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Elmwood school moving ahead with solar array

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board on Monday voted to move ahead with plans for a possible solar array on school-district property.

Board members have had several meetings with the Clean Energy Design Group of Metamora about the installation of a ground-based solar array on two acres located north and east of Elmwood’s football field.

Monday’s vote did not finalize the project but will allow CEDG

to move forward with the solar installation. Board President Mark Davis said CEDG will pursue necessary zoning variances with the City of Elmwood and will try to find a clear path to bring electricity from the array into the school.

“We’re going to commit to them, but if something in the next few steps doesn’t pan out” the district can still end the deal, Davis said.

Under the proposed 25-year agreement, Elmwood CUSD 322 would provide land for the

project and CEDG would pay all construction costs, including fencing around the solar panels. CEDG would then sell power to Elmwood at a reduced rate from what is provided by Ameren.

Elmwood Superintendent Chad Wagner said adding solar panels could save the district as much as \$80,000 per year – or half of its usual power bill in a given year.

Wagner said in the case of failure in the solar array, Elmwood could still buy power from Ameren – though not at a dis-

counted rate.

The board also passed a 2023-24 budget after a hearing during which no comments from the public were voiced.

In other action, the board approved a school-wide waiver, Title I Plan and consolidated district plan. Wagner said this will allow the district more versatility in how it spends federal funds.

Wagner reported that the school district received a 3.8 financial profile grade in an an-

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FARMER

Harvest memories range from rats to family to drunk hogs

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German-Bliss

Princeville school asked to change rule

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville School District doesn’t offer extracurricular opportunities for home-schooled students. A parent of three home-schoolers would like that to change.

Beth Potter addressed her concerns to the Princeville school board during its meeting Sept. 20. Potter’s home-schooled children are in second, sixth and seventh grades. Potter asked for the board to consider forming what she called a relationship with local home-school families.

“My kids used to go to school here, so I don’t have any sort of animosity toward the school,” Potter said following the meet-

ing. “We chose to keep our kids at home and we would like to continue to do that, but there’s things that as a home-school parent you just can’t provide them.”

Among those things is participation in organized high school sports. As her oldest children approach high school age, Potter suggested athletics is becoming a missing home-school link.

“There’s a lot of avenues you can be creative as a home-school parent, but there are some things that it would just be nice to have the cooperation with the school,” she said.

Home-schooled students in Illinois are considered to attend a private school, according to the State

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HOMECOMING SEASON

Logan Carruthers (left) was voted Mr. Football and Claire Dearing was picked as Homecoming Queen last weekend during Princeville’s Homecoming festivities. Photo by Collin Fairfield. ROWVA-Williamsfield also celebrated homecoming last weekend.

Homecoming celebrations continue this weekend in Elmwood, with a parade at 2:30 p.m. Friday followed by a 7 p.m. game against Mercer County and a Saturday dance.

Farmington has its homecoming parade Oct. 12 and an Oct. 13 football game against LVC.

Big donation

Brimfield boosters donate \$30,000 for equipment

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield School District is receiving a significant outdoor-maintenance gift from its athletic-booster club. That’s allowed the district to purchase an additional piece of such equipment.

During its meeting Sept. 20, the school board approved a deal with MTI Distributing Inc. of Berkeley, Mo., for a Toro Sand Pro 3040 tractor and accessories. Total cost is \$29,787.70. The equipment is to be used to groom district baseball and softball fields. Delivery is expected this spring.

Although the district is making the transaction, the booster club provided the money, according to school Superintendent Chad Jones. He said the purchase spawned from a meeting with Jon Florey, the booster-club president.

“He said they’d like to make a significant contribution to the district. He thought that would be a great investment for the ball-field,” Jones said. “It’s been a huge blessing.”

The booster-club donation enabled the district to use its own money to buy a John

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BRIMFIELD: Grade school to add vape detectors

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Deere zero-turn mower according to Jones. The district has a regular mowing service, but the new equipment is for in-between use following heavy rains, for one example. The mower is for district-wide use.

Martin Tractor Inc. of Brimfield supplied the new mower for \$10,500, a price the school board approved. According to the invoice, the district is receiving a \$4,344 discount, the result of a Martin sale.

The board also author-

ized a vape-detector contract of \$11,920 with California-based STS Education. The detectors are to be installed in the fifth-sixth-grade section of Brimfield Grade School, including bathrooms and locker rooms.

"If the kids see the vape detectors in the bathroom, maybe they decide not to do it," Jones said. "Honestly, we don't even know what's in those vapes, and half the time the kids don't know what's in them."

STS provided detectors

installed last winter at Brimfield High School. They have helped deter vaping, according to Jones.

Also approved was a \$11,597.85 contract with Heart Technologies Inc. of East Peoria to provide and install security cameras at the high school.

The expense approvals came after the board assented to a 2024 fiscal-year district budget that has a deficit of almost \$1 million. Estimated expenses are \$8,716,631, and estimated revenues are \$7,736,935. The overall fund balance is projected to be slightly above \$4 million.

Jones said he believes the district will improve upon those estimates.

"You always plan for the worst and hope for the best," the first-year superintendent said. "If you look at the budget last year, they planned for the worst and we came in much higher, as in not spending as much as we planned to do."

A new set of eyes is to help the district watch its bottom line. The board approved hiring Village Clerk Holly Johnson as the initial district treasurer. Johnson is to work part time with district

Bookkeeper Kyle Petty to reconcile monthly bank statements, among other things.

Johnson was among three applicants who interviewed for the position, Jones said. Her annual pay is to be \$2,000.

Other personnel changes also received board approval:

- Resignations of Ashley Haines as high school assistant softball coach and Josh Johnson as eighth-grade boys basketball coach;

- Hirings of girls basketball coaches Richard Monk (eighth grade), Ben Stockman (seventh grade) and Steve Updyke (grade-school volunteer);

- Hirings of boys basketball coaches Adam Greer (high school volunteer), Josh Johnson (high school assistant), Kevin Kreiter (high school junior varsity) and Willie Williams (seventh grade);

- Hirings of track and field coaches Hollie Cahill (seventh-grade girls), Griff Inskip (eighth-grade boys), Fran Meyers (seventh-grade boys) and Erin Self (eighth-grade girls);

- Hirings of student-transportation drivers Larry Blankenship and Robert Jones.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week's Hot Picks

- **Manna Meal** – Monthly Manna Meal is the last Thursday each month, including Sept. 28, at Elmwood United Methodist Church at noon. September meal is meatloaf or hamloaf, cheesy potatoes, broccoli, salad and desserts. Bring table service. \$8.
- **Sausage Dinner** – St. Mary's of Kickapoo has its annual sausage dinner Oct. 1 at St. Mary's gym, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adults \$15, children 5-12 \$5, children 4 and under free. Child hot-dog plate \$5. Carry-outs available.

This Week's Events

- **Community Clean-up** – Princeville has its community curbside clean-up Saturday, Sept. 30. Bulky items picked up starting at 6 a.m.
- **Hog Roast** – Princeville FFA hog roast and labor auction will be held Sept. 30 at 4:30 p.m. at The Heritage Museum, 325 N. Ostrom Ave. Auction at 7 p.m. Contact cblunier@princeville326.org.
- **Story Time** – Morrison and Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood has the story time today, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. focusing on "Apple of My Eye." Story and craft. Children 1-8 with caregivers welcome.
- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo on the second and

- fourth Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.
- **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

- **Spoon River Drive** – The annual Spoon River Valley Scenic Drive is Oct. 7-8 and 14-15 throughout Fulton County, including Farmington.
- **Food Pantry** – Free food boxes given out the last Friday of each month at Elmwood United Methodist Church, 10-11 a.m.
- **Food Pantry** – Princeville Community Food Pantry is open the first and third Thursday each month at Princeville Presbyterian Church, 5-6 p.m.

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SCATTERSHOOTING



Of harvest tales, cat tails & rude lizards

Rambling through central Illinois, catching up with cougars and lizards.

spend the evening repairing the family's fleet of 10 grain trucks. "Sometimes we could keep all 10 running, but not very often," he said.

Is there a cougar in Peoria County? Possibly. Big cats do tend to follow river corridors. But if a cougar is nearby, surely somebody has pictures, given that archery deer season starts Sunday and the woods are chock full of trail cameras right now. ... Elmwood High School graduate **Deanna Cantu**, 25, has accepted a job as an international writer for CNN. A Bradley grad who recently completed a masters degree at Alabama, Cantu will be based out of Atlanta when she starts Oct. 9. She had spent the past three years working as an executive producer at WEEK.

We asked for harvest stories from the past and several of you fine readers responded. Thank you. Truth be told, we could have just enlisted **Larry Benson** and had enough to fill the paper. The affable Maquon farmer recalls so many details of his farming past that there was not room for them in our Central Illinois Farmer section, found inside on pages 9-16.



Jeff LAMPE

Benson's recollections underline how much farming has changed since the 1960s, when corn pickers were common in fields that might yield 100 bushels of corn per acre, unless hailstorms stripped the ears away or drought slowed their growth. As Benson said, "It's a wonder anybody stayed in farming in the 1970s and 1980s." Things are easier today. Seed genetics have improved yields and the drought tolerance of crops. Machinery is bigger. Harvest is faster. Benson recalled rising at 4 a.m. and picking corn until 2-3 p.m. many days. All that to pick 10-15 acres in a day. Then he and his late brother, **Jerry Benson**, would

Hard as it was, you can tell Benson enjoyed harvest and the memories it created. Part of that is thanks to the time spent with his father, **Don**, and brothers **Jerry** and **Gary**. But there's an overall sense of camaraderie that fills the fall air. You see that every year when fellow farmers pitch in to help an ailing neighbor get his crops into the bins. And you see that when problems occur. Benson recalls a combine catching fire a few years ago while he was harvesting near Douglas. **Phil Goedecke** stopped to call the Elba-Salem Fire Department and suggested Benson move two grain trucks, a pickup and a trailer he had parked in the south end of the field. The trucks got moved - fortunately, since the fire reached that part of the field before it was put out by neighbor **John McKinty**, who had borrowed a tractor and chisel plow from neighbor **Wayne Davis** to halt the spreading flames. "You remember it all," Benson said, "Good times and bad times."

Word is circulating around Brimfield of a recent sighting of a large cat, estimated to be 4 feet long with a "long straight tail" near Maher Road.

Hit my head hard on the corner of a cabinet the other day and jiggled a memory out of the recesses of my brain. Back in the day, I spent some late evenings with a group of Vietnam veterans who told stories of a unique southeast Asian lizard whose rude sounds haunted them. Google "**Tokay lizard**," but only play the unique calls when alone. As one online lizard seller noted, "They are popular in the reptile trade due to their striking appearance and distinctive vocalizations." Myself, I have the Tokay's vocalization cued up on the computer, ready for spam callers. ... Parting shot: I'm actually looking forward to spam calls.

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GUEST VOICES

Carrots first, then hay to keep donkeys happy

Carrots first, then hay. And be sure they have water. Those were the instructions I had for caring for Raymond's donkeys. Simple enough.

I'm a soft-hearted lover of animals. I've tamed foxes to take hot dogs from my hand, petted an opossum while it ate at the food pan with our hoard of barn cats, allowed a gentle and very beautiful skunk to dine with the cats just outside the front door and maintained squirrel-saver boards in water tanks. Animals generally like me.



Jeanne HARLAND

Except donkeys. Donkeys don't seem to care much for me.

This was never really a problem until I was charged with caring for two beloved members of the species belonging to our also-beloved neighbor Raymond. His two donkeys, Jenny, a pretty gray and white ... jenny, and Opie, a darling little miniature, live in a small pasture and part of the barn at his farm.

When Raymond is gone for a week or so, he gives me the opener to the overhead door for easy access to the part of the barn where the hay is kept. The bales are neatly stacked on pallets next to the gates that form part of the donkeys' pen. In another part of the barn is a remodeled area containing a dorm-sized refrigerator, the carrot repository. The first time I had donkey duty and opened that little refrigerator, I stood in awe. The entire appliance was wedged full of carrots. I'd never seen so many carrots in one place. And these carrots were enormous.

I extricated one of the 5-pound bags of giant carrots and went in search of the donkeys. They delighted in hiding from me, causing me great anxiety until I would find them tucked into a shady corner on

the far side of the barn.

Accustomed to being fed lots of carrots by Raymond's many great-grandchildren, the donkeys would begin to bray when they spotted me with the bag. If the weather was hot or rainy, they would already be inside the barn.

I quickly ascertained that there was no limit to how many carrots they would eagerly consume at one time. Since I calculated I had approximately 18 pounds of carrots to last seven days, I instituted rationing, much to the chagrin of the donkeys.

A few weeks ago I did a short stint as donkey caregiver. Since the weather then was unseasonably hot, the donkeys hung out in their shady stall in the barn. Because this was just for a couple of days, I did not have the door opener. I just climbed a sturdy gate and went in the same way the donkeys did, through a hobbit door into the pen. This was no problem for me, but for the donkeys it was apparently terrifying.

I got my big bag o' carrots, clambered over the gate and ducked through the doorway. As my eyes adjusted to the gloom, the donkeys sensed doom and moved as far from me as possible, which wasn't very far since I was standing in their doorway. Jenny was the more upset of the two, but both were visibly agitated.

I've read that donkeys have a greater sense of self-preservation than do horses. These two seemed to believe I was about to assault them with 5 pounds of large carrots. Or at least Jenny did. Opie soon spied Step One of the donkey care protocol in my left hand and began to bray loudly. Really loudly. Here's a fun fact: A donkey's bray can be heard for almost two miles. I assume that was calculated in an outdoor venue and not inside a barn stall.

As I moved out of the doorway, I removed a carrot from the bag and extended it toward Opie in the hope that he would cease the alarm.

"Ooooh. I want that carrot. I really want it. But you are so scary here on this side of the gate. You shouldn't be in here! You should be on the other side of the gate! I want the carrot!"

It should be noted here that "miniature donkey" does not mean "harmless donkey." Opie could bite me, rear up on his hind legs and clobber me, or, most likely at the moment, buck and kick me in the head.

He did none of those. Instead, he bit the very tip off the big carrot, sticking his neck out as far as possible, figuratively and literally.

By now I had stepped to the gate into the hay part of the barn, where I usually stood to feed them carrots through the bars. While I fumbled with the chain – remember, I was clutching 5 pounds of carrots – Jenny continued to fidget uneasily. "I don't like this. I don't like this at all. But I want a carrot. And then hay."

Either Jenny's relentless fidgeting or an overpowering desire for carrots caused Opie to go into full rodeo mode as I refastened the gate behind me. He romped and bucked and brayed while I laughed out loud at his antics.

I stuck the previously nibbled carrot through the gate. Instantly, all fidgeting, bucking and braying stopped, and both donkeys stepped quickly into position to eat carrots. It was as if I'd flipped the nonsense switch to the off position.

Based on the limited research that has been done on them, (I can sort of understand why ...) donkeys are thought to be "quite intelligent, cautious, friendly, playful, and eager to learn." Well, I can confirm one out of five. They also derive from the African wild ass. Now that makes sense.

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ELMWOOD: EAV increasing 5% for FY 2025

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annual audit conducted by Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. That’s up from 3.7 last year.

Wagner said he also expects the district will need to hold a truth in taxation hearing for Fiscal Year 2025 since the district will increase its levy by more than 5 percent. That increase is due to an equalized assessed value that is expected to increase by more than 5 percent.

In reports from principals Marcy Brugger and Tony McCoy, the board read that students are now taking in-

struction in the new Claude Keefe Industrial Arts building and using the shop space and equipment that has been donated by local businesses. A grand opening is planned in the near future.

The Homecoming parade will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday with the theme of “Through the Decades.” During homecoming activities this week, students will be collecting money for BYE Ambulance service.

MAP testing has also been completed for students and teachers have been analyzing data and setting goals

for winter assessment.

Mid-term grades for high schoolers were finalized on Sept. 15 and parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Oct. 18-19.

At the close of the meeting, Board Member Kevin Windish said he would like the school to reconsider running advertising in The Weekly Post newspaper. Windish said the paper “seems to black the eye of the community more than it helps.”

Wagner asked Windish if he would like to serve on the finance committee. Windish agreed.

AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS
U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Elizabeth Osegueda; et. al. DEFENDANTS
No. 2022-FC-0000236
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff’s attorney: Coddilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-05597.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS
Citizens Bank N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens N.A. PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Tracy A. Stinson; et. al. DEFENDANTS
No. 2023-FC-0000037
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Michael J. Renski; et. al. DEFENDANTS
No. 2022-FC-0000342
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA ILLINOIS
Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
Wardney F. Snarr, AKA Wardney FL Snarr; Sara R. Snarr; Princeville State Bank; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.
Case No. 2023-FC-0000012
10014 North Garden Lane, Peoria, IL 61615
Judge Bruce P. Fehrenbacher
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 16, 2023, Chris Watkins will on October 18, 2023, at the hour of 1:00PM at the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office, Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street (Courtroom 203), Peoria, IL 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA ILLINOIS
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. 2005-FLD1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-FLD1 Plaintiff,
vs.
Lettie E. Schmitt; The Greater Peoria Sanitary and Sewage Disposal District Defendants.
Case No. 2022-FC-0000066
502 West Melbourne Avenue, Peoria, IL 61604
Judge Bruce P. Fehrenbacher
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Elmwood plans to put up more stop signs

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – A few new stop signs probably will be erected soon in Elmwood, and a few downtown-area parking spaces probably will be spared.

Mayor JD Hulslander recommended the T-intersection of Ash and Jarman streets be converted to a three-way stop. That wasn't unexpected. Over its last few meetings, the Elmwood City Council has discussed the effort to rectify what's been a jumble of traffic-control situations there.

But during the council meeting Sept. 19, Hulslander also suggested the intersection of Main and Rose streets be converted to a four-way stop. As of now, only traffic on north-south Rose Street is required to stop.

"That would make it a little safer," Hulslander said about a four-way stop.

The council is expected to consider the changes when it meets Oct. 5.

Earlier, Hulslander advocated removing at least four parking spaces on Main Street near the Rose Street junction, to improve sightlines for drivers. But a four-way stop is ex-

pected to minimize the number of spaces eliminated.

"We may lose two parking spots, one from each side of Main," Hulslander said. "But we'll preserve the rest of them rather than (eliminate) multiple spots."

Hulslander suggested parking is important for downtown businesses and for residents of the Elm Haven Place apartment building, which sits at the northeast corner of Main and Rose.

The Ash-Jarman intersection features a yield sign on eastbound Ash, a stop sign on northbound Jarman and no sign on southbound Jarman.

In addition to the new stop signs, speed-limit and stop-ahead signs are to be placed on southbound Jarman, Hulslander said. Tiber Creek Road, which to the northeast leads into and out of the city, merges into Jarman north of the intersection. The speed limit in that area is 30 mph.

The re-signed intersections probably will be a focus of police patrols for a while, according to Hulslander.

"It may take some time for adjustment," he said. "You can put signs up wherever you want, but if there's no enforcement, then they're point-

less."

Last week, the council approved a municipal budget for the 2024 fiscal year. Total appropriations are estimated to be \$5,278,229, according to city documents. No fund deficits are projected.

A total of \$510,000 might be reserved for expenses regarding proposed dredging at the municipal sewer lagoons in Sweetwater Park.

Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc., an engineering-consulting firm from Peoria, prepared maintenance-work proposals and options, according to Alderman Nathan Brunnelson. Work might take place over two or more years.

"We're looking at the best approach," Brunnelson said following the meeting. "There's a lot of things that go into it. We're not 100 percent sure about exactly what we need to do, but we need to start talking about how we're going to finance it and how we're going to pay for it."

A series of public meetings to discuss the situation is expected, according to Brunnelson. He said he wasn't sure the last time the Sweetwater ponds were dredged.

"We're to the point where it needs to be done," he said.

PRINCEVILLE: Board OK's 2024 budget

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Board of Education. Public schools aren't obligated to open extracurriculars to home-schoolers.

According to the Illinois High School Association, it's up to each district to decide. IHSA by-laws state that home-schooled students are eligible if they are taking and passing at least one credit-bearing course at a member school, among other stipulations.

The board asked Princeville administration to investigate what area districts are doing regarding home-schoolers, how they're doing it and how many students are affected, according to Superintendent Tony Shinall. No timetable was given for the board to consider Potter's request.

Among items the board considered and approved last week was a budget for the 2024 fiscal year. Estimated revenues are \$7,896,466, and estimated expenses are

\$7,929,163.

The board also authorized renewal of a bus-lease agreement with the Special Education Association of Peoria County. In between transporting Princeville students to and from the SEAPCO facility in Bartonville each day, the bus is at the organization's disposal.

The agreement first was enacted last year.

"It's a win-win," Shinall told the board.

Shinall also reported the resignations of after-care worker Michele Dallinger, daycare worker Dulce Lopez and high school science teacher Shmouni Sudrzynski.

Following a closed session, the board authorized numerous policy-manual updates and personnel items. The latter category included:

- Hiring Keyser Caswell as a part-time high school custodian; Callie Jo Coats and Melinda Shimmin as teacher assistants; Wren Coats as a

grade-school custodian; Dallinger as a transportation worker; Geneva Keyster as a junior-high/high school chess sponsor; Linda King as an infant-room lead teacher, Hannah Baysingar as a seasonal infant-room assistant and Sarah Updyke as a part-time infant-room assistant; and Libby Snyder and Kennedi Stahl as grade-school after-care workers;

- Hiring Becky Gardner as a part-time intervention teacher, Sara Long as a part-time paraprofessional and Katie Vaughan as a part-time speech/language pathologist;

- Hiring Ralph Gallo and Russ Wittmer as high school girls basketball volunteer coaches and Chris Lauber as seventh-grade boys basketball coach;

- Granting unpaid leave to grade-school Bright Futures teacher Sara Miller and grade-school speech/language pathologist Emily Simmons.

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Police Reports

• **ELMWOOD** – Someone has been stealing signs in and near Elmwood that advertise a Yates City-area landscaping business, according to authorities.

Signs for Johnston Landscaping were reported missing about 9:30 a.m. Sept. 15 from the 800 block of W. Main St. in Elmwood and at Illinois Routes 8 and 78 north of the city.

The business owner estimated the signs were worth about \$600, according to an Elmwood Police Department report.

The thefts began in June 2022, the business owner stated. He has erected a motion camera in a tree along Main Street in hopes of recording the apparent perpetrator, according to the report.

• **NORWOOD** – A rear-end collision in Norwood resulted in no injuries to a Brimfield woman and her three passengers.

Kristin E. McGraw was driving a 2021 Chrysler Pacifica that was stopped on westbound Farmington Road at Norwood Road when a 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt struck her vehicle, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The Cobalt driver was Liberty M. Gordon-Church of Peoria.

McGraw said she was attempting to turn onto northbound Norwood Road. Gordon-Church said she attempted to brake but was unable to stop in time. She was uninjured.

Both vehicles sustained heavy damage, per the report. Gordon-Church's vehicle was towed, but McGraw drove away hers.

• **EDWARDS** – No injuries were reported in a two-vehicle wreck in

front of a U.S. Post Office near Edwards.

The accident happened about 1:45 p.m. Sept. 7 at 10112 W. Dubois Rd., according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Lacey J. Wilson of Marquette Heights said she was stopped and preparing to turn from the post-office access road onto Dubois Road in a 2014 Chevrolet Cruze when an incoming 2014 Toyota RAV4 struck her vehicle.

The other driver, who was westbound on Dubois Road, was Christopher M. Kinney of Peoria.

Kinney said he didn't see Wilson's vehicle, according to the report. Wilson said she believed Kinney cut the turn onto the access road too tightly. The Cruze sustained a damaged front bumper and a broken driver's-side light. The RAV4's front-right tire area was damaged. Neither vehicle was towed.

• **OAK RUN** – A Galesburg woman's vehicle was damaged after she drove into a rockpile at the west edge of Oak Run.

The single-vehicle accident happened at 9 a.m. June 7, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report filed recently. Tiffany A.M. Richmond, 30, was driving a 2020 Ford Explorer east on Knox Road 1760 North near Knox Road 1400 East when her vehicle hit the rocks.

Knox Road 1760 North was under maintenance and the rockpile had not been smoothed, the report stated. It did not specify the damage, which exceeded \$1,500. Richmond reported no injuries, and she was able to drive away.

• **KICKAPOO** – At 5:15 a.m. Sept. 14, David W. Purtle of Brimfield was driving an eastbound 2019 Mitsubishi Eclipse on U.S. Route 150 near Schlink Road west of

Kickapoo when the vehicle struck a deer.

Purtle said he wasn't injured, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

The vehicle sustained heavy front-end damage but appeared drivable, although Purtle planned to have it towed.

The deer was killed.

• **GLASFORD** – At 7 p.m. Sept. 10, Dylan L. Massey of Farmington was driving a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado east in the 14900 block of U.S. Route 24 west of Glasford when the vehicle struck a deer.

Neither Massey nor his two passengers reported injuries, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle was not towed. Its passenger-side bumper struck the deer, which was removed from the pavement.

• **ELMWOOD** – Dalton L. Sander, 18, of Elmwood was arrested at 4 a.m. Sept. 22 and accused of burglary and criminal damage to property between \$500 and \$10,000, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **HANNA CITY** – Rocky L. Williams, 43, of Hanna City was arrested at 8 p.m. Sept. 20 and accused of two counts of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **WYOMING** – Kimberly J. Humes, 37, of Wyoming was arrested shortly after 7 p.m. Sept. 20 and accused of retail theft of merchandise worth more than \$300, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Sept. 10-16: abandoned vehicle, Dahinda.

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Harvest memories range from rats to family to drunk hogs

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For Central Illinois Farmer

Combines have been running already and soon every farmer will be in the field for the highlight of the season.

A process that used to drag on well into winter will end relatively quickly, thanks to the combination of modern farm machinery, bigger trucks and grain wagons and better hybrids.

But harvest wasn't always a time to sit in a comfy combine and watch a monitor calculate bushels per acre. Here are reader's memories of harvest seasons past.

Who Needs A Combine?

Bob Emerick, 85, is a retired farmer who lives halfway between Elmwood and Brimfield. He remembers that not everyone was immediately enamored with the prospect of switching from corn picker to modern combines.

"Back in 1956, I was just out of high school and they were demonstrating a new way of getting corn out with a combine, shelling it with a John Deere 45 combine. My grandfather wanted to know if I wanted to go with him. It was up below the Santa Fe track north of Brimfield, they were demonstrating this combine.

"We went and looked at it, and there he was combining two rows. We never saw anything like that before.

"He said, 'Boy, I think that might be in the future.' Well, standing beside us was **Joe Carroll**, a shellerman from the Brimfield area, and he said, 'Oh, this will never go over.'

"Well, he didn't want it to in the first place. He was wrong. You know what's happened since. My grandfather always thought ahead on things."

Picket Cribs

Larry Benson of Maquon hails from an era when two-row corn pickers were the norm and when not every farm even had a corn crib. That forced innovation.

"We would build picket cribs," Benson recalled. "You'd take a row of fence pickets and make a

circle with a run down the middle so you could put a sheller in it. You'd fill that up with corn and, when it was full, you'd cover those with boards. Then you'd put another row of pickets on that and fill it up, then another up to three high.

"In the winter, you would sell that corn and shell it. Well, the corn was out in the open in those pickets and there would be snow and ice on top of all that and you'd have to chip it out."

Benson said the weather was the worst problem in those open "cribs," but he recalled other issues in some of the enclosed wooden cribs that are all but gone nowadays.

"When you got into a closed crib, there would be mice in there and rats in there," Benson said. "You wanted to make sure you kept your pant legs inside your boots, because those rats and mice would try to run up your pant leg. I've seen guys shuck their pants to try to get the rat or mouse out of there."

Bank Boards

Ardeanne Ekena of Elmwood recalls walking home from school with her brother during harvest season to see her grandfather waiting with a tractor and wagon for the youngsters to help hand-pick corn.

"The wagon was an old wooden-wheel wagon with a narrow box about 4 feet high. As one stood at the rear of the wagon and on the left side, there were one or two boards placed on top. These were called 'bank boards.'

"As the ears of corn were picked, they were thrown into the wagon. From time to time the thrower misjudged his or her strength and an ear of corn could possibly miss its destination. In that case, hopefully it would hit the bank board and fall into the wagon.

"If it missed the wagon entirely, that was my brother's and my job to make sure that ear was retrieved. Brother and I didn't pick much corn. We just enjoyed being a part of the early harvest.

"To me it is still a joy to be a part of harvest season. With the beauty of the trees at this time of year and to walk into the cornfield and hear the rustle of the cornstalks under foot provides a time to reflect on all the miracles God has provided in being able to see another year's crops being



harvested. To provide food treats for those working in the fields and, too, just being able to climb in the cabs of combines and tractors to go along for the ride is awesome."

A Real Team Effort

Sharon Yess Chenoweth of Macomb has a memory from her days growing up in Jubilee Township south of Princeville.

"I don't remember how old I was, but I can still picture in my mind what happened. My Mom told me to stay in the yard and play on the swing that hung from the old walnut tree. She said she was going to go north of the house to the cornfield to help Dad by bringing the team of horses and the wagon back to the barnyard.

"I remember her telling me that I would be able to see her, and she wouldn't be gone long. In the distance, I could see her as she opened the gate, drove the team through, and then I saw the

horses running as fast as they could to get 'home' with Mom trying to stop a runaway team.

"Farming was and still is a team effort involving the whole family – whether it's watching, working or waiting."

A Bullet Hole

Larry McCoy of Davenport, Iowa, grew up near Champaign and has a vivid memory from one harvest in the 1950s.

"It may have been 1954 or 1955. I know I didn't yet have my driver's license; that would happen when I reached age 16 in 1956. It must have been a Saturday because I wasn't in school.

"Lacking a driver's license didn't mean that I couldn't drive on the farm ... so, while my dad hauled a load of ear corn to the hiker to unload into the pole crib with the Model G John Deere (which started by manually

spinning the flywheel), I drove the John Deere Model B, and pulled a used New Idea one-row corn picker – yep, a one-row corn picker – along with a wagon that collected the ears.

"This picker was prior to the combines with corn heads that actually shelled the corn in the field. This picker would pinch the ear off the stalk, after which a long spiral-shaped shaft would carry it to the husking bed where the ear would be spun to tear off the husks, then dumped into a mini-hiker which would transport the ear up to a tube where it would be dumped into the wagon.

"At the far end of the field, as I turned to attack the next row, I waved at three pheasant hunters on the farm west of ours. I thought no more about them until about halfway through the field, I heard a strange sound like a 'thang' which seemed to come from the back of the picker. I

stopped the tractor and, as my dad had drilled into my head, shut off the power take off (PTO) before climbing down off the tractor seat.

"I did a slow walkaround looking for anything unusual, anything that had snapped or otherwise broken, which could have caused the strange noise. The visible moving parts looked OK. I was just about ready to get back on the tractor when I noticed it ... a small hole in the housing of the husking bed. Closer examination gave me the answer; it turned out to be a bullet hole.

"I said a quick prayer of thanks that it didn't hit me, climbed back on the tractor and tackled the rest of the corn row. As I continued on through the field, two questions swirled in my mind:

"1. Who uses a rifle instead of a shotgun for pheasant hunting?"

"2. If he couldn't spot something as big as a corn picker, should he actually be carrying a gun?"

Drunk Hogs

Dorothy Schmidt of Toulon wrote a memory of **Al Appenheimer's** sorghum mill south of Toulon that operated from 1921-45 and at one point was the largest in Illinois, producing 10,000 gallons per year. One year, black smut afflicted the sorghum cane heads and produced black specks in the sorghum juice. To remove the imperfections, Appenheimer ran juice through a slurry of clay that absorbed the smut and particles.

As a side note to that stroke of genius, the clay also reduced the amount of particles skimmed out of the sorghum juice and dumped into a waste barrel. The waste barrel was usually emptied daily and fed to the hogs. But since the barrel took longer to fill that year, the skimmings inside fermented. Wrote Schmidt, "There were many drunk hogs that year in the Appenheimer feed lot. Some lay in the lot and squealed; others were completely passed out, grunting only occasionally."

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New technology for cover crops

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For Central Illinois Farmer

GALVA – There’s nothing undercover about efforts to encourage more farmers to sow cover crops, plants that can improve soil health and agriculture management.

Earlier this month, one of those cover-crop efforts was well above ground. In the form of a drone, it hovered high over Brian Corkill’s farm east of Galva.

The drone’s presence was courtesy of University of Illinois Extension. Dennis Bowman, an extension specialist in digital agriculture, used remote control to maneuver the drone above one of Corkill’s cornfields as it scattered cover-crop seeds.

Champaign-based Bowman said it was his first drone presentation. About two dozen farmers and others who gathered on the Corkill spread looked to the cloudy sky with interest. Earlier, they looked to the ground.

Following a couple of futile attempts, Bowman activated a squat, box-like robot that disappeared between rows of corn and returned, eventually. Like the drone, the robot also is a cover-crop seed spreader, albeit not yet as



Dennis Bowman works to program a robot planter used to sow cover-crop seeds in rows of standing corn. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

advanced technologically.

“The robot is still a prototype, so it still has some problems,” Bowman said.

But both tools are examples of emerging, non-traditional ways to seed cover crops – something only about 8% of Illinois farmers plant, according to extension officials. The best planting times are in September and October, when farmers are busy harvesting cash crops like corn and soybeans.

Rachel Curry, an extension agriculture and agribusiness educator, said the new technology can make it easier for farmers to consider planting off-season rye and barley, among other cover crops.

“We’re trying to find

ways to make cover crops work for the farmer and fit into their operation,” Curry said.

Farmers can hire contractors to use airplanes and helicopters that scatter cover-crop seeds. But drones and robots might provide better seed penetration, according to Bowman. They also might allow farmers to bring that planting operation in house.

“Farmers that have a desire and a love for technology, I can see them having this,” Bowman said. “This is an opportunity for them to take control. You’re not dependent on somebody else. Having that technology in your hands to use

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COVER CROP: Drones still limited

Continued from Page 2 whenever you want it, there's a certain value in that."

The value of cover cropping extends beyond an individual farmer's field, according to Bowman and others.

Cover crops can benefit soil microbiology, which can lead to improved crop yields. They can manage soil erosion and quality as well as weeds and pests. They also can help reduce downstream water pollution from chemical nitrogen fertilizer, among other things. Such a problem is prevalent in the Gulf of Mexico.

"We want to keep the nutrients in the soil. And one of the best ways to do that is to add some biology, some plants that are growing that will soak up those nutrients and lock them up in their own bodies," Bowman said.

"They'll either die off over the winter or be killed off in the spring to release those nutrients back into the soil as they decompose. We've kept them there over the winter so that they're not washing down the Mississippi (River)."

Corkill has been planting cover crops for about a dozen years on his 1,000 or so acres. He said the

benefits might not be evident the first few years after farmers begin a cover-crop schedule.

"It is a significant change in mind-set and management," Corkill said. "I think for the most part, guys are willing to adopt some new practices. It just depends on where they're at in their career."

Paul and Nick Appell, who observed Bowman's demonstrations, use planes to plant cover crops on the 2,000 acres of corn and beans they farm between Galva and Victoria. It didn't appear the Appells are quite ready to adopt the new technology, but they did appear intrigued.

"I really see the drones coming on faster than anything, but they can only do so much," said Nick Appell, who is Paul Appell's nephew. "You need a whole fleet of them to do our operation. But just like everything else, I'm sure

they'll get more efficient and bigger."

Bowman estimated a drone price, all in, at about \$20,000. Operators also need Federal Aviation Administration authorization. Robots might cost about \$5,000 each.

Corkill acknowledged the new planting methods probably are not affordable or practical right now for many farmers. But like Nick Appell, he suggested technological improvements will change that.

Once one person can operate more than one drone, labor costs might shrink considerably, for one example. Neighboring farmers also could partner to purchase drones for mutual use.

"The longer it's out, the cheaper it becomes," Corkill said. "I think the drone can have its place. We're probably not quite there yet, but I don't think the drone is that far away."



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Plant corn, soybeans or solar panels?

By **RON DIETER**

For Central Illinois Farmer

Should a farmer plant corn or solar panels? That's the question posed by Aaron Smith, professor of agriculture economics at the University of California-Davis. With the push for more renewable energy, solar farms are sprouting on agricultural cropland across the U.S.

To answer the question, Smith used a corn price of \$6.75/bushel and a yield of 200 bushels/acre. For solar electricity he used a price of \$70/Megawatt hour and an annual yield of 243

Mwh/acre. These were values existing when he made the calculations last fall. He found that solar energy yielded 13 times more income than a corn crop. Of course, that's income, not profit.

Using these numbers, along with financial data from a 1,000-acre solar farm in Wapello, Iowa, and Illinois crop-budget data to calculate the costs of production, the solar farm in his model was 3.5 times more profitable than corn.

When it comes to supply and demand, however, renewable energy is no different than any other commodity. As supply goes up, price comes down. Renewable energies, both solar and wind, are their own worst enemies. The costs of these technologies is dropping fast as more installations come online, making the energy they produce cheaper.

Smith points out that a drop of just 10% in the price of electricity and the picture is drastically reversed. Corn becomes nearly 10 times more profitable than solar. You can check his numbers online with a search for "Aaron Smith solar farms."

But does this have to be an either-or situation? Why

not solar panels and farm crops on the same ground?

For example, a farmer could allow space between rows of solar panels to accommodate row-crop machinery. But that would lower the solar yield.

What's more, land under the panels would be idle, reducing the crop yield.

That's where agrivoltaic technology enters the picture. That term describes producing crops and solar energy on the same land. Agrivoltaics is relatively new but is being used in the U.S. and Europe.

Several commercial crops – including raspberries, strawberries, broccoli, spinach, potatoes and tomatoes – are shade tolerant and have been successfully grown beneath solar panels. Some crops protected from direct sun and wind are actually more productive under panels than out in open fields. Workers planting and harvesting these crops also appreciate the shade provided by the solar array.

Solar panels are being used by produce farmers to replace plastic high tunnels that protect tender crops from hail, wind, bright sun and frost. High tunnels are labor intensive and easily damaged by wind and hail.

Solar panels are designed to withstand such weather.

Bifacial solar panels, two-sided panels made of tempered glass, increase both the electrical output and the crop yield of an agrivoltaic solar farm. Unlike standard one-sided solar panels, bifacial panels are partially transparent, allowing sunlight to pass through to the crop below. The panels utilize direct sunlight but also use light reflected back from the crop below to produce 10% more electricity than a one-sided panel.

Bifacial panels and the crop beneath them form a symbiotic relationship. The panels conserve soil moisture and provide shade and shelter to the crop. The transpiring crop in turn lowers the panels' temperature. Cooler panels yield nearly 10% more electricity than the same panels over bare ground.

As long as the push for renewable energy continues, we can expect to see more solar farms. While most people are supportive of renewable energy, they prefer it to be somewhere else. Surveys show, however, that communities are more receptive of agrivoltaic farms because the land is kept in production.

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Our machine shed was green, just not the green of today

At the height of the mid-August heat wave, I was relieved when an old friend canceled his planned trip to attend a sprawling, old farm-machinery show amid central Illinois' endless, sweltering cornfields.

While both of us love to see Oliver's 77s, Super Ms and Ford 9Ns of our youth, neither of us wants to be as sweaty or dirty during those admiring visits as we were when driving 'em in our hot, dirt-eating youths.

But there is something about those 50-, 60- and 70-year-old lovingly restored,

rust-bucket beauties that still attracts an eye, conjures a story and warms a heart.

In fact, unlike many other ag journalists, I have only four toy tractors in my office: two that are manufacturer gifts from tractor introductions (the best of which, admittedly, is a very sweet, very big Versatile 1150 from 1981) and two are unblemished, green-and-yellow Oliver 77s. One is a



"Super" 77, the other a plain "Row Crop" 77.

While we were Oliver people on the southern Illinois dairy farm of my youth, we never owned a Super-anything Oliver. We did, however, run a Row Crop 66, Row Crop 77 and Row Crop 88. The 88 was our "big" – when 40 horsepower was big – tractor.

The 77 was Uncle Honey's tractor of choice for two practical reasons.

First, my father didn't trust his inattentive, iron-bending uncle with anything associated with the word "big;" alas, no 88 for him. More importantly, the 77 had hydraulics, a requirement to raise our Oliver mower's 7-foot sickle bar when mowing alfalfa, straw or my mother's perpetually replanted peach trees.



Alan GUEBERT

And, yes, despite Honey's honestly earned reputation for destroying farm equipment – he did, after all, plow out two telephone poles – Dad had him mow because those four or five cuttings of 100 acres of alfalfa each year intentionally kept him away from the combine, silage wagons, humans, chain saw, cows, fence posts and telephone poles.

Well, mostly. When the farm moved from 36-inch rows to 30-inch, out went the 66, 77 and 88 and in came a new wave of Oliver – and not yet White branded – tractors: a gas 1650, a diesel 1755 and a rugged, log-wagon 1850. The 1650 had a narrow front and the

1755 and 1850 were our first wide fronts.

Of the three, my two older brothers and I often argued over who would get the 1650 for their day's work. Its purring engine, power steering, and narrow front made it the perfect tractor for baling hay, planting corn, chopping stalks, pulling silage

wagons, backing a hay wagon into the barn ... you name it.

And its best feature was its most important: our farm's first foam tractor seat. Yes, it was plastic covered and, yes, it was a hotplate in the summer and an ice block in the winter. Even at that, the seat wasn't as hot, cold or hard as the backside-slapping steel seats on the old Oliver fleet that encouraged more standing than sitting while operating.

Honey inherited the stiff, roaring 1850 for both plowing and silage chopping. To his great displeasure, the sickle mower went with the 77. Dad replaced both with a self-propelled, hydrostatic Owatonna haybine and, without any discussion, replaced Honey

with me as its only operator.

When White Farm Equipment began to dominate Oliver in the late 1960s, my father's loyalty to the brand ebbed. He was no fan of Case – a 930 Comfort King came and went pretty quickly – and never considered John Deere because he never found a Deere dealer with whom he could bargain.

He did, however, own a high-hours 4020 at the end of his farming career because, I suspect, its price fit his wallet more than the poorly maintained tractor fit his needs.

His final, go-to "big" tractor was a mid-1970s Ford 9600. It was the only tractor he ever owned with a cab and he all but wore it out over the following decades. It sold for pennies at his retirement auction and holds no special spot in my heart.

Mostly because that space was taken long ago by an Oliver 77.

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FBFM has century of helping

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For Central Illinois Farmer

Farmers have plenty to worry about in the field. A statewide organization helps them worry a little less about off-the-field, bottom-line aspects of their businesses.

Almost 6,000 farmers and farm landlords are members of Illinois Farm Business Farm Management. The Urbana-based not-for-profit provides financial and production records, computerized business reports, income-tax preparation and retirement and estate planning, among other services.

FBFM consultants meet regularly with clients to help interpret reports and offer financial-management advice. Hog and cattle producers also can join FBFM. Carla Doubet, a farm-business consultant based at the FBFM field office in Morton, said she has about 115 clients.

Minimum dues are \$720 for the current year, according to Doubet, a Farmington-area native. Rates increase from there, based on farm size. Base dues vary from year to year.

"I feel like they understand the value of the service that they're getting," Doubet said of her clients. "You can go to some-

body to get your taxes done for 200 or 300 dollars, but a good accountant doesn't cost you anything, because they're going to add value to your operation by making you more aware of where you are in your business, future and present, and what opportunities there are."

FBFM traces its history almost 100 years, with roots at the University of Illinois. FBFM assumed its current form in 2017, when eight regional associations merged. The organization has 37 field offices, including one in Toulon.

Reports FBFB members receive include comparative analysis based on soil type, number of acres and other variables, Doubet said. Family-living costs also can be calculated and tracked, which can help farmers apply for loans.

"You've got to keep the banker happy," Doubet said. "He's going to look at

what the family-living costs are. They can see, 'This is what it was statewide, this is what yours is and what's different about it.'

"(Farmers) become more budget oriented and crunch the numbers a little harder. It helps them seek out maybe some other ideas about how to get their input costs lower and shop around and sharpen the pencil in that regard."

Doubet appears to have some experience in that realm. She grew up on a farm, worked on farms and feed yards and oversaw a 60-cow herd before she began her FBFB career.

"(We) work with a lot of good farmers," said Doubet, who attended Spoon River College in Canton and has a master's degree in accounting. "I have a lot of young farmers that are under 30 years of age. I have their fathers, and for some of them I have their grandfathers."

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Website breaks cash-rent taboo

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For Central Illinois Farmer

Among the biggest taboos in the farm world is discussing the price someone pays for cash rent.

Not so for Brad Belser of Peoria and his crew at CommonGround.io, an internet-based land marketplace.

An Iowa State graduate who has been a tillable and recreational land broker for eight years, Belser started CommonGround in 2017 as cashrent.com before changing the name — though not the purpose.

“The goal is to bring transparency to tillable land values for landowners and also to give farmers opportunities to farm ground they may never have had a shot at before,” Belser said. “Land values have gone up 30-40% and commodities have stayed strong. The only thing we’re not seeing moving is cash rent. Rents need to go up.”

To help accomplish that, CommonGround.io offers free cash-rent estimates and allows landowners to list ground they want to rent. Belser said those listings have fueled an average increase of 39.8% for landowner return on investment.

Belser said Common-

Ground is more accurate in many cases than USDA cash-rental figures that are based on 10-year averages and rely on self-reporting by farmers.

• **Record price** — A bidding war over 115 acres of Missouri farmland on Sept. 21 has established a record paid for tillable ground in the U.S.

The property in Missouri’s north-central Saline County sold for \$34,800 per acre and brought a total price of \$4,002,000 to Dyer and Fenner Auctioneers.

The 115 acres were not sold to an investor but rather to a farmer who has land adjoining the pricy parcel, according to agweb.com. And the ground is reportedly not intended for development.

Jim Rothermich of Iowa Appraisal said bidding started at \$15,000 per acre and escalated over the next 15 minutes before a sale was made.

The previous record price was established Nov. 10, 2022, for 73 acres in Sioux County, Iowa, that sold for \$30,000 per acre.



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Williamsfield holds first-responder training

WILLIAMSFIELD – In the wake of delivery of its first two electric school buses, Williamsfield schools held a training session for local first responders on Sept. 22.

The new electric buses are scheduled to start running routes on Oct. 2. By the end of October, all Williamsfield bus routes are expected to be run by electric buses.

Pheasants Forever sets family trap shoot

PRINCEVILLE – Pheasants Forever has scheduled its annual family trap shoot for Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at Gilles Family Farms, 22025 N. Maher Road, located west of Princeville. Call ahead to book a one-hour time slot starting at 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Guns and two boxes of shells will be provided, or you can bring your own. To register, call Mike Aldrich at (309) 229-4090.

Fulton Co. Clerk O'Brian named recorder of year

MOUNT VERNON – The Illinois Association of County Clerks and Recorders recently honored Fulton County Clerk Patrick O'Brian of Farmington with its top honor for the year.

O'Brian was named the 2023 IACCR Illinois County Clerk & Recorder of the Year at the group's annual statewide conference Sept. 17-19 at the Doubletree Hilton in Mount Vernon.

O'Brian was elected in 2020 to fill out the remainder of the two-



Fulton County Clerk Patrick O'Brian of Farmington was recently honored as Illinois County Clerk & Recorder of the Year.

year unexpired term of longtime Fulton County Clerk & Recorder Jim Nelson, following his retirement. O'Brian was re-elected in 2022 to a full four-year term.

The four zones of the IACCR vote for a Zone Clerk & Recorder of the Year. Those four winners are then voted on by the membership of the statewide association. O'Brian was selected Zone 2 Clerk & Recorder of the year at its August zone meeting.

O'Brian currently serves as the President of IACCR Zone II and previously served as Zone II's Treasurer.

"Being selected for and bringing this award home to Fulton County is very special to me," O'Brian said. "My staff in the Fulton County Clerk & Recorder's office are the most dedicated and talented group

around, hands down. Their support and expertise mean the world to me, and I am proud to say that this is their award. They just put my name on it.

"Most importantly, I want to thank my friends and family for always supporting me in my endeavors. 2023 has brought some of the proudest and most devastating moments of my life. However, this moment is pretty sweet, we'll celebrate this one."

College graduates

• **Victoria Foley** of Farmington graduated with an associate's degree in general studies from Illinois Central College after the summer session.

Et cetera

• **EAST PEORIA** – Illinois Central College reports that enrollment is up by 7.6 percent this fall and credit hours enrolled show an 8.6 percent increase. The school has its biggest freshman class in four years.

• **COULTERVILLE** – Outdoor writer Gretchen Steele, whose stories have graced this paper over the years, is part of a group of five people who will be inducted into the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame next spring. Since 2002, the Illinois Conservation Foundation has recognized Illinoisans for their significant contributions and unparalleled dedication in preserving, promoting, enhancing or supporting natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities with induction into the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame.

Princeville Village Board votes to close pool

By **BOB GRIMSON**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Village Board members voted Sept. 19 to step out of the swimming pool business and permanently close the Princeville Aquatic Center, 620 Princeville Ave.

Because the vote was to close but not demolish the facility, the pool business may not be stepping away from the village.

"This vote is just to close it," Village President Jeff Troutman emphasized about the unanimous decision.

The pool complex closed for the 2023 season for reasons including growing expenses and financial losses.

Troutman noted some discussion

in the community for forming a park district, which could eventually operate the village's parks and the pool.

"The ball is in their court to see if they (park district supporters) want to go forward," he said. "Nobody has officially stepped forward."

Forming a park district would require a petition drive among voters and a ballot referendum.

In other action, the board set 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. Nov. 7 for a pair of public hearings involving the village's tax increment financing (TIF) districts. Under law, local taxing bodies, taxpayers and residents have an opportunity for input.

Steven Kline, president and CEO of The Economic Development

Group Ltd. in Bloomington, told the board holding hearings on the same night was preferable because of the interconnected nature of the actions.

"You can't talk about one without talking about the other," he said.

A new TIF district would be created (District 4) and District 1 would be revamped and expanded, including some properties not previously in a district.

Troutman said the new District 4 would be more commercially oriented and the changes would give more residents potential access to village programs for TIF properties.

"The goal is to have it done before the first of the year," he said.

Peoria County Board approves strategic plan

Edited by **TERRY BIBO**

For The Weekly Post

PEORIA – The Peoria County Board unanimously approved a new strategic plan, replacing one passed in 2016. Five priorities were identified: Infrastructure maintenance and improvements, financial stability, regional and intergovernmental collaboration, and community investment, communication and marketing.

One high-priority goal involves American Rescue Plan Act funds that must be committed by the end of 2025 and spent by the end of 2026. The new Health and Human Services campus – as well as projects at the jail, courthouse and other county-owned facilities – will account for most of those funds. Workforce de-

velopment and retention activities are also high priorities since 10% of county positions are vacant.

In regular business, the board approved a zoning request in Hallock Township and two bids for work at the new health campus. Demolition of the prior Health Department building on Sheridan Road is underway.

Among items approved unanimously on the consent agenda were:

- Writing off more than \$2 million in uncollected Heddington Oaks accounts receivable as bad debt.
- Tuckpointing and other structural work at the county jail over the next three years.
- Re-roofing work at the juvenile detention center and the county jail.
- **Election Commission** – The annual

meeting of the Peoria County Election Commission was Aug. 15. All of last year's officers were re-elected.

All public comments requested the return of pre-paid envelopes for vote by mail.

Commissioners approved the budget request reviewed last month. Several voting precincts were moved because of comments by voters, election workers or the locations. A bid was accepted for voter maintenance mass mailing.

The board also accepted recommendations to improve security at the election office.

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Farmington Central High School selected Alexis Miller for September's Senior of the Month. Alexis is the daughter of Amanda Ista and Bob Singer. She has one sister, Ashley. Alexis is a strong academic student as she is in the top 10 of her class and is a member of our National Honor Society chapter. Along with her studies, Alexis is involved in various extracurricular activities, which include Key Club, Theater, and Art Club. In addition to her involvement in school, Alexis finds time to give back as she volunteers within the community. She has boxed food at the Midwest Food Bank, served meals at the Trivoli Chili Supper, and has helped with the Back-to-School Bash and Elf on the Shelf fundraiser. Alexis plans on attending college and majoring in Art Education. Congratulations, Alexis!

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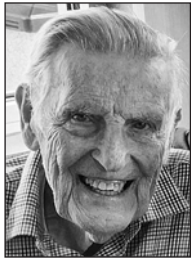
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OBITUARIES

Kenneth C. Borland
PEORIA – Kenneth C. Borland, 97, of Peoria, went to heaven on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, at Farmington Village.
Kenny was born on Sept. 27, 1925, in Peoria, Ill., to Irving and Mabel (Cameron) Borland. He married Esther Doubet on Oct. 9, 1948, and they shared 66 wonderful years together.



He is survived by his children, Linda (David) Captain of Smith Center, Kan., Connie (Bob) Friedrich of Hanna City, Ill., Joyce (Jerry) Easley of Hanna City, Mark (Deb) Borland of Orlando, Fla., and Becky (Doug) Klaus of Tomball, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Kate Borland of Jupiter, Fla.; 24 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Kay Doubet; along with many nieces and nephews.

Kenny was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Esther; his parents; daughter, Patti Copple; son, Bruce; and brother, Bob.
A man fully devoted to God and his family, Kenny loved God's word and interacting with people.

He attended Bradley University but left early to serve his country. After returning from service in the Navy during World War II, Kenny joined the family-owned Borland Dairy business, where he worked some 20 years, primarily as a deliveryman. He later joined his father-in-law at the E. W. Doubet Seed Company in Hanna City, where he worked until his retirement.

Kenny was a man dedicated to community and Christian service.

He served many years with the Norwood School board and he was one of the founding members of, and served on the board of, the Peoria Christian Center. He served as an elder of the Limestone Presbyterian Church and later as an elder of the Hanna City Presbyterian Church.

Visitations for Kenny were on Monday, Sept. 25, at The Wilton Mortuary in Peoria and again on Tuesday, Sept. 26, prior to the funeral at Hanna City Presbyterian Church, where the Rev. David Keithley officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to Wycliffe Bible Translators (for Mark and Deb Borland and/or David and Linda Captain), the Peoria Christian Center or the Hanna City Presbyterian Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.thewiltonmortuary.com.

Henry A. Bowdoin

WYOMING – Henry A. "Hank" Bowdoin, 82, of Wyoming, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at 9:03 a.m. at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

Hank was born on April 8, 1941, in Mont Belvieu, Texas, the son of Ben and Evelyn (Adrian) Bowdoin. He married Benola "Bennie" Streitmatter on Feb. 12, 1967. He is survived by his wife, Benola; son, Brad (Chantel) Bowdoin of LaVer-



Bowdoin

nia, Texas; daughter, Beth Tyre of Princeville, Ill.; six grandchildren, Allie, AJ, Adrian and Annika Bowdoin, and Caleb and Brody Tyre; and sisters-in-law Rose and Gail Bowdoin. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ben and

Jim Bowdoin.
Hank served his country in the United States Army. He worked several jobs including IMC Fertilizer in Speer, Caterpillar, owner/operator of Agri Power Inc. in Toulon, as well as Cutco Inc., retiring in 2009. He was a member of the Stark County Masonic Lodge #479 A.F. & A.M., and Toulon American Legion. Hank enjoyed spending time with family and fishing with his friends.

His funeral will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Craig Martin will officiate. Visitation will be from 10-11:30 a.m. prior to the funeral. Burial will be in Streitmatter Cemetery in rural Princeville Memorial contributions may be made to Apostolic Christian Skylines.

To leave condolences for Hank's family, please visit his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Evelyn F. Forney

BRIMFIELD – Evelyn Fae Forney, 83, of Brimfield, passed away at 2:38 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at her home. Evelyn was born on July 17, 1940, in Maquon to Marion and Ruby (Dalton) Broadfield. She married James Forney on Sept. 25, 1959; he survives.



Forney

Also surviving are her two daughters, Jamma Brannan of Kickapoo, Ill., and Jerri (Dennis) Rhoads of Sheridan, Ill.; one son, Jeffrey (Lily) Forney of Queens Creek, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Betty (Meade) Montgomery, Carol

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Henry, Peg Brackett and Mariann Forney.

She was preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Lauren Forney; brother, Vernon Broadfield; and son-in-law, Charles Brannon.

Evelyn adored her children and grandchildren. Her greatest joy was spending time with them. She would always be there to help and didn't know how to say "No." Evelyn enjoyed thrift shopping in her spare time.

Memorial contributions may be made to BYE Ambulance Service and the Children's Organ Transplant Association.

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences for Evelyn's family may be left on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

David A. Lesones

HEYWORTH – David A. Lesones, 64, of Heyworth, Ill., passed away at 10:20 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at OSF Saint Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, Ill.

He was born Nov. 23, 1958, to Martin "Carl" and Marjorie (Schulte) Lesones in Elgin, Ill.

He is survived by one brother, Donald (Norma) Lesones; three sisters, Marcia (the late Willie) Briggs, Carlene (Richard) Hart and Carolyn Winans; and several nieces and nephews, whom he dearly loved. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Daniel Lesones.

David was an EMT for B.Y.E. Ambulance for 38 years. He was also a former school-bus driver for the Farmington and Brimfield school districts.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of

flowers, memorials may be made to David Lesones' family for his funeral expenses. To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

David L. Sprout

YATES CITY – David L. Sprout, 76, of Yates City, passed away at 10:55 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, at his residence, surrounded by his family.

He was born Nov. 5, 1946, to Ernest and Hazel (VanDusen) Sprout in Yates City. He married Carol Keel on Nov. 5, 1967, in Peoria. She survives.

He is also survived by three children, Matthew (Kathy Tongue) Sprout of Cham-

paign, Ill., Chris (Cindy Seidel) Sprout of Metamora, and Tim (Stacie) Sprout of Canton; two sisters-in-law, Maxine Oliver and Gail Sprout; and seven grandchildren, Andy, Mariah, Brady, Nick, Cannon, Lucas, and Malina.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael Sprout; two brothers, Bob Oliver and Ernie Sprout; and three sisters, Frances Rynearson, Norabelle Rynearson and Helen Oliver.

David served in the Air Force as a sergeant from 1965-68. He was a member of U.A.W. Local 974 and an electrician at Caterpillar for 35 years, where he retired from in 2003. He also worked at Hot Shots Pharmacy for several years.

David was a former volunteer fire-

fighter for Elba-Salem Fire Department. He also loved taking photos as well as spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

A funeral service will be at noon on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation will be held prior to the service from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home. Burial will immediately follow with military rites at Yates City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Greater Peoria Honor Flight and the American Cancer Association.

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

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

Roger D. McGinnis

TRIVOLI – Roger D. McGinnis, 64, of Trivoli, died Sept. 23, 2023, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 5, 1959, in Peoria, a son of Dalton McGinnis and Imogene N. (McCoy) McGinnis.

Roger is survived by his daughter, Rosemary McGinnis of Pekin; two grandchildren; two sisters, Tricia (Gary) Ratliff of Elkhorn, Neb., and Zayna Connor of Trivoli; one brother, Patrick McGinnis of Trivoli; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Roger's funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at the Davison-Fulton Woodland Chapel in Peoria. His visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., also on Friday at the funeral chapel. Burial will take place in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in rural Trivoli.

Condolences can be left online at www.Davison-Fulton.com.



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(309) 446-3571
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Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Brimfield United Methodist Church
Reverend James Pernell Sr.
135 S. Galena St., Brimfield
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Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.
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Union Church at Brimfield

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Esther (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who killed 69 of his brethren, but spared Jotham for he hid himself? Abimelech, Jeroboam, Uzziah, Horam
3. From Proverbs 25, "Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without ____." Meaning, Hope, Breeze, Rain
4. Who was the wife of Ananias, who died along with her husband after lying about an offering? Jezebel, Anna, Sapphira, Jael

United Church of Christ
Pastor Stephen Barch
105 W. Clay Street, Brimfield
(309) 446-3811
brimfieldunionchurch.org
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.
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• First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten-free communion offered)
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DAHINDA

Dahinda United Methodist Church
Pastor Zoila Marty
1739 Victoria St., P.O. Box 14
Dahinda, IL 61428
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School during worship service
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Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com

DOUGLAS

Douglas United Methodist Church
Pastor Kristine McMillan
484 3rd St.
Yates City, IL 61572

5. Which two foods were said to flow in the land of Canaan? Peaches/Cream, Figs/Apples, Milk/Honey, Manna/Bison
6. What were the Israelites, as slaves of Egypt, mainly forced to make? Bread, Bricks, Staffs, Spears
ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Abimelech, 3) Rain, 4) Sapphira, 5) Milk/Honey, 6) Bricks
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(NOTE: Church is in Douglas)
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m.
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EDWARDS

Bethany Baptist Church
7422 N. Heinz Ln., Edwards
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bethanycentral.org
Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 a.m.
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Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
9910 W. Knox St., Edwards
(309) 691-2030
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ELMWOOD

Crossroads Assembly of God
Pastor Tim Cavallo
615 E. Ash St., Elmwood
(309) 830-4259
crossroadselmwood.org
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Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Elmwood Baptist Church
Pastor Bill Cole

701 W. Dearborn St., Elmwood
(309) 742-7631, 642-3278
Sun. Worship: 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood

Reverend Marla B. Bauler
201 W. Evergreen, Elmwood
(309) 742-2631
firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org
Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sun. School: 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Father James Pankiewicz
802 W. Main St., Elmwood
(309) 742-4921
Sat. Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.
Tues. Mass: 8 a.m.

Tues. Confession: After mass

United Methodist Church of Elmwood

Pastor James Pernell Sr.
821 W. Main St., Elmwood
(309) 742-7221
elmwoodumc.org
Sat. Worship: 5 p.m.
Sun. Worship: 10 a.m.
Youth Sun. School: 9 a.m.
Adult Sun. School: 8 a.m.

FARMINGTON

Farmington Bible Church
Pastor Tony Severine
497 N. Elmwood Rd.
Farmington
(309) 245-9870
Sunday School: 9:30
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 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Pastor Cindy Bean
83 N. Cone Street, Farmington
(309) 245-2914
firstpresfarmington.com
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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Fellowship: 11:30 a.m.

New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God

Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
Farmington
(309) 231-8076
Sun. Worship: 10 a.m.
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.

PRINCEVILLE

Princeville United Methodist Church
Pastor David Pyell
420 E. Woertz, Princeville
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Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church

Father Corey Krengiel
119 Saint Mary St., Princeville
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Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.
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Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.
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TRIVOLI

Brunswick Community Church

4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli
Pastor Terry England
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF Vs. Elizabeth Osegueda; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2022-FC-0000236

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 07/19/2023, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on October 25, 2023 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Court-house 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:

PART OF LOT THIRTEEN (13) IN FOREST PARK ADDITION, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT THIRTEEN (13); THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT THIRTEEN (13) TWENTY (20) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN AND FIVE-TENTHS (157.5) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT; RUNNING THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF SIXTY (60) FEET; RUNNING THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES WEST AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN AND FIVE-TENTHS (157.5) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-33-229-018 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

2802 N California Avenue Peoria, IL 61603 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-05597. I3228662 Published 9/14, 9/21, 9/28/23

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

Citizens Bank N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens N.A. PLAINTIFF Vs. Tracy A. Stinson; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2023-FC-0000037

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/05/2023, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on October 25, 2023 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Court-house

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:

EIGHTY (80) FEET OF EVEN WIDTH OFF THE WEST END OF LOT 59 IN MAPLE SHADE ADDITION TO PEORIA, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, STATE OF ILLINOIS. PIN 14-34-106-001

Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 800 E. Corrington Avenue Peoria, IL 61603

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the

amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-00554. I3228664 Published 9/14, 9/21, 9/28/23

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-08881. I3228666 Published 9/14, 9/21, 9/28/23

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For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-037803.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. 2005-FLD1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-FLD1 Plaintiff, vs.

Lettie E. Schmitt; The Greater Peoria Sanitary and Sewage Disposal District Defendants. Case No. 2022-FC-0000066 502 West Melbourne Avenue, Peoria, IL 61604

Judge Bruce P. Fehrenbacher NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 16, 2023, Chris Watkins will on October 18, 2023, at the hour of 1:00PM at the Peoria County Sheriff's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street (Courtroom 203), Peoria, IL 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Lot 67 in Delmar Glenn Addition, of Lot 4 of Jackson's Subdivision of part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 9 North, Range 8 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, According to the plat thereof recorded July 28, 1928 in Plat Book "M", Page 92; Situated, lying and being in the City of Peoria, County of Peoria and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 502 West Melbourne Avenue, Peoria, IL 61604 Parcel Number(s): 14-33-105-009

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property 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. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-001129.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF PEORIA STATE OF ILLINOIS BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A., Plaintiff(s), vs. JONATHAN L. KAZENSE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CITY OF PEORIA, BUSEY BANK, UNKNOWN

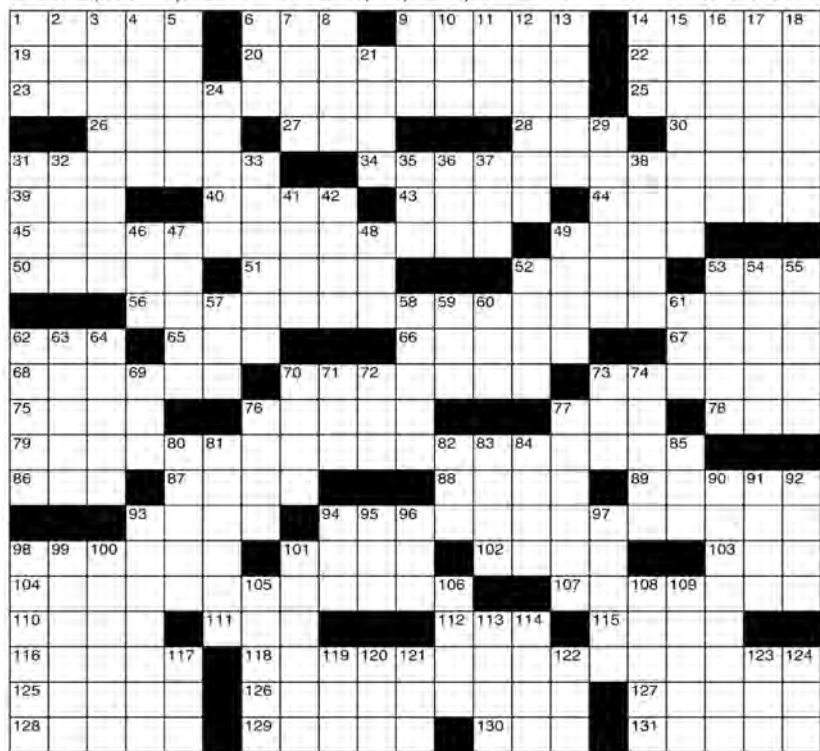
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Super Crossword

OH NO!

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OWNERS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s), Case No. 23 FC 150

PUBLICATION NOTICE
The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: JONATHAN L. KAZENSE, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Peoria County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 1 IN LESTER'S ADDITION, PART OF LOTS 15 AND 18 IN FOREST LAWN SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Tax Number: 14-04-377-001 commonly known as 308 W DETWEILLER DR PEORIA IL 61615; and which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by JONATHAN L. KAZENSE, and recorded in the Office of the Peoria County Recorder as Document Number 03-17424; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Peoria County, located at 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, on or before October 16, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME. DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT. By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on October 20, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at the PEORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Room 204, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602. A lender representative will be present along with a court appointed mediator to discuss options that you may

have and to pre-screen you for a potential mortgage modification.

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

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

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Sergio Medina; James Wood; Monique L. Jowell; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS

No. 2023-FC-0000171

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Sergio Medina
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:
1802 N Wisconsin Ave
Peoria, IL 61603

and which said Mortgage was made by:
Sergio Medina
James Wood
Monique L. Jowell

the Mortgagee(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2018018482; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on 10/19/2023 at 3:30PM 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.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, RI3228873

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS CHANCERY DIVISION

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.
TONY HAMBLY, et al, Defendants.

Case No.: 2023FC0000206
Property Address:
203 W CLAY ST, BRIMFIELD, IL 61517

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING,
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS 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 6 IN BLOCK 20 IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW VILLAGE OF BRIMFIELD, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commonly known as: 203 W CLAY ST, BRIMFIELD, IL 61517

Names of the titleholders of record: TONY J. HAMBLY; REBEKAH A. HAMBLY.

Date of the Mortgage: March 19, 2008.

Name or names of the mortgagors: TONY J. HAMBLY; REBEKAH A. HAMBLY.

Name of the mortgagee: BOULEVARD BANK.

Date and place of recording: March 20, 2008; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois. Identification of recording: Document No. 08-08097.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before October 23, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

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

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

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

JOHN LYDON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LARRY D HARDMAN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LARRY D HARDMAN; FIRSTKEY MORTGAGE, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MARY BRIGGS; MIKE HARDMAN, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 23 FC 0000044
3804 NORTH FABER AVENUE
PEORIA HEIGHTS, IL 61616
JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Larry D Hardman
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
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:

LOTS 216 AND 217 IN THE HIGHLANDS, AS SHOWN ON PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "F", PAGE 1, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commonly known as: 3804 North Faber Avenue
Peoria Heights, IL 61616

and which said Mortgage was made by,
Verna M Hardman and Larry D Hardman

Mortgagor(s), to
State Farm Bank, F.S.B
Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 05-02936; and for other relief.

By order of the Chief Circuit Judge, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation Pre-Conference on November 16th, 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 October 30, 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 courts.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 courthelp.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 courts.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 courthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN & BEAR IT



Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: What is the name of the clown in Stephen King's horror novel "It"?
- ASTRONOMY: How often does Halley's Comet appear in the Earth's sky?
- U.S. STATES: Which state has the most electoral votes in 2024?
- MOVIES: In "Jurassic Park," what kind of container is used to store stolen dinosaur embryos?
- ART: Which art movement is Salvador Dali associated with?
- AD SLOGANS: Which car manufacturer used the ad slogan "Quality is Job 1"?
- TELEVISION: Which TV show spawned the spinoff comedy/drama "Maude"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in falafel?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the world's shortest river?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are a crab's pincers called?

Answers

- Pennywise.
 - On average, every 76 years.
 - California (54).
 - A canister that looks like a Barbasol Shaving Cream can.
 - Surrealism.
 - Ford Motor Company.
 - "All in the Family."
 - Chickpeas.
 - Roe River, Montana.
 - Chelae.
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TOP 10 MOVIES

- The Nun II (R)
 - A Haunting in Venice (PG-13)
 - The Equalizer 3 (R)
 - My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13)
 - Barbie (PG-13)
 - Blue Beetle (PG-13)
 - Jawan (NR)
 - Gran Turismo (PG-13)
 - Oppenheimer (R)
 - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG)
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Bingo 6:30

UPCOMING EVENT

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ROWVA: R-W grabs 21-0 halftime lead, coasts

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"I'm disappointed in myself for getting into that position," he said. But the coach was doubly proud of his defense's response after United followed Hunt's long run by driving to the Princeville 20-yard line.

First Denzell Garza blew up a quarterback sweep for a loss. On the next play, Jake Williams intercepted a pass and sprinted 77 yards for the clinching score.

Williams had started his third game at QB and completed 10 of 15 passes for 153 yards before Logan Carruthers came in during the fourth quarter. It was his first action since suffering a shoulder injury in Princeville's second game.

Williams passed for one touchdown in the first half to Hunter Johnson. The Princes got their other two scores on a 22-yard run by Taysaun Kieser and a 4-yard run by Eli Christianson.

United ran for 208 yards and averaged 5.1 yards per carry but was hurt by three interceptions. Princeville fared much better with its passing attack, which racked up 240 yards through the air. Princeville also had 109 rushing yards.

"I can't say enough about what Jake has done in the past three weeks," Coach Carruthers said. "We just thought we might need a spark there towards the end."

Heading into Friday's game at South Fulton, Coach Carruthers said he is uncertain who will start at quarterback.

"They both have their strengths. How lucky are we to have two different styles of offense we can run,"

Coach Carruthers said. "Whoever starts the game, the other will probably get some reps."

ROWVA-Williamsfield 35 South Fulton 18

ONEIDA – ROWVA-Williamsfield maintained a perfect record heading into its showdown Friday night at Oneida against Stark County. Both teams are 5-0 overall, 4-0 in the LincolnLand small-school division.

The host Cougars made relatively short work of South Fulton (2-3, 2-2), which trailed 21-0 at intermission following two touchdowns from Spencer Brown. He ran 2 yards for a score after he caught a 7-yard pass from Riley Danner for another.

Brown scored again in the third quarter, on a 37-yard run, and finished with a team-high 149 yards rushing. Teammate Bryan Bertlshofer scored once and ran for 143 yards.

"We had a touchdown get called back at the end of the half, but we came out and played pretty good," R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand said. "We could have been a little bit better offensively, but the defense did a nice job."

Gullstrand said Mathew Dennison, Luke Nelson and Preston Schroeder helped lead that defensive effort.

The game Friday will be the Cougars' third against Stark County in less than one calendar year. R-W won both of last season's meetings, including a Class 1A state-playoffs opener. Gullstrand said both programs are similar, but Stark County quarterback Luke Rewerts presents

a test. "Anytime you have a really good athlete at quarterback, you're worried about him running and throwing," Gullstrand said. "It's going to be a great test for our defense, so hopefully they're up for the challenge."

– Nick Vlahos

Elsewhere

Stark County (5-0, 4-0) led just 7-0 at halftime, but set up Friday's battle of unbeaten with R-W after Braden Lindley and Matthew Bowser each returned interceptions for scores in a 20-8 victory against winless West Hancock. Stark County had four interceptions overall. The Rebels were without Tanner Price, a three-year starter on the offensive and defensive lines who suffered a quad injury at the end of practice last Thursday. His status for Friday's game at Oneida is uncertain, Coach Jade Noard said on Monday. ... Annawan-Wethersfield (4-1, 4-1) led 28-0 at halftime against Abingdon-Avon (0-5, 0-5) and tacked on two scores in the third. Zeb Rashid ran for two TDs, quarterback Dillon Horrie ran for one score and passed for another, Ashton Potter ran for one TD and backup QB Brody Childs ran for the final score. ... Rushville-Industry (2-3, 2-3) ran for 379 yards, including 181 and two TDs from Tanner Gray on 10 carries, in a 26-22 win over Havana. R-I also got two touchdown passes on two completions from quarterback Jacob Lazzell. Havana (0-5, 0-5) kept it closed despite only gaining 190 yards and possession the ball for just 16:01.

SCOREBOARD

Farmington 30				J.Wheelwright, Utt 9.				LincolnLand - Large				LincolnLand - Small						
Elmwood-Brimfield 26				Princeville 36				Overall				Overall						
United 20				United 20				W		L		W		L				
Elmwood-Brim.	6	6	8	6	-	26	United	14	6	0	0	-	20	ROWVA-Willmsfld	5	0	4	0
Farmington	8	8	0	14	-	30	Princeville	6	6	8	16	-	36	Stark County	5	0	4	0
Scoring Summary				Scoring Summary				First Quarter				First Quarter						
First Quarter				First Quarter				U - McElwee 1 run (11 run)				U - Hall 3 run (conversion failed)						
E-B - Elwell 2 run (run failed)				U - Hall 3 run (conversion failed)				P - Kieser 22 run (conversion failed)				P - Kieser 22 run (conversion failed)						
F - Gronewold 15 pass from L.Wheelwright (L.Wheelwright run)				P - Kieser 22 run (conversion failed)				Second Quarter				Second Quarter						
Second Quarter				Second Quarter				U - Rodriguez 13 run (conversion failed)				P - Christianson 4 run (conversion failed)						
E-B - Ramirez 1 run (run failed)				U - Rodriguez 13 run (conversion failed)				Third Quarter				Third Quarter						
F - Gronewold 17 pass from L.Wheelwright (L.Wheelwright run)				P - Christianson 4 run (conversion failed)				P - Johnson 13 pass from Williams (Benningfield pass from Williams)				P - Johnson 13 pass from Williams (Benningfield pass from Williams)						
Third Quarter				Third Quarter				Fourth Quarter				Fourth Quarter						
E-B - Windish 17 pass from Ramirez (Elwell run)				P - Johnson 13 pass from Williams (Benningfield pass from Williams)				P - Hunt 67 pass from Carruthers (Williams pass from Carruthers)				P - Williams 77 interception return (Christianson run)						
Fourth Quarter				Fourth Quarter				Team Statistics				Team Statistics						
F - Gronewold 84 pass from L.Wheelwright (Gibbs kick)				P - Williams 77 interception return (Christianson run)				Rushing - U: McElwee 24-185, Hall 8-9, Rodriguez 5-23, 9 4-(-9). P: Kieser 12-43, Christianson 14-62, Williams 1-4, Carruthers 1-0.				Rushing - R-W: Brown 12-149, Bertlshofer 17-143, Nelson 1-20, Miller 1-(-2).						
F - Smith 36 pass from L.Wheelwright (Gibbs kick)				P - Williams 77 interception return (Christianson run)				Passing - U: McMillen 4-10-3 44. P: Williams 10-15-1 153, Carruthers 3-5-0 87.				Passing - R-W: Danner 9-14-0-70, Brown 1-1-0-33.						
E-B - Durst 5 run (pass failed)				P - Williams 77 interception return (Christianson run)				Receiving - P: Kieser 3-70, Johnson 2-29, Benningfield 5-21, Williams 2-19, Hunt 1-67, Christianson 1-40.				Receiving - R-W: Sams 5-50, Hull 1-33, Brown 2-14, Miller 1-7, Danner 1-(-1).						
Team Statistics				Team Statistics				Tackles - P: Garza 10, Stalter 8, Harmon 7.				Tackles - R-W: Schroeder 5.						
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Rushes-Yds				Rushes-Yds				Passing - U: McMillen 4-10-3 44. P: Williams 10-15-1 153, Carruthers 3-5-0 87.				Passing - R-W: Danner 9-14-0-70, Brown 1-1-0-33.						
Yds per carry				Yds per carry				Receiving - P: Kieser 3-70, Johnson 2-29, Benningfield 5-21, Williams 2-19, Hunt 1-67, Christianson 1-40.				Receiving - R-W: Sams 5-50, Hull 1-33, Brown 2-14, Miller 1-7, Danner 1-(-1).						
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Brimfield volleyball finishes second at Knoxville Tournament

By PHIL JOHNSON

For The Weekly Post

The Brimfield volleyball team had a good day at the Knoxville Tournament Saturday, getting wins over the host team, Ridge-wood and Roanoke-Benson and losing only to Kewanee.

Ava Heinz had 28 kills and five blocks for Brimfield (11-7). Chloe Fabry added three blocks, Kylie Frail was very busy setting up scores with 57 total and Anja Nelson was on the floor for 32 digs. Bailey Grunow served four aces on the day.

"The girls are playing good volleyball at this point," Coach McKenna Weaver said.

BHS dropped a 25-17, 19-25, 18-25 decision to ICAC foe Illini Bluffs last Thursday at home. Fabry was kills leader with 10. Heinz went up for two

blocks. Nelson collected 15 digs to go with three aces. Frail recorded 17 assists.

Brimfield prevailed 25-21, 25-9 over Farmington at home on Sept. 19. Heinz had seven kills and five blocks. Grunow served up two aces. Nelson dug 15. Frail assisted on 10 scores.

Elmwood – Elmwood (7-13) topped Bushnell Prairie City 25-16, 25-17 Monday in a Prairieland Conference sweep on the road. Mahala Mercer scored on four kills to go with one block. Payge Ryan assisted on four scores. Wren Kellenberger had two ace serves and five digs.

The Lady Trojans fell 25-19, 25-16 to North Fulton on the road last Thursday. Kellenberger was dig leader with six.

Elmwood lost at West Prairie on Sept. 19, 10-25, 25-13, 20-

25. "West Prairie is always a challenge for any opponent to play. We played hard," Elmwood coach Felicia Charlesworth said.

Mercer recorded three kills, three aces and one block. Cheyenne Burge had two kills and one block. Gianna Ramirez scored on two kills. CeCe Conklin scored three aces. Kellenberger had nine digs.

Farmington – Farmington (5-9) bested South Fulton 24-26, 25-17, 25-16 last Thursday at home in a Prairieland contest.

Alayna Keefer had a big night with 20 kills and 14 digs. Izzy Lynn served two aces. Lydia Overcash picked up three blocks. Madilyn Hanlin recorded 14 assists in the win.

The Lady Farmers fell to Brimfield last Tuesday in a Pra-

rieland matchup. Keefer scored nine kills. Meaghan Carpenter recorded one ace and two blocks. Claire Hanlin had one ace and 14 digs. Madilyn Hanlin had 12 assists in the effort.

Princeville – Princeville (11-12) downed Galva 25-19, 25-17 at home Monday in a Lincoln Trail battle.

Greta Dwyer had a strong showing with five aces and 18 assists. Brianna Brodie scored on eight kills. Claire Dearing added seven kills.

PHS was defeated 25-21, 25-9 by Lincoln Trail rival Annawan last Wednesday on the road. Carly Cox and Dearing each scored six kills. Dwyer assisted on 21 scores. Sydney Kratzer had three digs. Brodie served three aces. Harper Francis defended with three blocks.

ROWVA-Williamsfield – R-W (12-4) won 25-18, 25-19 at home over Abingdon-Avon on Monday.

Lizzie Johnston scored on five kills and two aces. Vivian Haynes collected two aces. Olivia Cokel defended with two blocks. Sawyer Secrist had three blocks. Tori Trotter had a busy night by assisting on six scores and five digs in the win.

The Lady Cougars came up just short in a hard-fought 24-26, 25-20, 26-28 decision to nonconference opponent Knoxville on Sept. 20.

A big game from Secrist included 14 kills, two aces, two blocks and eight digs. Trotter was also a key contributor with seven kills, 20 assists and 15 digs. Johnston added six kills and eight digs in the effort.

FARMINGTON: Pass on first play a rarity for E-B

Continued from Page 24 run at 3:07 set the final score. A 46-yard Ramirez pass to Jimmy Babcock preceded it. After that, Wheelwright (229 yards passing) and his brother Jack Wheelwright ran enough to secure the win.

"No guts, no glory," Vallas said about the play call. "We believe in our kids and we're going to give them a chance to make plays, and we had some guys make plays."

Another Wheelwright heave, this one for 36 yards to Boston Smith, made it 30-20 with 5:04 remaining. But E-B wasn't finished in a second half that had more plot twists than the final 15 minutes of "Die Hard."

Layne Durst's 5-yard

run at 3:07 set the final score. A 46-yard Ramirez pass to Jimmy Babcock preceded it. After that, Wheelwright (229 yards passing) and his brother Jack Wheelwright ran enough to secure the win.

"I think we could have played a lot better, but it's very good for us," said Gronewold, who amassed 174 yards receiving. "We always like to beat Elmwood."

E-B set its tone on the game's first play, when Ramirez completed a 10-yard pass to Windish. It was the first time in at least a decade the Trojans opened with a pass, according to Coach Todd Hollis. He said this game

was by far his team's best this season, something Vallas also suggested.

"Some guys flipped the switch tonight," Hollis said. "(Farmington) had some big plays and we rebounded from some big plays and didn't climb into a shell. It's OK to be sad and upset that you lost a game, but the effort is totally worthy of praise. And honestly, the productivity was totally worthy of praise.

"It was a four-point ballgame. You can't ask for a whole lot tighter than that. Toby was nervous right to the end."

Elsewhere

Knoxville routed an ailing Mercer County, 44-0,

and outgained the Golden Eagles 404-103. All of Knoxville's yards came on the ground and Nolan McClay carried 13 times for 213 yards and three scores for the Blue Bullets. ... Macomb traveled south to Breese and got thumped 38-18 by Mater Dei (4-1), which ran for 250 yards and passed for 128. Macomb QB Braden Holthaus was 13-for-22 for 268 yards and three scores and tossed one interception. But the Bombers were held to minus-4 yards on 24 rushing attempts and Holthaus was sacked six times. ... Illini West (3-2) rolled past winless LVC 46-6.



Jimmy Babcock of Elmwood-Brimfield outbattled Sam Gronewold of Farmington for this catch in last week's game between the Illinois Route 78 rivals. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

ALL-SPORTS ROUNDUP

Elmwood's Wake wins ICAC golf; Brimfield falls in IESA softball

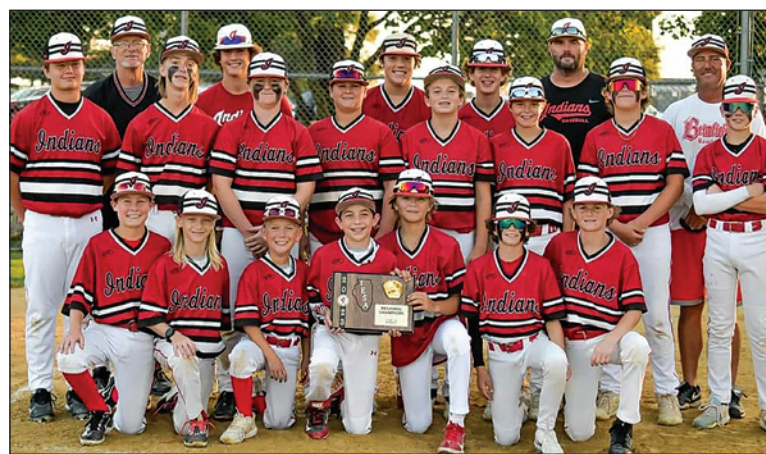
CUBA – Tanner Wake of Elmwood shot an even-par round of 72 to win the ICAC Conference golf tournament Sept. 19 at Wee-Ma-Tuk Hills Country Club.

Wake finished seven strokes ahead of the runner-up in a busy final week of the regular season that also saw him shoot 77 to place seventh at the Sept. 23 Canton Boiler Invite at Wee-Ma-Tuk and win as medalist Sept. 21 at Lake Bracken with a 39.

Boys golfers headed into regional action on Wednesday, while the girls tee off in the regionals Thursday.

Also at the ICAC, Cade Farquer of ROWVA-Williamsfield was fourth after shooting 80 and leading his team to fifth overall at 352 strokes. Other scorers for R-W were Landon Hannam (87), Preston Lafary (90) and Mason Sornberger (95).

Elmwood was sixth at 367 and other scorers were Kuper Bolton and Anthony Guppy (both 97)



Brimfield's junior high baseball team won an IESA regional title. First row (left to right) Lennox Drury, Cael Nelson, Lucas Birkel, JD Catour, Westin Smith, Alex Jenkins and Kyler Schatsiek. Second row (l to r): Adam Rust, Kai Nelson, Jay Webb, Chase Meinders, Cole Cahill, Brady Kappes, Oliver Hoerr and Keegan Forney. Back Row: Assistant Coach Phil Johnson, Assistant Coach Brady Johnson, Jakoby Johnson, Griffin Hougham, Coach Josh Johnson and Assistant Coach Mike Meinders.

and Quinton Johns (101).

Brimfield was seventh at 379 and was led by Drew Kieser's 85. Other scorers were Nick Hainline (90), Dane Fagerburg (95) and Jackson Kappes (107).

The Brimfield girls were second at the ICAC with a score of 388 – eight behind Illini Bluffs. CJ Troxell was second with a 94, the same as her third-place teammate, Callie Lundell. Other scorers were Olivia Kappes and Nicole Detmers (both 100s).

Avery Rigg shot 94 to place fifth overall for R-W, which was third at 415. Other scorers were Kendra Bennett (98), Sidney Stiers (109) and Ava Landon (114). Elmwood's girls placed fifth at 460 and were led by Maddie Conklin's 105 and Addi Powers' round of 107.

The R-W boys were fourth at the LTC Conference Tournament on Sept. 20 at Midland Golf Club in Kewanee with 371 strokes. United won with 344. Hannam

led R-W with an 84, while Lafary shot 85, Farquer was at 100 and Sornberger carded a 102.

Brimfield's boys and girls beat Elmwood at Maple Lane Country Club Sept. 18. Medalists were Conklin and Troxell (48) and Kaden Schatsiek of Brimfield (37).

• **HS XC** – The Princeville girls cross country team placed sixth last Saturday at the East Peoria XC Invitational. Bethany Sennett finished 16th in 20:42 to pace Princeville, whose other scoring runners were Alyvia Cowser (37th, 22:12), Sahara Streitmatter (43rd, 22:27), Montana Hoerr (60th, 23:19) and Katelyn Giffin (77th, 24:47).

The Princeville boys were 11th and were led by Joey Bosch's 19th-place finish in 16:59. Winning time was 15:53. Other scoring runners for the Princes were Tucker Sennett (32nd, 17:33), Matthew Bowers (56th, 18:30), Collin Bowers (91st, 19:44) and Jacob Bosch (108th, 20:11).

Joey Bosch also won a Sept. 19 race at Princeville in 17:18 vs. runners from El Paso-Gridley, Lowpoint-Washburn-Roanoke-

Benson and Farmington. Both Princeville teams placed first.

Princeville is at the Elmwood XC Invitational Saturday at Maple Lane CC. Varsity girls run at 10 a.m., varsity boys at 10:45 and frosh-soph at 9:30.

• **IESA softball** – The Brimfield junior high girls softball team lost its bid for a threepeat Saturday, dropping an IESA quarterfinal game to Cambridge, 2-1.

Cambridge (19-2) scored one run in the first and second innings and held Brimfield (16-5) to a single run in the second.

Teagan Drury had two hits in the game for Brimfield and scored the Lady Indians' lone run. Audrey Updyke added a hit and an RBI and Lilli Owens had the other hit for Brimfield.

Cambridge managed four hits against Pyper Hicke, who fanned eight and issued two walks.

Cambridge lost in the title game to Pontiac St. Mary's, 8-0.

• **JH baseball** – Brimfield's junior high baseball team lost 4-2 in IESA sectional action at Carthage on Sept. 23. Brimfield (19-2) had won the regional 6-1 over Princeville on Sept. 18 at Galva.

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Upset scare

Farmers hit long passes to beat E-B

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Jack Gronewold wasn't going to let another long pass slip just out of his reach. Not with Elmwood-Brimfield poised for an upset victory.

On fourth-down-and-3 with 6:26 remaining in the game, the Farmington sophomore connected with quarterback Lane Wheelwright for an 84-yard touchdown play. It gave the Farmers a last-in lead in a 30-26 football victory Sept. 22.

"He just dropped it right in my bucket and I caught it," Gronewold said. "It's amazing. I've never felt anything like that before."

The victory over its Route 78 rival made Farmington 5-0 overall and 4-0 in the Lincoln-



Gronewold

Land Conference large division. It also made the Farmers, who play Friday night at Macomb, eligible for the state playoffs.

E-B (1-4, 1-3) needs to win the rest of its games this season to achieve that, starting Friday at home against Aledo Mercer County. But for most of this game, the Trojans were every bit a match for their hosts, thanks in part to the heretofore-unseen prolific passing of junior quarterback CJ Ramirez.

"I think maybe our guys thought this was going to be a little bit easier than it really was going to be," Farmington Coach Toby Vallas said. "In the mind of a high-schooler, you just never know. I just think we made the right plays at the right time."

From the Farmington perspective, there was no better time for Gronewold and Wheelwright.

With 1:11 left in the third quarter, Ramirez



Lane Wheelwright looks to pass against Elmwood-Brimfield in last week's 30-26 victory. Wheelwright passed for 229 yards and four touchdowns. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

passed 17 yards to Bo Windish in double coverage on fourth-and-8 to give E-B a 20-16 lead. It was part of a banner passing night for Ramirez, who finished 5-of-8 for 99 yards. Windish had three catches for 40 yards and also ran for 93 yards.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, on third-and-24 at the Farmington

22-yard line, Wheelwright threw a long pass to Gronewold. He didn't catch the ball, although it appeared he got a few fingers on it.

"My vision just went blurry and I just dropped the ball," Gronewold said.

Farmington next took possession at its 9 following an E-B punt from

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Princeville rallies with bomb, pick 6

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Tied at halftime last Friday, playoff hopes were likely hanging in the balance for the Princeville and Monmouth United football teams.

But after yielding 20 points in the first half, Princeville's defense took control in a 36-20 victory that gives the Princes (3-2, 3-1 LincolnLand small division) breathing room in the quest for five wins and a postseason berth.

"At halftime we made a couple of adjustments and the defense really responded," Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers said. "The kids came out and got some big hits and stops and it grew from there."

Two big plays in the last few minutes of the game ultimately made the difference. The first came from Josh Hunt, who caught a 10-yard pass from Logan Carruthers



Jake Williams passed for 153 yards and returned an interception 77 yards to seal Princeville's win last week. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

and then broke four tackles en route to a 67-yard score.

"That was one of the more impressive runs I've seen" Coach Carruthers said. "Hunt made a heckuva effort."

Following the touchdown, Coach Carruthers was ejected after arguing a late-hit call. He will be unable to coach Princeville's next game at South Fulton.

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