kayla Baker; Samantha Coffman; Amanda Coffman; Miranda Coffman; Kaiden Coffman; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Darla R. Coffman; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Linn Perkins, as Special Representative for Darla R. Coffman (deceased)
DEFENDANTS
No. 2023-FC-0000015
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Stephen Coffman
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Darla R. Coffman
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:
1404 E Moneta Ave
Peoria Heights, IL 61616
and which said Mortgage was made by:
Darla R. Coffman
Scott D. Coffman
the Mortgageor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Green Tree Servicing LLC, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. LR 2014020110; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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

By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on 08/03/23 at 1:30 pm at the Peoria County Courthouse located at 324 Main Street, Room 204, Peoria, IL 61602.

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

at (309) 672-6036.

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 July 17, 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
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-23-00062

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
I3222490
Published 6/15, 6/22/, 6/29/23

••• IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS PEORIA COUNTY CHANCERY DIVISION

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
S. LINN PERKINS, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MARY BROWN, MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, MELINDA MANNLEIN, AS GUARDIAN/SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MINOR HEIRS, L.H. AND Z.H., UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CAROL A JAMES, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, 2022-FC-0000045 Defendant(s).

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Carol A James; Unknown Owners and Non-Record 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:
ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN COUNTY OF PEORIA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: LOT 244 IN OAKLAWN SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, IN TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PERORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1121E WILLCOX AVE, PEORIA, IL 61603
And which said Mortgage was made by: CAROL A. JAMES, the Mortgageor, to PNC BANK, NA-

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2
COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE OF BRIMFIELD SANITARY DISTRICT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023,
AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BRIMFIELD SANITARY DISTRICT, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS

SECTION 1. The following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, or as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the Brimfield Sanitary District, Peoria County, Illinois, be and the same are hereby appropriated and budgeted for the corporate and specific purposes and obligations of said Sanitary District as hereinafter specified, for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of May, A.D. 2023, and ending on the 30th day of April, A.D. 2024.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL CORPORATE ACCOUNT

	Amount <u>Appropriated</u>
1. Trustee's salaries	\$ 9,400
2. Waste Operator charges and expense	13,000
3. Traveling expenses	1,500
4. Transmission of messages and copies	125
5. Publication of legal notices	1,000
6. Election expenses	0
7. Insurance	5,000
8. Improvement and repair of treatment facilities and buildings	15,000
9. General engineering	4,000
10. Legal services	3,000
11. Bookkeeping services (Treasurer)	4,000
12. For audit expense	7,000
13. Pest control	200
14. Labor expense and mowing	6,000
15. Equipment maintenance/repairs	8,000
16. Chlorination of sewage	0
17. Laboratory tests	2,500
18. Unemployment compensation insurance	350
19. Equipment purchase	10,000
20. General maintenance	7,000
21. Supplies and chemicals	5,000
22. Collection services user charge	4,000
23. Utilities	1,000
24. Bank and Post Office Fees	400
25. EPA permit/charges	3,000
26. Fuel	2,500
27. Social Security & Medicare Taxes/ Unemployment Taxes	5,000
28. Construction/replacement of sewer mains and extensions thereof	15,000
29. Reserve for replacement of facilities	430,000
30. Contingent expenses arising from unexpected causes	1,000
Making the total amount appropriated for the purpose aforesaid	\$ 563,975

SECTION 2. The foregoing items of appropriation and budget shall

TIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois as Document No. LR 2014024780; 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, Peoria County Circuit Clerk
324 Main Street
Peoria, IL 61602

On or before July 24, 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. Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
134 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1440
Chicago, IL 60602
Telephone: 312-940-8580
File #22-01051

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
I3223015
Published 6/22, 6/29/ 7/6/23

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
BRUCE EVANS, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Defendant
2023 FC 0000025

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on July 28,

2023, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street (South Door), PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 49 IN BROADMORE HEIGHTS, A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF FORMER GRANTORS TO ALL THE COAL UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND WITH THE RIGHT OF MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME, BUT NO OPENING IS TO BE MADE ON THE SURFACE THEREOF FOR THE PURPOSE OF MINING SAID COAL; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 3908 LAUDER AVE, BARTONVILLE, IL 61607
Property Index No. 17-26-331-005

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$100,593.55.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, 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.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

constitute the budget of the authority of Brimfield Sanitary District for said fiscal period.

SECTION 3. In support of said budget and as a part thereof, the following statement is made in compliance with the provisions of Section 3 of "An Act Providing for the Regulating Methods of Adopting Budgets and Making Appropriations by Certain Tax Levying Bodies of this State," approved July 12, 1937 as amended (50 ILCS 330/3).

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND RESOURCES

Cash on hand (all Funds as of April 30, 2023)	\$ 535,944
Anticipated receipt of property taxes	0
Anticipated receipt of interest on investments	5,000
Anticipated receipt of Replacement Tax	1,700
Anticipated receipt of sewer User Charges	40,000
Anticipated receipt of EPA grants	0
Anticipated receipt of rental income	1,250
GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:	\$ 583,884
Expenses as per budget:	(563,975)
ESTIMATED BALANCE AT END OF FISCAL YEAR	\$ 19,919

SECTION 4. That the amounts herein specified shall be deemed to be the limit of the amounts to be expended, except by transfer authorized by the Board of Trustees; but any unexpended balance of any item may be expended in making up deficiencies in any item in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose or in like appropriations made by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. The appropriation herein of the amounts to defray the expense of any project or purpose shall not be construed as an approval by this Board of any of said bills or contract liabilities of any project or purpose mentioned herein, but shall be regarded only as the provisions of a fund or funds for the payment thereof when such bills or contract liabilities have been found to be valid and legal obligations against Brimfield Sanitary District, and when properly vouchered, audited and approved by this Board of Trustees, or when any project or purpose is approved and authorized by the Board of Trustees of said Brimfield Sanitary District, as the case may be.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance was passed, approved, recorded and published after the holding of a public hearing hereon on the 23rd day of June, 2023, at the Village Hall in Brimfield, Illinois, notice of which was given by posting notices thereof in five of the most public places in the Brimfield Sanitary District (there being no newspaper published within the corporate limits of the Brimfield Sanitary District), and by publication of the notice of hearing once in The Weekly Post, a newspaper with general circulation within the corporate limits of the Brimfield Sanitary District.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and due publication as required by law.

DATED: June 23, 2023.

BRIMFIELD SANITARY DISTRICT
By: /S/Richard W. Deppermann
Its President

ATTEST:
/S/ Jeffrey T. Challacombe
Clerk
YEA: 3 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
Passed: June 23, 2023
Approved: June 23, 2023
Recorded: June 23, 2023
Published: June 29, 2023

CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF
KENNETH C. DOUBET,
Deceased.

No. 2023-PR-0000186

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **KENNETH C. DOUBET** on May 17, 2023. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **LINDA E. DOUBET**, of 20424 West Claybaugh Road, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **5th day of January, 2024**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

DATED this 20th day of June, 2023.

**LINDA E. DOUBET, Executor of the Estate of
KENNETH C. DOUBET, Deceased.**

ROBERT L. POTTS, Esq.
WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.
Attorneys for Executor
118 West Main Street
P. O. Box 368
Elmwood, IL 61529-0368
Telephone: (309) 742-3611
becky@whitneyandpotts.com
Published 6/29, 7/6, 7/13/23

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

gagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the

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unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 23-093823. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CHAD LEWIS ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810 CHICAGO IL, 60601 561-241-6901 E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM Attorney File No. 23-093823 Attorney ARDC No. 6306439 Case Number: 2023 FC 0000025 TJSC#: 43-1818 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2023 FC 0000025 I3223030 Published 6/22, 6/29/ 7/6/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DANIEL I MCCARTHY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; TERENCE MCCARTHY; PATRICK MCCARTHY; MICHAEL MCCARTHY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DANIEL I MCCARTHY, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2022-FC-0000155 114 EAST BRIARWOOD COURT PEORIA, IL 61603 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Terrence McCarthy Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Daniel I McCarthy defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 9 IN KNOXVILLE COURT, A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 N COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN ON PLAT RECORDS IN PLAT BOOK "M", PAGE 54 AND 55, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS Commonly known as: 114 East Briarwood Court Peoria, IL 61603 and which said Mortgage was made by, Daniel I McCarthy Mortgageor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Car-

MILLBROOK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2023 ROAD & BRIDGE DISTRICT

Cash Receipts				
Property taxes \$96,322, state replacement taxes \$22,591, interest \$713, and transfers in \$20,264 Total cash receipts \$139,890.				
Cash Disbursements				
Galena Road Gravel \$5,478; Megan Trucking \$8,284; Riverstone Group \$5,573; AKW Excavating, Inc. \$29,049; John Deere Credit \$15,000; Paul Whittaker \$10,000; MRR Law \$8,387; Potter Spray Patching \$5,985; West Central FS \$5,405; IPRM \$4,944; Metal Culverts, Inc. \$2,538; Compensation Under \$25,000: \$2,214; Cash Disbursements under \$2,500: \$7,975. Total cash disbursements \$110,832.				
	Road & Bridge	Special Revenue	TOTAL	
Balance March 31, 2022	\$139,505	\$142,035	\$281,540	
Cash Receipts	\$94,353	\$45,537	\$139,890	
Cash Disbursements	\$(85,317)	\$(25,515)	\$(110,832)	
Balance March 31, 2023	\$148,541	\$162,057	\$310,598	
TOWN FUND				
Cash Receipts				
Property taxes \$103,112, state replacement taxes \$16,219, interest income \$554, TOIRMA refund \$1,001, and other income \$4,651. Total cash receipts \$125,537.				
Cash Disbursements				
Spoon River Landscaping \$9,111; Robert LaFollett \$3,500; Paul Jones \$4,879; Hendricks Pump Service \$5,374; Ameren \$5,062; Triple A Lawn Care \$4,390; TOIRMA \$6,789; Transfers out \$30,264; Compensation over \$25,000 (M. Perham): \$26,505; Compensation under \$25,000: \$17,463; and cash disbursements under \$2,500: \$15,892. Total cash disbursements \$129,229.				
	General	Special Revenue	Cemetery	TOTAL
Balance March 31, 2022	\$103,227	\$99,563	\$76,430	\$279,220
Cash Receipts	\$101,429	\$13,509	\$10,599	\$125,537
Cash disbursements	\$(95,836)	\$(24,259)	\$(9,134)	\$(129,229)
Balance March 31, 2023	\$108,820	\$88,813	\$77,895	\$275,528

Subscribed and sworn to this 22nd day of June, 2023, I, Danny Powell, Supervisor of Millbrook Township, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, do certify that the above is a true copy of the annual treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023. /s/ Danny Powell, Supervisor Published 6/29/23

ington Mortgage Services, LLC Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2020001702; and for other relief. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME. DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT. By order of the Chief Circuit Judge, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation Pre-Conference on August 10, 2023 at 2:30PM by Zoom, meeting ID : 593-480-2333, Password : Courthouse. A mediation coordinator will be present to discuss options that you may have and to pre-screen you for mediation. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before July 24, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información

BRIMFIELD/MILBROOK M.T.A.D. ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 1, 2022 to MARCH 31, 2023

GOVERNMENT WIDE	
Cash Balance April 1, 2022	\$28,756
RECEIPTS	
Property Taxes	\$20,977
Interest Income	\$52
Total Receipts	\$21,029
DISBURSEMENTS	
Sandra Powell, Assessor	\$13,075
All other vendors (Under \$2,500)	\$5,634
Total Disbursements	\$18,709
Cash Balance March 31, 2023	\$31,076

Danny E. Powell, Treasurer Published 6/29/23

sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios. 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. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 22-09580IL-786577 I3223070 Published 6/22, 6/29/ 7/6/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust PLAINTIFF VS. Christian J. Galladora; State of Illinois - Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services; Peoria Heights Water Works DEFENDANTS No. 2022-FC-0000139 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 08/22/2022, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on August 2, 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 11, 12, AND 13 IN BLOCK 9

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: NO. 2023-PR-81

TED ALLEN RICHARDSON, DECEASED. CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of **TED ALLEN RICHARDSON**, who resided at 2380 Knox Road 550 N., Elmwood, Illinois 61529. Letters of office were issued to **PAMELA E. RICHARDSON**, 2380 Knox Road 550 N., Elmwood, Illinois 61529, whose attorney is **BRIAN T. SCHURTER, TUMMELSON BRYAN & KNOX, LLP**, 115 N. Broadway Avenue, P.O. Box 99, Urbana, Illinois, 61866. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Knox County Courthouse, 200 S. Chery Street, Galesburg, Illinois 61401, or with the representative, or both, on or before **December 22, 2023**. Any claim not filed on or before the date stated in this Notice is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorneys at their respective addresses stated below within ten (10) days after a claim has been filed. **PAMELA E. RICHARDSON** Executor of the Estate of **TED ALLEN RICHARDSON**, Deceased c/o Brian T. Schurter, Attorney, TUMMELSON BRYAN & KNOX 115 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 99 Urbana, IL 61803-0099 Ph. (217) 367-2500 Published 6/22, 6/29, 7/6/23

NOTICE Please take notice that a public hearing will take place on the 21st day of August, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District maintenance building (205 Brookwood Lane, Dahinda, Illinois). Said public hearing will be for the purpose of soliciting public input with regard to the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District Ordinance 2023-1 (Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance). A copy of the proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance may be reviewed at the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District maintenance building during normal business hours. Published 6/29/23


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

In Re ESTATE OF **SARA L. MALMBERG**, Deceased. No. 2023-PR-0000176

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **SARA L. MALMBERG** on May 21, 2023. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **LAUREN M. MALMBERG**, of 18608 West Bartholomew Lane, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **5th day of January, 2024**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. DATED this 14th day of June, 2023. **LAUREN M. MALMBERG**, Executor of the Estate of **SARA L. MALMBERG**, Deceased. **ROBERT L. POTTS, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.** Attorneys for Executor 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 becky@whitneyandpotts.com Published 6/29, 7/6, 7/13/23

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Mother Teresa

Centenarian still farming in Mercer County

By DANIEL GRANT

FarmWeek

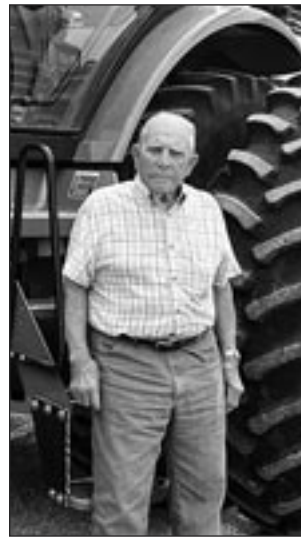
It's been quite an amazing career in agriculture for Donnie Peterson, 101, whose earliest memories include farming with horses through the Great Depression in the 1930s in western Illinois.

What's maybe even more amazing is he's not ready to hang up his work boots just yet. In fact, when people ask this humble centenarian who farms near Aledo (Mercer County) when he's going to retire, he has a simple, yet straightforward, answer.

"All I've ever done is farm. I don't know of any other occupation," Peterson, who also spent some time in the service, told the RFD Radio Network during an on-farm interview just before Memorial Day.

"I don't have hobbies; therefore, I'm still doing it," he continued of his career in farming, which spans 11 decades counting his childhood on his family's farm in Henderson County. "But I couldn't do it without help."

Peterson was born in 1921 when Woodrow Wilson was president and the



Donnie Peterson, 101, poses on his Mercer County Farm. Photo by Denise Hampton, Mercer County Farm Bureau.

price of corn averaged 98 cents per bushel that marketing year, according to USDA.

Since that time, Peterson grew up in ag and operated his own farm under 18 additional U.S. presidents, from Warren G. Harding to Joe Biden.

Corn prices throughout the veteran farmer's life increased slowly but surely from \$1.05 in 1922, \$2.38 in the post-World War II boom in 1947, \$3.67 in 1974, \$4.58 in 1996, \$7.58 in 2008 and more recently to \$7.81 in May 2022 – with many peaks and valleys in between.

Meanwhile, corn yield averages, which were stagnant in the 20- to 35-bushel range in the age of open-air pollinated crops from 1866 to 1930, began to improve in the late-1930s with the rapid adoption of hybrid corn.

"It was quite a different method for putting the crops in – we had horses back then," Peterson said of the technological ad-

vances over the years. "Then we graduated up to tractors. But it's basically the same principle putting the crops in.

"Now, with all the equipment we use, the information available and the seed is much better," he noted. "That helps us (be more productive and efficient)."

Other crop advancements that pushed yields over the years include improvements in genetics, stress tolerance and the increased adoption of nitrogen fertilizer in the 1950s to the introduction of transgenic hybrids, with insect and herbicide resistance, in the mid-1990s.

Farmers have also refined and improved farming practices and management styles over the years.

"We did a lot more tillage on the ground when I started than we do now," Peterson said. "And the size of the units has changed. It takes less time (for fieldwork) now."

Just last year, Illinois farmers set new state yield records of 214 bushels per acre for corn and 79 bushels for wheat. In Mercer County, farmers averaged a whopping 226.6 bushels per acre for corn and 65 bushels for soybeans in 2022.

Looking back, Peterson has fond memories of raising sheep and training horses back when he was in 4-H.

But his formative years were also some of his most difficult times living through the Great Depression. The bright side of operating a farm at that time

is there was at least enough food to eat on most days.

"Living on a farm we had things – foodwise," Peterson said of the Great Depression. "But the money situation was bad.

"It was difficult to have money to do anything, so we stayed home most of the time," he continued. "It was pretty tough getting through that period."

Peterson encourages other farmers to embrace new technology and farming methods, but to make sure to research the best ideas for each individual farm. He remains an avid reader and mostly enjoys farm publications.

"I like to read a lot," he said. "There's always something new coming along."

He also owns his own cellphone but comes from a generation in which he prefers doing business with a handshake.

"I have a cellphone, but I seldom use it," he said. "I don't like to do business on the phone."

Peterson joined the Mercer County Farm Bureau in 1972 which, along with Illinois Farm Bureau, was founded in 1916.

As for advice or tips for a long life, Peterson said there are no magic bullets.

"Live your life as you can and go along," he added. "You don't know what will happen."

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- 1 Dyer's partner
- 7 Neither-here-nor-there states
- 13 Not straying off topic
- 20 Get in the way of
- 21 "You may relax, soldier"
- 22 One looking something over
- 23 "The Delta Force" actor
- 24 Question after a chat
- 26 Latched on firmly
- 28 Space balls
- 29 San Luis —, California
- 30 Mount, as a jewel
- 31 "Diane" star
- 32 "Carrie" star
- 35 Mutineers
- 37 2012 Robert Pattinson film based on a Maupassant novel
- 39 Chou En —
- 40 Fictional "Warrior Princess"
- 41 Lax in duty
- 44 British remake of "That '70s Show"
- 50 Say for sure
- 51 Trepidation
- 53 Fathered, as a horse
- 54 Start of many rapper names
- 55 Realities that are tough to face
- 58 "E-e-ew!"
- 59 Vodka brand, informally
- 61 Reply to "You are not!"
- 62 Fulfill, as standards
- 65 Wiseacre
- 69 River to the Rhine
- 70 Hint at
- 71 "That's impossible!"
- 74 Reagan adviser
- 76 Flooring
- 77 "... bug — feature?"
- 78 Identity before turning over a new leaf
- 83 City in Oklahoma
- 84 Trig function
- 86 Away from the wind, nautically
- 87 Non-iron club
- 88 Revealing interference with the contents, as a package
- 92 Key related to D major
- 94 Saharan
- 95 Oct.-Dec. link
- 96 Creek, e.g.
- 99 Garbage collectors
- 102 Very easy thing
- 104 "Black in Black" band
- 105 Italian monk's title
- 108 Runner
- 109 Really eager
- 111 With
- 114 Across, source of the phrase formed by the ends of eight answers in this puzzle
- 114 See
- 111-Across
- 118 Is identical to
- 119 Famed
- 120 Interlere
- 121 Nuanced
- 122 Places in categories
- 123 Flip one's lid
- 124 Plant with prickly leaves
- 1 Hot bar food
- 2 Roman love
- 3 Flat avoider
- 4 Sage, e.g.
- 5 Items of food
- 6 Closes tightly again
- 7 Suburb of D.C. in Maryland
- 8 "Am — late?"
- 9 Cries weakly
- 10 In a ribald way
- 11 —Kosh
- 12 Notice
- 13 Phone button abbr.
- 14 Novel kind
- 15 Not absent
- 16 "— Gang"
- 17 River to the Rhine
- 18 Stairway post
- 19 Low cards
- 25 Banjoist
- 27 Genetic helix
- 33 More cheeky
- 34 Stuff in sand
- 36 "Humbug"
- 37 Avian creature
- 38 Boise's home
- 40 1960s Jaguar model
- 41 Team booster
- 42 Actress
- 43 Sea, to Gigi
- 45 "— longa ..."
- 46 Vexes
- 47 Flew to wed
- 48 Sediments
- 49 Writer T.S.
- 51 Showed rage
- 52 UFO fliers
- 56 "— Andronicus" (Shakespeare play)
- 57 Locomotive supporter
- 59 Singer Bob
- 60 Yank
- 62 Actress West
- 63 "I'm here to help"
- 64 Bit of artifice
- 65 Join, as a table
- 66 Peak in W. Turkey
- 67 Happy as —
- 68 Fish eggs
- 69 Run out on
- 72 Tube lover's punishment
- 73 57-Down vehicles
- 74 De-feathers
- 75 Prior to, poetically
- 78 Team booster
- 79 Exercise in a pool
- 80 Long time
- 81 Leicester lav
- 82 WWII prez
- 84 Recool from
- 85 Multivolume Brit. lexicon
- 89 Dawber of "Mork & Mindy"
- 90 Amazon
- 91 Kindie, e.g.
- 91 Dodgers
- 92 Recuperation by lying down
- 93 Asian monkey
- 97 Natural gift
- 98 Rival of Sony
- 99 In — (not just sleeping)
- 100 Big couches
- 101 Many future kings
- 102 Long time
- 103 Tubular pasta
- 105 Edicts
- 106 Esther of "Good Times"
- 107 Photographer
- 110 Creative work
- 112 CI doubted
- 113 Big brass instrument
- 115 Sarge, e.g.
- 116 Sports org. with skaters
- 117 Scooby: —



Members of the Compeer Financial Team from Edwards support new ag-related resources for local classrooms. From left to right are: Scott Pedigo, Jacob Postin, Leslie Ginther, Maggie Black, Jennifer Glover, Stephanie Bowhay, Amy Newell and Keith Garlish. Glover is agriculture literacy coordinator for Peoria County.

Compeer supports agriculture in classroom

EDWARDS – Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom has new resources available for schools, thanks to funding from Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America

Jennifer Glover, the agricultural literacy coordinator for Peoria County, recently visited the Compeer location in Edwards to make a "special delivery" that included the newly released Pizza Ag Mag and the 2023-2024 Classroom Calendar. The topic of pizza continues to be a teacher and student favorite and one that comes with unique lessons and books that help students explore each element of a pizza to discover its ties to agriculture.

"It's all about grabbing their attention, keeping them engaged and then connecting the dots to learning about agriculture,

so pizza lessons have always been a fun way to talk about sausage made from pork, specialty crops like peppers and tomatoes, and cheese from a dairy cow," Glover said.

An IAITC classroom calendar which mirrors the school calendar, begins in August and ends in July. Each month's photos include seasonally accurate agriculture images and ag facts each day of the week.

Peoria County passes out 200 to 250 classroom calendars each August to participating Ag in the Classroom teachers.

Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom relies on funding partners to help reach close to 70% of school centers in the state.

To learn more, visit www.agintheclassroom.org

Peoria Co. conducting broadband survey

The Greater Peoria Economic Development Council (GPEDC) and Peoria County have partnered with Design Nine, a nationally recognized broadband consulting firm, to conduct a comprehensive Broadband Feasibility Study.

As part of the initiative, a countywide survey has been launched to gather essential data from residents. Survey results will be used to ensure historic levels of federal funding address Peoria County's most urgent broadband barriers and needs.

According to Kathie Brown, the Director of Rural Development and Outreach for GPEDC, "The survey's goal is to gain a greater understanding of community interest and the need for enhanced internet service throughout Peoria

County. It will provide valuable documentation of the demand and interest among households and businesses throughout Peoria County for expanded broadband infrastructure."

The study is being funded by the Just Transition Fund pilot programming initiative to expand broadband infrastructure in rural areas and by Peoria County American Rescue Plan Act funds. Insights derived from the survey results will help identify priority areas for broadband development based on the expressed needs and interests of the participants.

All residents and businesses located in Peoria County are encouraged to participate. To access the survey, please visit ti.nyurl.com/peoriaresidentialbroadband.

BRIMFIELD: Ex-coach backs Porter

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Porter remains a Brimfield High School physical-education teacher, according to Updyke. He also said an attorney helped craft the school's press release.

In 10 seasons as Brimfield-Elmwood high school coach, Porter had a 232-86-1 record. His teams won five Class 2A regional championships and three sectional titles. Porter also was the grade-school head coach.

All four high school and two grade-school coaching positions were listed at "TBA" among the assignments the board approved in May. During the June meeting, members authorized filling two vacant baseball assistant-coaching positions.

Josh Johnson was approved unanimously as a grade-school assistant, but a vote regarding his proposed hire as a high school volunteer coach was tabled. More discussion was warranted, according to Board Member Jason Snyder, who requested the deferral. Jeff Binder was approved as a high school volunteer.

The only audience member to address the board during its June meeting was Phil Johnson, a former coach and athletics director at Elmwood.

Johnson said he supported Porter and suggested a possible reason for his exit, albeit obliquely.

"Years ago, I made a mistake in a summer-baseball job, a procedural mistake, and my superior told me what it was and (said),

'Don't do that again,' and I did not," Johnson said. "I believe that should be the same situation for Coach Porter. It is a mistake that can and will be corrected by Coach Porter."

"For the sake of these kids who love and respect him so much, please give him another chance. Not only will the people of Brimfield not regret doing it, we believe you will be glad of it."

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Weekly Post Sports

Brimfield coach may return

Porter resigned after investigation of team finances

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Brandon Porter’s contentious departure as head coach of Brimfield-Elmwood baseball programs might not be permanent, one school-district official suggested.

“He will not be part of the baseball program for this next season. Beyond that, we don’t know,” Brimfield School Board President Steve Updyke said last week.

Porter voluntarily submitted his resignation on May 24 after a school investigation into team finances, according to a press release provided after The Weekly Post filed a Freedom of Information Act request on June 22.

According to the press release, Porter had been depositing school team funds into a private bank account which could not be accessed by school representatives. The school said there was no evidence of embezzlement or theft, but added that Porter’s records lacked “sufficient detail” to determine the specifics of many deposits and expenditures.

Based on a review of emails from administrators to Porter, at least a part of the investigation focused on team baseball camps run by Porter.

In a May 23 email, Updyke wrote to

Porter, “The administration recommends coaches for the next year and the board approves those recommendations. The administration is not recommending you for next year and the board supports their decision.”

Updyke suggested Porter’s possible return will once again rely on Brimfield administrators. Current Superintendent Tony Shinall is leaving office Friday. His successor is Chad Jones, a former Brimfield educator.

“If the administration brings it to us, that window is open,” Updyke said regarding Porter’s B-E baseball status in 2025 or beyond. “We just know for this next year, he won’t be.”

Porter was not among coaches the board approved last month for the 2023-24 academic term. Immediately after that vote on May 24, the board gave no reason for Porter’s omission. About 60 people attended the meeting, almost all of them Porter supporters.

Following a less-attended board meeting on June 21, Updyke didn’t provide much additional insight as to why Porter wasn’t retained. But Updyke did say Porter resigned during the May 24 meeting, part of which was conducted in executive session. Such sessions are closed to the public.

“We just didn’t tell everybody because he hadn’t submitted it yet,” Updyke said about Porter’s written resignation.

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