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Elmwood Superintendent Wagner to take new job for '24-25

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Chad Wagner will leave his job as Superintendent of Elmwood CUSD 322 at the end of this school year.

Wagner on Nov. 30 accepted a job as superintendent of Genoa-Kingston CUSD 424 in northern Illinois after approval by that district's school board.

He will start at Genoa-Kingston on July 1.

"It's exciting but bittersweet, all at the same time," said Wag-

ner, who spent the past 10 years leading the Elmwood district.

"I'll have 45 minutes from my office to my fiancée's front door. It's a good move for us. The timing is right. Both my kids will be in college. It makes a lot of sense."

Wagner, 48, is engaged to Kristin Koopman, a Wisconsin



Wagner

native who owns an interior-design business in Janesville, Wis.

"Kristin, to no fault of her own, was born and raised a Packers fan and has called Wisconsin home her entire life," Wagner wrote to the Elmwood staff. "The time is now to look to a new challenge that will allow us to get closer to where she is from, while continuing my career as a superintendent."

The Elmwood School Board will meet Dec. 18 and hopes to have a job description ready to

post after that meeting, according to Board President Mark Davis.

"The sooner the better," Davis said. "We'd like to have the job posted for 30 days so we have as many applications as possible."

Davis said the tentative plan is to have Wagner's replacement hired in January or February.

"As you get farther into the calendar, it can get harder and harder to find superintendents," Davis said.

Still to be determined is which recruiting service, if any, the board will retain to help find candidates. A representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards will attend the Elmwood board's Dec. 18 meeting.

"We're going to decide whether we use someone to help us, or whether we beat the bushes ourselves," Davis said. "I think some people have already approached Chad (about

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EYES IN THE SKIES

Farmington considering crimefighting cameras

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Surveillance cameras are no longer just a Hollywood movie or big-city thing.

As prices drop and technology improves, more and more small towns and cities are signing up to use surveillance cameras to assist law enforcement. Farmington may soon join that list.

The Farmington City Council heard a presentation on FlockSafety cameras at Monday's meeting. The presenter was Deputy Vinnie Porcaro of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, who said he is not paid by Flock, but is a strong believer in the company's license plate recognition



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cameras.

"Bad guys don't like these," he said. "Gangbangers don't like these cameras."

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Peoria installed 59 cameras last year and in November decided to buy 71 more. Peoria police officers say data from the cameras have helped solve crimes and led to the discovery of stolen vehicles and missing people.

Porcaro said cameras are spreading into Fulton County, with three in Cuba and six in Canton. Farm-

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Water rates rising

Billtown increasing rates on Jan. 1

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – Municipal water in Williamsfield will be getting more expensive – now and in the future, probably.

Beginning Jan. 1, village water customers will be paying at least an extra \$10 a month. That additional charge is to help repay about \$2.75 million in loans for an ongoing village water-infrastructure project.

The monthly base rate of \$48.25 for all customers, good for 1,000 gallons of water, is unchanged. But for every additional 1,000 gallons used, the charge will rise from \$3.75 per month to \$10. The hike is to help erase an annual deficit of more than \$67,000 in village water operations.

In approving the increases without discussion Monday night, the Village Board accepted recommendations from an Illinois Rural Water Association study. Clark Cameron, a representative of the Taylorville-based group, suggested the new rates aren't outlandish.

"That's not really out of line with what I'm seeing," said Cameron, who assists water departments around the state. "You guys are pretty competitive with most towns I see."

The additional gallons charge is to rise by 3% each January, beginning in 2025. That provision is designed to cover increased costs, according to the IRWA report.

"Customers very rarely comment on their water rates unless there is a size-

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WAGNER: Oversaw 5 major construction projects

Continued from Page 1 the Elmwood job). He said that's a good sign."

Wagner will become the fourth superintendent at Genoa-Kingston in the past year. Wagner has

more than 25 years of experience in education with 14 years as a superintendent. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Northern Iowa and a master's de-

gree at Northwest Missouri State. He earned his superintendent certification at Illinois State University and a doctorate at Aurora University.

Brent O'Daniell left Genoa-Kingston in June 2023 to take a job as superintendent at Beardstown. His interim replacement, Griffin Powell, stepped down Oct. 9 due to health issues.

Powell was replaced on an interim basis by Matt Cascio, the Genoa-Kingston High School principal.

At Elmwood, Wagner oversaw five major con-

struction projects that totaled about \$18 million, including a new junior-high building, a main commons addition, remodeling of the high school gym and locker rooms, a grade school HVAC replacement and the new Claude Keefer Industrial Arts Building.

Wagner also helped navigate the district through the COVID pandemic with fairly minimal angst compared to that experienced at some neighboring districts.

"I feel like I've done a lot at Elmwood and it's time to move on to a new challenge," Wagner said.

The district has also reduced the tax rate in all but one of Wagner's years.

"He's good at lots of things, but his financial acumen ... I've never seen anybody better," said Davis, who was part of the board that hired Wagner. "He's going to be missed. He's done good things for our students and our academic programs."

Wagner sent a letter to staff and parents, writing "I will be handing over the reins of this wonderful district knowing that it is in a terrific place."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week's Hot Picks

• **Winterfest** – Williamsfield's Winterfest is Saturday, Dec. 9, from 5-8 p.m. Williamsfield Public Library will have stories, crafts, cookie decorating, caroling, judging for a holiday tree contest and more from 5-8 p.m. Santa's Village will be at Veterans Park from 6-8 p.m., featuring Santa at the Caboose, games, giveaways, a cake walk and hot cocoa. Williamsfield Fire Department and Double Take Bar & Grill will have community open houses from 6-8 p.m. offering free food. Hayrack rides will be offered from Doubet-Benjamin Park approximately every half-hour. Many local businesses will also be open for the event.

This Week's Events

- **Blood Drive** – Red Cross Blood Drive at Princeville Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall today, Dec. 7, 12:30-6 p.m. For appointments, call Denise at (309) 238-0769.
- **Book Group** – Morrison and Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood has its Reader Book Group meeting today, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. "The Code Breaker" is the book to be discussed. Group will also compile a list of books for next year.
- **Santa Breakfast** – Yates City Fire Department offers breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 7-10:30 a.m. All-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast. Santa arrives at 9 a.m.
- **Santa Breakfast** – Brimfield American Legion offers breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8-10 a.m. Kids \$5, adults \$10. Free pictures with Santa.
- **Sip and Shop** – Farmington has a Jingle Bell Sip & Shop event Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Diva Florist, Fashion Farm Boutique, Mercantile 25, Star Metal Art and The Simple Things.
- **Senior Luncheon** – Brimfield Senior

Luncheon is Dec. 12 at noon at the Union Church in Brimfield. Cost \$5.

• **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

- **Meals on Wheels** – Meals on Wheels delivered in Elmwood and Yates City every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. \$5 per meal. Call Gerri at (309) 742-3303 or 251-7006.
- **Free Movie** – Elmwood Kiwanis offers free showing of "Happy Feet" on Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. at The Palace Theatre in Elmwood. Free small popcorn or soda. Santa will be in attendance at 1 p.m.
- **Cookie Walk** – Union Church in Brimfield, located at the corner of Galena and Clay streets, has a Cookie Walk on Dec. 16 from 8:30-11 a.m.
- **Santa Bounce** – A Children's Christmas Festival Santa Bounce will be held Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Farmington YMCA. Admission is a canned good or cash donation.

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- Matthew Quick

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GUEST VOICES



Thank you from the family of Logan Dunne

To the Editor:

The family of Logan Dunne is overwhelmed by the love, support and presence shown during the Nov. 25 Celebration of Life for Logan at Brimfield E-Free Church.

Your attendance, comforting words and unwavering support have been a source of immense strength for our family during this difficult time.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for honoring our son's memory. Your presence illuminated the love and impact he had on all of us. We are deeply touched and grateful for the outpouring of

kindness from each and every one of you.

We would like to thank Brimfield E-Free Church and all those involved with the luncheon, Pastor Don Blasing, Ryan Ruona and Tyler Courtright for the touching service.

The donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the future OSF Mental Health Hospital were very much appreciated.

Logan is at peace now and the family, friends and the entire Logan's Army has closure!

- The Dunne Family, Brimfield



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Big soybean players facing bruising year

After a five-year run that featured a costly trade war and an even costlier deadly pandemic, the biggest players in the global soybean market – the United States, Brazil and China – are positioning themselves for a big, bruising 2023-24 marketing year.

Of the three, Brazil remains planted in the driver's seat. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) forecasts that Brazil's mostly planted 2023-24 crop will yield an export-hogging 6 billion bushels, 5% more than last year's record production and an astonishing 16% larger than the 2020-21 crop.

Two factors favor that outlook. First, after three consecutive years of dry, hot La Nina weather, this year's El Nino should bring more moisture and less crop stress. Second, for the first time in memory, soy production costs are falling, encouraging Brazilian farmers to do what farmers anywhere would do: swap costly corn acres for cheaper bean acres.

If the projected, record 113 million soybean acres are planted and the better weather forecast comes to pass, USDA expects Brazil to export a record 103 million metric tons (mmt) of soybeans in its 2023-24 marketing year. That's 6 mmt more than last year's 97 mmt.

Just how many bushels are in 103 mmt of soybeans? A staggering 3.75 billion.

At that level, Brazil's projected

2023-24 soy exports will – brace yourself – equal 91 percent of this year's entire U.S. soybean crop of 4.1 billion bushels.

That hard-to-believe comparison isn't the only hard-to-swallow export news for U.S. soybean farmers this year. The really bad news is that 2023-24 U.S. soybean exports, projected at 1.8 billion bushels, marks the third consecutive year of falling soybean exports.

According to USDA data, the current marketing year's soy exports will be a stunning 491 million bushels, or 21%, under the 2020-21 marketing year's total of 2.3 billion bushels

The worldwide winner in this flooded global soybean market is the world's biggest importer, China, that buys "more than 60% of the oilseed shipped worldwide to crush into meal for animal feed and oil for cooking," reported Reuters a month ago.

Typically, China's fourth quarter purchases are made in the U.S. market to take advantage of the price-flattening effects of the American harvest glut. Early November reports indicate China did buy 600,000 metric tons (22 million bushels) during harvest. Still, market watchers claim China will import 26 mmt of soybeans during the fourth quarter with "45% of the volumes arriving from Brazil..."

Given those estimates, China is on its way to import a record 105 mmt of soy in 2023, a figure nearly – and eerily – equal to Brazil's projected soy exports for the coming year.

In years past, that almost insatiable

Chinese need for soybeans would be good news for farmers everywhere, especially in the U.S. But markets, like countries, evolve and change and the global soybean market has changed rapidly in the last decade, wrote DTN Lead Analyst Todd Hultman in late October.

First "and more important," he explained, Brazil is outracing everyone in almost every market aspect – especially production and exporting – and no one, especially the U.S., "has ever seen this level of competition for export sales."

A second worry, noted Hultman, is the "larger market environment": "two wars (Russia-Ukraine and Israel/Hamas) plus pressure on the Federal Reserve to keep raising interest rates, already at their highest level in 16 years."

Neither condition – let alone both – creates the "kind of atmosphere that encourages traders to invest in the market," he explained.

Still, U.S. carryover stocks, at about 5%, are tight so soybean "prices should stay supported above \$13 for the remainder of 2023 and any opportunity near \$14 (per bu.) should be considered a good sale."

After New Year's, however, Hultman warned, "the risk of lower soybeans prices increases, depending largely on the conditions of South American crops."

But you already knew that.

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Alan GUEBERT

Citizen actions can build or destroy a nation

To The Editor:

When reading Jeff Lampe's editorial of Nov. 23, you stated: "It's impressive to see what can happen when citizens stand up and band together.

That's worth remembering the next time somebody tries to shove a pandemic down our throats."

Who exactly was that "somebody," Jeff?

Are you implying that the agencies/scientists/doctors who were trying to protect the public from a highly contagious disease



were "shoving a pandemic down our throats?"

Are you aware that within a very short period of time over a million Americans perished from COVID

during said pandemic? It seems you have conveniently dismissed that fact.

Apparently you are a subscriber to conspiracy theories promoted by fringe groups who distrust government agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control.

And yes, I have experienced what

citizens can do when banded together such as Elmwood's efforts to keep and improve their school district a few years back.

I also witnessed citizens who banded together to try and prevent the peaceful transfer of power Jan. 6, 2021.

That notion of "citizens banding together" can either build up a nation or destroy it.

– Leanna Kijanowski, Elmwood

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Brimfield Village Board hears investment pitch

By **MOLLY RICHESON**

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield Village Board heard a presentation by Fortress Bank Senior Vice President Troy McCrery regarding financial investment opportunities on Monday night.

Trustee Brian Porter reached out to Fortress Bank to investigate CD rates and found instead an opportunity to learn about sweep accounts using the IntraFi Network, a network of around 4,900 banks and the leading provider of FDIC-insured deposit solutions.

McCrery said towns with under 10,000 residents are generally not utilizing their funds in the best possible way by investing in CDs that return very little on their investment.

McCrery suggested Brimfield consider a sweep account with Fortress Bank instead, using a peg balance of \$25,000. Money below that balance, in this case the suggested \$25,000, does not accrue interest. Any money above the peg balance is “swept” into

investment accounts and earns at a current rate of around 3.3%. Should the account balance fall below the peg balance, money from the investment account is “swept” back into the general account where it no longer accrues interest but is available for expenses. Conversely, if there is an excess of funds, an account representative assigned to the village can suggest to put excess funds into CDs at a higher rate, currently 5.01%.

“We want to be your easy button,” McCrery said.

There are no contracts for the service, meaning Brimfield can end its agreement with no penalties.

Village President Dan Fishel put the topic on next month’s agenda, suggesting the village could invest the general fund and potentially earn another \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year without changing much. He said accounts for water and sewer as well as motor fuel would remain in a local bank, for the time being.

Prior to Monday’s meeting, the village heard a pitch from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission offering to create a comprehensive plan for the village for about \$6,000. The board turned down that offer and will leave comprehensive planning up to its Village Planning Commission.

A new state law going into effect on Jan. 1 requires one hour of paid leave for every 40 hours of regular paid work to staffers. The Paid Leave Act is not anticipated to affect the village in any significant way, as current benefits are already compliant in the majority of cases. One exception is village crossing guards, who will be covered by the law come January.

The board approved a \$750 donation to the Brimfield Area Food Pantry. The pantry currently serves 195 adults and 10 children monthly in the Brimfield School District and will soon be distributing Christmas baskets.

with additional items not normally employees by \$1 an hour. The raise anticipates the hike Jan. 1 to \$14 in the state-mandated minimum wage.

In other action, trustees:

- Authorized spending \$525 for a new electronic water-meter reader. Johnson said the village’s only reader doesn’t always work properly. Federal American Rescue Plan Act funds will pay for the reader.

- Voted to eliminate the part-time job of water biller, in anticipation of a new computer billing system.
- Approved Christmas bonuses of \$175 for each village employee.

- Scheduled 2024 regular meetings on Jan. 2 and Sept. 3. Both dates are Tuesdays. Usually the board meets on the first Monday of the month, but those dates involve holidays.

BILLTOWN: Village levy to increase by 70 percent

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able rate increase,” the report stated. “Very few recognize a 3% increase as being extreme, but if the system waits 10 years and institutes a 20-30% increase, then everyone notices.”

Village President Robert Johnson has said the hefty hike is the result of years of infrastructure neglect and not keeping pace with inflation over time, among other reasons.

If trustees deem the 3% increase unnecessary in a particular year, they can vote not to implement it, Cameron told them. The village has 288 water customers, including 25 commercial accounts and 34 outside of town.

The water hike wasn’t the only revenue increase the board approved.

It also authorized a 70% hike in the 2024 property-tax levy, to help pare a budget deficit of more than \$42,000. The village is to levy \$54,030, compared to \$31,850.50 the previous year. The tax rate will rise from 0.42362% to 0.719899%.

Like water rates, Johnson suggested the levy wasn’t being adjusted for inflation. He said the increase puts Williamsfield in line with similar, nearby communities.

A Truth in Taxation hearing held before the board meeting attracted no public comment.

“There doesn’t seem to be significant resistance,” Trustee Stuart Hickerson said about the increase.

Following closed session, the board voted to increase pay for village em-

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Police reports

• **EDELSTEIN** – A Eureka man reported no injuries following a single-vehicle rollover accident near Edelstein.

Shortly after 5:15 p.m. Nov. 27, Nathan J. Arnold was driving a 2006 Jeep Wrangler south in the 21100 block of Illinois Route 40 when the vehicle hit black ice and slid off the roadway into a ditch, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle rolled onto its passenger side.

Multiple people stopped to help roll the vehicle upright, according to the report. The vehicle had minor scuff marks on its hood and a dented passenger-side A-frame. It also was leaking fluid from under the hood and was towed. Deputies blocked traffic briefly on Route 40 in that area.

• **BRIMFIELD** – A single-vehicle accident northeast of Brimfield resulted in no injuries to a Bradford man, but his pickup truck was a total loss.

Wyatt L. Bantz was driving a southbound 2001 Chevrolet Silverado about 6 a.m. Nov. 22 on Elliott Road when he braked abruptly for a stop sign at Parks School Road, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The truck skidded, crashed into an embankment and overturned.

Bantz said he had not traveled on Elliott Road before and didn't realize there was a stop sign at the crest of a hill. What remained of his truck was towed.

• **KICKAPOO** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle accident west of Kickapoo.

About 11:15 a.m. Nov. 22, Timothy J. Schaub of Edwards was stopped behind the wheel of his 2008 Ford truck on Princeville-Jubilee Road at U.S. Route 150. Schaub backed up to make way for a tractor that was turning from eastbound Route 150 to northbound Princeville-Jubilee Road.

Schaub's vehicle backed into the front of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala driven by Dennis J. Murphy of Kewanee, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Schaub said he didn't realize Murphy's vehicle was stopped behind him. The Impala sustained damage to its hood.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Creve Coeur man avoided serious injury in an all-terrain-vehicle accident on an off-road track north of Hanna City.

Jacob A. Metheny was aboard the 2021 Tracker shortly before 2 p.m. Nov. 18 in the 1000 block of N. Murphy Rd. when the ATV hit a bump. Metheny braked too hard in response and he flew off the ATV, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Metheny didn't lose consciousness but had pain in his left shoulder, elbow and hip. An ambulance transported him to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. No broken bones were detected, and no damage to the ATV was visible.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Kewanee woman required hospital attention and received vehicle-related citations following an accident near Hanna City.

Trisha L. Swearingen, 38, was driving a southbound 2015 Nissan Rogue about 11 p.m. Nov. 14 in the 100 block of S. Taylor Rd. when the vehicle apparently crossed into the opposite lane, left the pavement to the east, struck a cement culvert and flipped, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Swearingen said she was driving from Kewanee to Peoria, made a wrong turn and had difficulty seeing the road because of darkness and glare from her glasses. She complained about head pain and said she blacked out during the accident. The culvert sustained extensive damage.

An ambulance transported Swearingen to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. The vehicle, which came to rest on its top, was towed.

Swearingen was cited for driving with a revoked license and for failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision. She is to appear Dec. 13 in Peoria County Circuit Court.

• **DOUGLAS** – At midnight Nov. 10, Michael H. Phillips, 77, of Maquon was driving a 2015 Ford F-250 pickup truck in the 2000 block of Knox Highway 17 north of Douglas when the vehicle struck a deer. Phillips was uninjured, per a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained minor damage and was drivable.

• **BARTONVILLE** – Shortly after 6 p.m. Nov. 9, Tina R. Smith of Hanna City was driving a westbound 2011 Ford in the 9300 block of W. Smithville Rd. west of Bartonville when the vehicle struck a deer that emerged from the north.

Smith was uninjured, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle, which was towed, was leaking antifreeze and its front bumper was damaged.

• **FARMINGTON** – Ashley M. Hansard of Farmington was ticketed on Nov. 9 for operating a uninsured vehicle, according to the Fulton County Sheriff's office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Nov. 19-25: stray cat, Yates City; trespass, Galva; damage complaint, Williamsfield; abandoned vehicle, Yates City.

• **FARMINGTON** – The police department here reported the following activity in November: 583 business checks, 2,960 building checks, 2 crashes, 7 property crimes, 31 traffic tickets, 3 ordinance tickets, 4 crimes against people, 68 traffic stops, 9 arrests, 19 assists to other departments, 22 reports and 300 calls.

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FARMINGTON: Proposal on Dec. 18

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 ington Police Officer Andy Steck says the department would like to purchase three or four cameras.

Porcaro said cameras cost \$3,000 each plus installation costs, which can be up to \$1,400 on Illinois Department of Transportation roads to as little as \$150 on a city-owned pole.

“With the amount of traffic that comes through here, I think you will have great success with them,” Porcaro said.

Porcaro acknowledged there are concerns about heightened surveillance but noted that the cameras

are not used for face recognition and do not provide information on vehicle drivers.

Council members asked Steck to bring a formal proposal to the Dec. 18 meeting for possible action.

In other business, the council approved a city budget for the fiscal year starting May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024. The levy includes a 5% increase, with most of that to be used for parks and recreation.

The council also voted to approve a revised ordinance that would pay

Diva Florist \$8,000 as part of a TIF grant for a roof on the business. The council previously approved an incorrect grant payment of \$4,000 because of a typographical error.

The council also discussed a low-interest loan to assist with building projects, including a new roof on the city building. The council gave approval to Alderman Dave Rose and City Administrator Bettina Bohanan to research a loan. Rose said he would have a roof estimate and more details on the loan by Dec. 18.

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USDA creates new plant hardiness zone map

By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

Last month the USDA released a new version of its Plant Hardiness Zone Map. The new map is more precise than a 2012 version.

The old map was based on data collected by 7,980 weather stations from 1976-2005. The new map is a compilation of data gathered by 13,412 stations from 1991-2020. Zonal boundaries in the new map are more detailed, thanks to tinkering by algorithms adjusting for the temperature effects of altitude, bodies of water, and urban heat islands.

To create the map, researchers collected the coldest temperature for each of the 30 years from 1991 to 2020, added them and divided the total by 30. Thus the numbers on the map are averages, not the very lowest temperature recorded. That's an important point for gardeners who like to test the limits with borderline-hardy plants.

Climatologists caution that a particular location will likely experience temperatures below the map's zonal minimum several times over a 30-year period.

Roughly half the United States has drifted into a warmer zone, according to the USDA. The Chicken Littles of the climate brigade, however, shouldn't get too excited. The USDA cautions that temperature changes in the new map aren't evidence of climate change but rather the result of more accurate data collection by more weather stations and more sophisticated mapping techniques. They point out that hardiness zones are based on 30-year averages of ex-



treme temperatures whereas climate-change estimates are based on average annual temperatures over 50-100 years.

A nice feature on the USDA website (planthardiness.ars.usda.gov) is a zip-code search for the new map. Just enter your zip code and your hardiness zone magically appears.

Trent Ford, Illinois state climatologist, notes that the boundary between zones 5b and 6a, representing an average annual extreme minimum temperature of -10°F, moved nearly 70 miles northward, from Springfield in the 2012 map to Peoria in the 2023 version. According to the map, Canton and Peoria are now zone 6a (-10 to -5 degrees), while Galesburg, Elmwood and Princeville remain in zone 5b (-15 to -10 degrees).

Although it goes without saying, I can't help myself. Even though a perennial plant is listed as hardy to zone 5b, that's no guarantee it will do well in your garden. There's hardi-

ness and then there's heartiness. Some plants are just finicky. Maybe the soil's a little too dry or the summers too warm or the humidity too high. If conditions are not exactly right, the little prima donnas just sit there and pout and eventually wither away. Such plants are not hearty, even though they may be hardy temperature-wise.

For me, variegated garden phlox and lavender are such plants. On the other hand, hearty plants are robust with a strong will to live, tolerant of conditions less than ideal. Think day-lilies, peonies and dandelions.

You may be lucky enough to have a warm microclimate somewhere on your property giving you the chance to try a plant or two out of your zone. The ground along a south-facing brick or concrete wall can provide a warm spot for out-of-zone plants. In fact your whole yard may be a microclimate, a zone warmer or cooler, if it's sheltered or exposed. Your powers of observation will serve you better than any zone map.

Also keep in mind that many perennials gradually build up cold hardiness in autumn's shorter and cooler days. Winter hardiness gradually decreases when spring arrives with longer and warmer days. A sudden extreme cold spell during these transition periods could injure plants even though the temperature stays above the zone's average lowest temperature.

If you're a gardener, you'll find the USDA website interesting. Along with the map and zone search, there's additional information and instructional videos.

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Princeville to target stop sign violations

PRINCEVILLE – Princeville drivers can expect a more zero-tolerance policy toward stop-sign and registration violations.

Peoria County Deputy Vincent Cogdal, the village’s community officer, told Village Board members Monday night those two categories are the top two reasons for traffic stops in Princeville.

Municipal Code Officer Dan Sullivan said that while some complaints are more seasonal, inoperable vehicles, which include unregistered ones, “are a 12-month issue” in the village.

Lynda Stone told the board proponents of a new Princeville park district are working with a lawyer but requirements won’t be met in time to include a referendum on the March primary ballot.

Board members also tabled action on the annual audit and financial report because they are still being prepared.

In other action, the board:

- Approved the 2024 board meeting schedule, noting the first meet-

ing of the year will be Jan. 3, a Wednesday.

- Agreed to get information and pricing for new computers.

- Approved a solar energy application at 612 N. Aten Ave. and a building permit to reframe the front porch at a vacant house at 403 E. Main.

– Bob Grimson

Applications accepted for youth goose hunt

SPRINGFIELD – Youths between the ages of 10-17 can apply now to participate in the annual Central Illinois Youth Goose Hunt held by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on Jan. 15.

Registration closes Dec. 31.

Apply online at dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/waterfowl/outhgoosehunt. The hunt will be held at private waterfowl hunting clubs near Canton.

All applicants must possess a valid Illinois hunting or sportsman’s license, have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration number and have a 20-gauge or larger shotgun. Youth-hunt participants must be accompanied by a parent or

guardian who must possess a valid firearm owner’s identification card.

To learn more, call (217) 785-8060.

Et cetera

• PRINCEVILLE – Ginny and Jackie Gilles of Princeville will be named to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association’s 2023-24 Hall of Fame class. They will be honored as Friends of Basketball at the May 4 induction at CEFCU Arena on the Illinois State University campus in Normal. Illini Bluffs Coach Clay Vass will also be part of the Hall of Fame class.

• PEORIA – Peoria County residents can pick up a free 2024 photo calendar featuring 18 pictures submitted by Farm Bureau members by visiting the Peoria County Farm Bureau building at 1716 N. University St. Additional calendars are \$3 each. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (309) 686-7070 or email office@peoriacounty-farmbureau.org.

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EHS Scholar Of The Month

Congratulations to Madelyn Conklin
 Birthday: 10/28/2005
 Favorite Subject: English
 Role Models: My parents, Tom & Kathleen Conklin
 Favorite Restaurant: Farmington Pizza Company
 Favorite Musical Artist: Phoebe Bridgers
 Favorite Author/Book: The Secret History
 Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Pumpkin
 Country You Want to Visit: Ireland
 College Plans: Attend college and major in English.
 Future Plans: Either go into the publishing industry or down the law path.
 When Not Studying I Like To: Read, hang out with my dog and golf.

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DATES TO REMEMBER
 Dec. 20 - A Day Finals
 Dec. 21 - B Day Finals
 Dec. 21 - End of Quarter 2 and Semester; Winter Break Begins
 Jan. 3 - Teacher Institute- No School
 Jan. 4 - Students return to school
 Jan. 15 - No school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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OBITUARIES

David E. Conner

ELMWOOD – Dr. David E. Conner, 82, of Elmwood, formerly of Edwards and Fulton, Ill., passed away on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023, at Country Comfort Retirement Homes of Elmwood.



Conner

Cremation rites have been accorded; there will be no visitation or funeral service at this time. Interment will take place at a later date at Fulton Township Cemetery, Fulton. The Fulton Chapel of the Bosma-Renkes Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

David was born on Nov. 17, 1941, in Morrison, Ill., to William James Conner and Elizabeth Ellen (Heller) Conner. He was a 1959 graduate of Fulton High School and went on to graduate from the University of Duquesne in 1963, with a bachelor's degree. He earned a Master of Science degree from New Mexico Highlands University in 1964 and completed his Doctor of Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago in 1968.

After his medical residency, he served in the U.S. Air Force. In 1963, he married Sandra Sue Nelson in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They had one daughter, Corinne Elizabeth. They later divorced.

In 1971, he married Marsha Joyce Monroe. They had one daughter, Tisha Lynn and one son, Rory William, they also eventually divorced.

A dedicated professional, David did his orthopedic-surgery residency at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, after completing medical school. He joined the Orthopedic Surgery Group in Peoria and worked as an orthopedic hand surgeon. The group later joined with another local orthopedic group and became Midwest Orthopaedic Center in Peoria, from which he retired in 2006.

He was an excellent surgeon and helped many people throughout his career. In addition to his medical practice, he owned multiple companies, including Conner Cattle Company, Conner Nursery & Gardens, started in 1994, and Kickapoo Creek Winery, started in 2005.

He was an active member of various organizations, including the American Legion in Cordova, Ill., the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the Illinois Wine Association. His special interests and hobbies included participating in plays and writing poetry while in high school and college, growing hostas, cultivating grapes and making wine.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, mingling with the customers and staff at KCW, giving tours of the winery, the music of Johnny Cash and Loretta Lynn and was an avid dog lover and supporter of animal rescue.

David is survived by his children Corinne "Cori" (Jeffrey) Fogle of Sully, Iowa, Tisha (Brandon) Giles of Youngsville, N.C., and Rory (Mary) Conner of Farmington, N.M.; eight grandchildren, Bailey (Brandon) Roderick, Richard (Brianna) Fogle, Jacob Fogle, Jan Fogle, Carissa and Katelyn Giles, and Kale and Emery Conner; five great-grandchildren, Killian, Charlie, Finnick and Rowick Roderick, and Hunter Fogle. He is also survived by one sister, Gloria (Mike) Graville of Corcoran, Calif.; one half-sister, Joyce Runge of Clinton, Iowa; two brothers, James (Sharon) Conner of Port Byron, Ill., and Gerald (Ellen) Conner of Sterling, Ill.; and his longtime friend, Lisa Baize of Kickapoo, Ill.

David was preceded in death by his parents and one nephew, Randy Conner.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dupuytren's Research Group, The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Peoria, Ill., or Foster Pet Outreach – Edwards, Ill.

To send online condolences go to www.bosmarenkes.com.

Margaret C. Powers

BRIMFIELD – Margaret C. "Peggy" Powers, 82, of Brimfield, died at 11:46 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at her residence.



Powers

Peggy was born Jan. 11, 1941, in Peoria, the daughter of Edward and Wilma Schmitt Johnson. She married Robert N. Powers on Oct. 22, 1960, in Brimfield. He preceded her in death on April 7, 2013.

Surviving is one son, Robert G. Powers of Brimfield; one daughter, Amy Powers of Brimfield; four granddaughters, Evelyn of Princeville, Victoria of Ypsilanti, Mich., Morgan of Brimfield and Andrea of Laura; one sister, Susie (Denny) Porter of Brimfield; brother, Thomas Johnson of Troy, Mo.; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Peggy worked her entire career in banking, starting at First Federal Savings and Loan in Peoria and retiring from Brimfield Bank. She was a friend to everyone. Her granddaughters were the center of her universe. How much she will be missed can't be put into words.

Visitation took place on Dec. 5, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. A funeral service was to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at Brimfield Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to B.Y.E. Ambulance, Brimfield Library or Brimfield Juvenile Diabetes Cruise-In.

Condolences for Peggy's family may be left on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Richard L. Runyon

MAQUON – Richard "Dick" L. Runyon, 76, of Maquon, passed away at 3:48 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, at OSF St. Mary's Medical Center in Galesburg, Ill.



Runyon

He had suffered a recent fall and illness that progressed prior to his sudden passing on Thanksgiving morning.

He was born on Sept. 28, 1947, in Peoria, Ill., to Gene and Betty (Sandall) Runyon. He was with his longtime love Nancy Mitchell for 34 years. She survives.

He is also survived by his children Rhonda (late David) Bradt, Robin (Mike Maxwell) Runyon, Curt Runyon, Breeanne (Jason) Mills, Season (Kevin Eklund) Mitchell; grandchildren Hayden and Kynzie Bradt, Nich (Ciara) Ulm, Austyn (Zak McCaddon) Jennings, Payton Jennings, Justyce (Austin Larson) Jennings, Jersee and Jaclyn Mills, Harli Powell and Kaden and

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Super Crossword

Answers

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CryptoQuote
answer

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, it's at the end of your arm.
— Sam Levenson

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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OBITUARIES

Judy Maher
BRIMFIELD – Judy (Cady) Maher, 83, of Brimfield, Ill., died on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023.

Judy was born on Oct. 20, 1940, to Fred and Lucille (Schmitt) Cady in Peoria, Ill. She graduated from Academy of Our Lady in 1958.



Maher

On Jan. 10, 1959, she married Martin Maher. Judy and Mart went on to have three children. Judy was a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Brimfield. Her cookie jar was never empty and she enjoyed crocheting afghans for her family. She also volunteered as an EMT for the B.Y.E. Ambulance for 28 years.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, grandson and granddaughter. She is survived by her husband, Mart; her children, Phil (Raye Anne) Maher, Jeff (Debbie) Maher, and Tina (Keith) Windish; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren with two more arriving soon; one great-great-grandchild; and one brother, Ken (Donna) Cady.

Services will be held at St. Joseph

Catholic Church in Brimfield on Thursday, Dec. 7, with a visitation at 10:30 a.m. and a funeral Mass following at noon. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the BYE Ambulance.

Friends and family may view the full obituary and sign the online guestbook by logging onto www.wrightandsalmon.com.

Timothy W. Beckman

KICKAPOO – Timothy Wayne Beckman, 80, of Kickapoo, died at his home on Nov. 20, 2023. He was born May 11, 1943, in Peoria to William C. and M. Madelyn (Casey) Beckman. He married Patricia Ann Hanley on Jan. 22, 1966, at St. Mark Catholic Church in Peoria.

Tim is survived by his wife, Patricia, daughter Jennifer (Sara) of Morton, daughter Jamie (Brian) Johnson of Kickapoo and son Brady (Toni) of Milton, W.Va.; 10 grandchildren; two brothers, Bill and Bob Beckman; and one sister, Joan Papis.

Terry W. Gibson

FARMINGTON – Terry Warren Gibson, 80, of Farmington, died Nov. 19, at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Born in Canton on Aug. 17, 1943,

Terry is survived by siblings William (Hoot) and Betty (Birchler) Gibson of Bartonville and Marjorie Gibson Paulen Palmer of Pekin; and his sister-in-law, Julie (Watt) Gibson of San Antonio.

A celebration of life will be held Dec. 9 from 1-4 p.m. at Coyote Creek Clubhouse in Bartonville.

Wanda M. Ohaver

FARMINGTON – Wanda Marie Ohaver, 90, of Farmington, died Nov. 23, 2023, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

She was born at home on Sept. 3, 1933, in Aledo to Harlan and Dorothy (Wood) Johnson. When she was in grade school, she told her girlfriend that she was going to marry Delano Ohaver one day when she saw him in the hallway, and she did on her 20th birthday. They were married 69 years.

Wanda is survived by two daughters, Mary (David) Moermund of Des Moines, Iowa, and Susan (Dino) Vlahos of Sleepy Hollow, Ill.; two granddaughters; one great-granddaughter, Rilee Jo; and one sister, Sandra Powell of Aledo.

Services were Nov. 30. Burial was at Oakridge Cemetery.

Thank You With Great Appreciation

Our family would like to thank you for the cards, flowers and other kind expressions of sympathy. Your support during this difficult time will always be remembered. In loving memory of **William Darcy Fowler 10/2/54-10/26/23**

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WELL, JUST REMEMBER IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS.
OH SURE, WHEN BUYING FOR YOUR MOTHER, SHE ALREADY WONDERS WHAT I WAS THINKING.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



ALEXA!
...TURN ON THE LIGHTS.
SHE'S IN ONE OF HER MOODS AGAIN.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



I LIKE THIS REALLY BIG ONE. IT WILL TAKE UP MORE FLOOR SPACE SO WE'LL HAVE TO BUY LESS PRESENTS, BUT OH WELL.

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"Now get back out there and fight for your honor, your school and my job!"

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which Disney animated movie features the song "Whistle While You Work"?
 - GEOGRAPHY: Which two oceans are on Russia's shores?
 - PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in the condition called euphoria?
 - TELEVISION: What is "The Simpsons" home address?
 - GAMES: How many dimples are on a golf ball?
 - ASTRONOMY: Earth's place in the solar system is how many planets from the Sun?
 - LANGUAGE: What is the only country in South America whose official language is Dutch?
 - FOOD & DRINK: What is a sweetbread?
 - LITERATURE: In which century was "The Canterbury Tales" written?
 - SCIENCE: Who is considered the father of modern astronomy?
- Answers**
- "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."
 - Arctic and Pacific.
 - Fear of good news.
 - 742 Evergreen Terrace.
 - Generally between 300-500.
 - Third.
 - Suriname.
 - Internal organs of a young animal.
 - Late 14th century.
 - Copernicus.

FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 12

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

GSQSQHSQ, NM WRF SYSG
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TOP 10 MOVIES

- The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes (PG-13)
 - Napoleon (R)
 - Wish (PG)
 - Trolls Band Together (PG)
 - Thanksgiving (R)
 - The Marvels (PG-13)
 - The Holdovers (R)
 - Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour (PG-13)
 - Saltburn (R)
 - Five Nights at Freddy's (PG-13)
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PRINCEVILLE ZONING BOARD MEETING

The Princeville Zoning Board will meet on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 7pm at Princeville Village Hall, 206 N. Walnut Ave., Princeville, Illinois. The Zoning Board will meet to discuss and vote on a Special Use Application for 500 W. North Street, to permit a 2MWac Ground Mounted Solar Farm. Dated this 30th day of November, 2023. Dan Huss, Zoning Board Chairman

Published 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/23

THIS HEARING IS POSTPONED ON APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE OF ELMWOOD CUSD #322 TO THE CITY OF ELMWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The City of Elmwood Zoning Board of Appeals IS POSTPONING a public hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the City of Elmwood City Hall, 201 W. Main Street, Elmwood, Illinois, on the application of Elmwood CUSD #322 for a variance in connection with the construction of an accessory structure (solar array) on the property commonly known as 501 N Morgan St, Elmwood, Illinois (P.I.N. 11-07-226-007), legally described as NE 1/4 SEC 7-9N-5E 14.75 AC COMG NW COR NE 1/4 SEC 7 TH S 330' TO POB: TH E 537' S 884.64' W 535' N TO POB; ALSO COMG INTERSEC S LN ASH ST & E LN LILAC ST TH N 80' W 35' N 200' W 45' TO POB: TH W 378.15' N 684.64' E 177.47' S 473.98' E 200' S 213.68' TO POB in the City of Elmwood, together with adjacent rights of way. The Applicant - Elmwood Community School District 322, a public school district, is the owner of the property. The Applicant has requested a variance from the maximum square footage of an accessory structures in an R-2 Medium Density Residential District.

A NEW HEARING DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED HONORING HEARING NOTICE GUIDELINES. POSTPONING DUE TO CHANGES IN PROJECT.

By Order of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Elmwood, Peoria County, Illinois. Published 12/7/23

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

Illinois Housing Development Authority PLAINTIFF Vs. Michael Kalb; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC0000094

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 07/26/2023, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on January 3, 2024 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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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 Mort-

gagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

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

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Cordilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-02526. I3232917 Published 11/23, 11/30, 12/7/23

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

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. WESLEY KING; BRITNEY KING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 0000071

1612 NORTH KNOLLWOOD COURT PEORIA, IL 61604

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on September 20, 2023, Sheriff of Peoria County will on 01/08/2024, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment.

LOT 112 IN ENCHANTED FOREST SECTION THREE, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "Y", PAGE 119, SITUATED IN PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 17-02-253-004 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1612 North Knollwood Court

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JULIA A. ANDREWS, Case No. 2023-PR-0000313 MICHAEL W. HIGH, Deceased.

NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE AND NOTICE TO HEIRS, LEGATEES AND CLAIMANTS OF PROBATED WILL

TO: HEIRS AND DESCENDANTS, IF ANY, AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CLAIMANTS OF JULIA A. ANDREWS, DECEASED

Notice is given of the death of JULIA A. ANDREWS on October 14, 2023. Letters of Office were issued to JESSICA M. STOVALL, Executor, 116 Highview Terrace, East Peoria, Illinois 61611, whose attorney is William R. Kelly, Attorney at Law, 7817 N. Knoxville Avenue, Peoria, IL 61614.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of Court of PEORIA County, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 30th day of May, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/18-3), the date stated in that notice. Filing with the Clerk is to be in accordance with Illinois Supreme Court Rule 9 respecting electronic filing which was effective January 1, 2018, for proceedings in the Circuit Court.

Any claim not filed on or before the above-referenced date is barred. Within 10 days after filing a claim with the Clerk, the Claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Representative and to the Representative's attorney of record and file with the Clerk a proof of mailing or delivery of said copy.

Dated: November 22, 2023.

JESSICA M. STOVALL, Executor of the Estate of JULIA A. ANDREWS, Deceased William R. Kelly, Attorney at Law ARDC No. 1440144 7817 N. Knoxville Avenue Peoria, IL 61614 Telephone: (309) 685-9001 Facsimile: (309) 685-9008

Peoria, IL 61604 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The Judgment amount was \$153,105.38.

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

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

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

For Information: Visit our website at http://ilforeclosuresales.mrplc.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-145461L

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

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3230282 Published 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/23

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

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

STEPHEN H JONES; EILEEN K JONES A/K/A EILEEN K MILLER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 22 FC 0000255 6404 NORTH GREENMONT ROAD PEORIA, IL 61614

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JULIA A. ANDREWS, Case No. 2023-PR-0000313 MICHAEL W. HIGH, Deceased.

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS / HEIRS WITH NO POST OFFICE ADDRESSES - WILL ADMITTED

Notice is given to heirs, including unknown heirs, whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition, of the death of JULIA A. ANDREWS on October 14, 2023, in the above proceeding to probate a will, and that an Order was entered by the Court on November 8, 2023, admitting the Will to probate.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a Petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court, or by other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within six months after admission of the Will to probate.

A copy of the Petition to Admit Lost Will to Probate, and a copy of the Order opening the estate and appointing JESSICA M. STOVALL as Representative can be requested from the Peoria County Circuit Clerk or William R. Kelly's law office at the addresses below:

Peoria County Circuit Clerk

Attn: Probate Division 324 Main Street Peoria, IL 61602

William R. Kelly (ARDC No. 1440144 Attorney at Law

7817 N. Knoxville Avenue Peoria, IL 61614

Telephone: (309) 685-9001 Facsimile: (309) 685-9008

Email: billkellylaw@yahoo.com

Dated: November 22, 2023.

JESSICA M. STOVALL, Executor of the Estate of JULIA A. ANDREWS, Deceased William R. Kelly, Attorney at Law ARDC No. 1440144 7817 N. Knoxville Avenue Peoria, IL 61614 Telephone: (309) 685-9001 Facsimile: (309) 685-9008 Email: billkellylaw@yahoo.com

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SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH

PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 30, 1959 IN PLAT BOOK "Y", PAGES 20 AND 21, SITUATE, LYING

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Super Crossword

TRIMMING UP

Crossword puzzle grid with 120 numbered squares and corresponding clues for both Across and Down directions. The grid is 15 columns wide and 16 rows high.

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AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
TAX NO. 14-18-127-009
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 6404 North Greenmont Road
Peoria, IL 61614

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is brick. The color is white. I am unable to verify that the gas is on or off. I am unable to verify that the water is on or off. The property has a fence. The property is vacant.

The Judgment amount was \$156,686.58.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a 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 (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at http://il-foreclosuresales.mrpilc.com.
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-10099IL

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

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3232760
Published 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY - PEORIA, ILLINOIS
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Wampus Mortgage Loan Trust PLAINTIFF

Vs.
George R. Segler, et. al. DEFENDANTS
No. 2023-FC-0000121

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 10/04/2023, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on January 10, 2024 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse

324 Main Street, Courtroom 203
Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 3, IN KICKAPOO HEIGHTS SECOND ADDITION, BEING PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 8, NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 17-12-478-003
Improved with Residential
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 618 South Kickapoo Lane
Peoria, IL 61604

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 suc-

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CITY OF FARMINGTON, ILLINOIS - PUBLICATION REPORT 2023
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds - April 30, 2023

Table with 10 columns: General Fund, Garbage Fund, Oak Ridge Cemetery Fund, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Debt Service Fund, Playground and Recreation Fund, Emergency Services and Disaster Operations Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Cemetery Road Fund, Tax Increment Financing Fund. Rows include ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, and FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT).

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Government Funds - April 30, 2023

Table with 10 columns: General Fund, Garbage Fund, Oak Ridge Cemetery Fund, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Debt Service Fund, Playground and Recreation Fund, Emergency Services and Disaster Operations Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Cemetery Road Fund, Tax Increment Financing Fund. Rows include REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, and FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT).

Statement of Net Position
Enterprise Fund - April 30, 2023

Table with 2 columns: Sewer Fund. Rows include ASSETS, NONCURRENT ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION, and TOTAL ASSETS.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position - Enterprise Fund - April 30, 2023

Table with 2 columns: Sewer Fund. Rows include OPERATING REVENUES, OPERATING EXPENSES, NONOPERATING REVENUE & EXPENSES, and CHANGE IN NET POSITION.

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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: Cordilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-03050.

Published 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS CHANCERY DIVISION

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. CORY J. BROWN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No.: 2023-FC-0000238 Property Address: 5315 W SUMMIT AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61607

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:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOL-

LOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK "A" IN THE CITY OF ORCHARD MINES, BEING A SUB-DIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14 AND PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02' 38" EAST A DISTANCE OF 411.77 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES 08' 37" WEST A DISTANCE OF 209.66 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 14' 08" WEST A DISTANCE OF 227.67 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEGREES 56' 11" WEST A DISTANCE OF 161.13 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 15' 23" EAST A DISTANCE OF 122.19 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 18' 37" EAST A DISTANCE OF 124.72 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 02' 38" SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 438.66 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 52 DEGREES 44' 00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 37.72 FEET TO THE

POINT OF BEGINNING, AS SET OUT IN PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "11" AT PAGE 132 IN THE PEORIA COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA.

Commonly known as: 5315 W SUMMIT AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61607

Names of the titleholders of record: CORY J. BROWN.

Date of the Mortgage: October 28, 2009.

Name or names of the mortgagors: CORY J. BROWN.

Name of the mortgagee: HERGET BANK, N.A.

Date and place of recording: November 3, 2009; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois.

Identification of recording: Document No. 2009033313.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before January 8, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illi-

noiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

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.

Lender Legal PLLC 1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 250 Orlando, Florida 32810 Tel: (407) 730-4644 Service Emails: cwinters@lenderlegal.com EService@LenderLegal.com

LLS12034-IL - BROWN s/ Colin Winters, Esq. Colin Winters, Esq. Counsel of Record for Plaintiff ARDC # 6297980 I3234065 Published 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Plaintiff, -v- CHRISTOPHER LEISTIKOW Defendant 2023 FC 0000135

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 2, 2023 and amended on November 20, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 9, 2024, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street (South Door), PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth

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WILLIAMSFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 100 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Table with 4 columns: Name (Williamsfield CUSD 210), Address (325 W. Kentucky Ave. Williamsfield, IL 61489 5479), Telephone (309-639-2219), Office Hours (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website @ www.isbe.net.

Summary table of financial data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Columns include Educational, Operations & Maintenance, Debt Services, Transportation, Municipal Retirement/Social Security, Capital Projects, Working Cash, Tort, and Fire Prevention & Safety. Rows show Local Sources, State Sources, Federal Sources, Total Direct Receipts/Revenues, Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures, and Ending Fund Balances.

Table listing Gross Payment for Certified Personnel. Columns show salary ranges from less than \$25,000 to \$60,000 - \$89,999. Lists names of personnel such as Murphy, Kaitlyn; Peterson, Angela; Redenius, Jacob; Wight, Connie; Bowker, Jaynee; Erickson, Jennifer; Fuller, Cynthia; Hart, Tyson; Howard, Jessica; Kapraun, Devyn; McKenna, Jennifer; Naftzger, Gwenyth; Newman, Joseph; Powell, Kari; Rau, Garrett; Tucker, Elizabeth; VanDerLoo, Verle; Wessling, Ryan; Bell, Eric; Danner, Jason; Gonzalez, Arnold; Hart, Ryan; Kirgan, Katie; Krans, Connie; Kutkat, Jana; Mahnesmith, Victor; Traphagan, Brooke; Wight, Kathleen.

Table listing Gross Payment for Non-Certified Personnel. Columns show salary ranges from less than \$25,000 to \$40,000 - \$59,999. Lists names of personnel such as DePauw, Kari; Doubet, Samantha; Ehnle, Melissa; Engle, Tammy; Foster, Nicole; Fritz, Andrew; Garza, Cory; Gatlin, Willard; Gray, Myrl; Hughes, Wendi; Hunt, Ethen; Jacobus, Melissa; Jones, William Todd; King, Kandace; Koch, Stephanie; Little, Alexis; McGarry, Brian; Morris, Josh; Niebuhr, Nancy; Peeples, Kenya; Peterson, Abigail; Peterson, Lorin; Ponce, Shelley; Powers, Agnieszka; Quick, Vicki; Quinn, Cassondra; Raaf, Teresa; Reed, Chad; Richmond, Jaela; Sams, Charles; Sams, Tucker; Secrist, George; Shores, Heather; Trotter, Jaime; Chandlee, Mark; Craig, Patricia; DeWitt, Nicole; Hale, Sarah; Moore, Lori; Ponce, Pierre; Sams, Annette; Shipley, Barbara; Staker, Richard; Bronny, Mary Kay; Brown, Nancy; Danner, Laura; Doubet, Adam; Doubet, Wendy; King, Jeremy; Philbee, Melinda; Stone, Lacy; Groeper, Russell; Hartz, Richard.

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

Table listing payments to various entities. Columns include Person, Firm, or Corporation, Aggregate Amount, and a list of recipients with their respective aggregate amounts. Recipients include Dreambox Learning, Engle Resources, First, G&M Distributors, Galesburg Area Vocational, Galesburg Communications Inc, German Bliss, GFL Environmental, Graham and Hyde Architects, Grainger, Heart Technologies, Heartland Bank & Trust Co, Heartland Irrigation & Plumbing, Heartland School Solution, IL Counties Risk Mgmt Trust, IL ASSN of School Boards, IMRF, Instructure, Integrated Systems, Journeyed.com Inc, Kaplan Early Learning Co, Knox-Warren Special Ed, Kohl Wholesale, Lawson Products, Massie, Quick & Snodgeroth, MC Sport and More, Menards, MidCentury Telephone, Midwest Transit, Morland Env. Serv LLC, Morton Community Bank, N. Zobrist & Son, Negwer Materials Inc, Net2Phone, Nuve Holding Corporation, Open Up Resources, Porter Brothers Construction, Primmergy Solar Illinois, Princeville Tire Solution, Project Lead the Way, Reality Works, Revels Turf & Tractor LLC, RK Dixon, ROE #33 H-K-M-W, R.O.W.V.A. School District, Saint Xavier University, Skyward Accounting Dept, Specialized Data Systems, Inc, Spoon River Landscape LLC, Standard Heating & Cooling, Staples Credit Plan, Synch/Amazon, T.H.I.S. Fund, Teachboost, Teacher Retirement System, The Atlanta National Bank, U.S. Cellular, Walsworth, West Central FS, Williamsfield Water Dept, Wilson Paper Co, Xerox.

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below, the following described real estate:

LOT 29 IN WOODALE FIRST EXTENSION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 16, 1959 IN PLAT BOOK "Y", PAGE 26, (EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE THEREOF AND THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME), IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 1916 S GREENWOOD CT, PEORIA, IL 61607 Property Index No. 17-23-104-017 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$152,161.57.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a com-

mon interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 23-119719.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CHAD LEWIS
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Attorney File No. 23-119719
Attorney ARDC No. 6306439
Case Number: 2023 FC 0000135
TJSC#: 43-4385

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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Published 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/23

Balanced scoring boosts Princeville to win

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

The mood has improved around Princeville basketball thanks to a four-game winning streak, that includes Monday's 47-32 victory at Ridgewood.

Tied 22-22 at halftime, Princeville (7-3) took control in the second half and got 16 points from Brianna Brodie, 13 from Paisley Schock, nine from Kinley McGinn and seven from Sierra Stahl.

"The first half we were a little wild, but we came back the second half and played pretty good," Coach John Gross said. "We've still got to get a little more out of our guards. We do that and we'll be a decent team before we're done."

The Lady Princes improved to 2-0 in Lincoln Trail Conference play.

Prior to that, the Lady Princes topped Farmington on Dec. 2 (61-28) and ROWVA-Williamsfield on Nov. 29 (65-24). Brodie had 29 points against Farmington and 25 vs. R-W. She is averaging 21.8 ppg. Paisley Schock had 14 in both games to complement Brodie's inside game.

"She needs to stay between 10-15 points for us each night," Gross said of Schock.

Elmwood – The Lady Trojans (7-1) passed a test Monday on the road at Havana with a 55-30 win. Mae Herman led with 20 points, Andrea Glenn had 17 and Lauren Rushing scored eight.

"I feel like the last few games we have started to figure out how we need to play in order to be successful," Elmwood Coach Gregg Meyers said. "With four new starters, I knew there were going to be things to figure out. I think we are definitely making strides in that direction."

Elmwood beat host ROWVA-Williamsfield, 58-32, on Nov. 30.

Elmwood faces Bushnell-Prairie City at home today.

Brimfield – The Lady Indians (5-3) have dropped two in a row, losing at Dunlap on Nov. 29 (45-39) and at Annawan on Dec. 2 (60-41).

"Played well against a big school. Proud of the effort," Brimfield Coach Josh McKown said of the Dunlap game.

Brimfield kept things close down the stretch but could not get over the hump despite Dunlap shooting 0-for-5 on free throws in the final quarter. Ava Heinz led Brimfield with 16 points, Ava Simpson scored nine and Oliva Kappes and Kylee Vaughn tallied six apiece.

McKown said the Annawan game was closer than the score indicates, as Brimfield was down by four at halftime and trailed by nine with five minutes left. Annawan made 13 of 20 free throws while Brimfield was just 3-for-4 from the charity stripe.

Heinz put up 18 points but was shut out in the final quarter. Kennedy Hoerr scored nine points, all on 3-point shots, and Vaughn scored five.

Also playing a very stiff schedule, Annawan (7-1) suffered its lone loss so far against Dixon, 41-35. In the win over Brimfield, Annawan got 17 points from Zoey Vance, 16 from Olivia Goodley, 15 from Bella Van Opdorp and 10 from Kaylee Celus.

Brimfield is home vs. Midwest Central today and at Deer Creek-Mackinaw on Saturday at 4 p.m.

ROWVA-Williamsfield – The Lady Cougars (3-7) dropped a fourth straight game Monday, falling to Mercer County, 66-44. Riley Smith led R-W with 13 points.

R-W lost at Princeville on Nov. 29 (65-24), vs. Elmwood on Nov. 30 (58-32) and at Illini Bluffs on Dec. 2 (50-19). Addysen Link led with eight points against Princeville and Smith added seven.

Farmington – The Lady Farmers (1-5) got their first win Nov. 29 at home vs. South Fulton, 43-37.

"It was great to get that first win," Coach Brad Whitcomb said. "Molly Zaborac was a big difference for us on both ends of the floor. She dropped 13 points and had 11 rebounds. Our lack of rebounding has been an issue and she really stepped up and led the charge."

Farmington followed that on Dec. 2 with a 61-28 loss at Princeville. Madilyn Hanlin had 10 points in the loss, Molly Zaborac added six and Laney Pollitt tallied five.

Farmington is home vs. Peoria Heights today.

ANDERSON: Elite Eight in 1997

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letics director. But he also felt his players, assistant coaches and employers deserved more certainty and reliability regarding his coaching status.

"Nobody knows, including myself, kind of what's going on – when I'm going to be back – and I'm thinking, 'Those kids need to know who they're going to have on the sidelines, who they'll have in practice,'" Anderson said. "They need stability."

Anderson said he made this decision on his own,

with no external influences. He also said Farquer tried to talk him into finishing the season.

"But just looking at the situation, it looks to me like everybody concerned would be better off, including myself, if I go ahead and do this thing," said Anderson, who said it wasn't an easy call. "I struggled with that."

Farquer struggled to compose himself Monday as he spoke about Anderson, for whom the 1990 Billtown graduate played.

"It's tough," Farquer said. "I don't know how to put it into words. He doesn't throw words around. When he says something, he's thought it through."

"You always know the time for everything is coming, but it's tough when the time comes. All good things end, but the end never feels good. We're extremely fortunate to have a guy like him around here for that length of time."

A 1965 Williamsfield graduate and former all-America player at Western Illinois University, Anderson became head coach in 1979 at his high school alma mater. The co-op with Oneida-based ROWVA began in 2015.

The pinnacle of Anderson's coaching career might have been the 1996-97 Williamsfield team that reached the Class A Elite

Eight and finished 28-3. Including that one, Anderson-coached teams won five regional titles.

Motivation to win another championship this season following a loss in February to Elmwood in a Class 1A regional final helped prompt Anderson to return, although during the off-season he pondered retirement. R-W returns most of its key players from 2022-23.

"I never recovered from losing that championship game in the regional last year," Anderson said about a 35-33 defeat. "I carry it with me today. I said, 'I can't quit like this.' I've got to give it another try, because I thought we had a ballclub that could get it done. And I think they can."

If R-W does win a regional this season, it won't be with Anderson on the bench. After he spent an emotional weekend processing his decision, Anderson appeared at peace with it this week. He suggested it might be fate, considering how the team has played under Hart and assistant Jeff Hannam.

"Maybe this is telling me, 'This is the time,'" Anderson said. "I'm ready now. I didn't feel like I was doing my best job, and I always said if I don't feel like I'm doing my best job, I've got to give it up."

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BOYS HOOPS: Princeville improves to 4-1

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the period, scored five in that streak.

Brimfield bookended the Stark County defeat with two more – 58-43 at home Nov. 28 against Flanagan-Cornell and 56-47 on Dec. 2 at Annawan. Doe had 14 points against F-C and Kieser scored 19 vs. Annawan. The latter loss was the Indians' sixth in a row.

"We're so close ... but we're learning on the fly somewhat," Carlson said. "Our defense has to get stronger, tougher, more mentally alert."

Brimfield played Tuesday against ROWVA-Williamsfield at Billtown. The Indians are home Friday night against Havana.

Princeville – Josh Hunt had 15 points and Jake Williams scored 12 to lead host Princeville to a 43-40 victory Dec. 1 over Peoria Heights. Hunt hit two free throws with 5.8 seconds left in the game to give the Princes (4-1) a five-point lead. Hunt had seven

fourth-period points.

Princeville traveled Tuesday to Lowpoint-Washburn, then plays twice this weekend: Friday against highly regarded Illini Bluffs and Saturday at home against Elmwood.

ROWVA-Williamsfield – Talan Hull had 24 points, half in a key third quarter, to lead ROWVA-Williamsfield to a 70-66 victory Dec. 1 in Billtown against Peoria Christian. Riley Danner had 22 points for the Cougars (5-2, 1-1 ICAC), who trailed 34-31 at halftime. Malachi Persinger had 28 points for Peoria Christian (4-2).

On Nov. 28 in Williamsfield, the Cougars led by eight in the fourth quarter against ICAC opponent Delavan but lost 55-52. Danner had 13 points, Hull 12 and Dawson Traphagan 10.

R-W played Tuesday against Brimfield and plays Friday at Aledo Mercer County and Saturday afternoon at Billtown

against Midland.

Elmwood – Host Elmwood (2-5) had nine points through three quarters Dec. 2 as it lost an ICAC game to Delavan, 31-24. In the fourth quarter, Oliver Thornton had all four of his team-high points.

Offense came easier for Elmwood at Sciota in a 42-26 victory Nov. 29 over West Prairie. The Trojans outscored their hosts 24-9 in the middle quarters to take control. Jackson Magee had 12 points and Layne Durst scored 10 to lead Elmwood. Durst had eight in the third period.

Elmwood continued its usual early-season Wednesday-Saturday game pattern this week. The Trojans played host Wednesday night to Bushnell-Prairie City and are to travel Saturday night to Princeville.

Farmington – Fresh off its title in the Brimfield Turkey Tournament, the Tremont Turks gave visiting Farmington its first loss, 57-46. Farmington


led by a point after three quarters in the nonconference game Nov. 28 but managed only four points in the fourth.

"We shot horrible and we need to reduce unforced errors," Farmington Coach Marty Lozier stated.

Keauntrey Barnes had a game-high 24 points for Farmington. Teammate Jack Gronewold scored 12.


Farmington lost the other game it played last week, 54-47 on Dec. 1 at Monmouth-Roseville. Like the Tremont game, the Farmers (3-2) held a narrow second-half lead.

Farmington was host Tuesday to Macomb. On Friday, the Farmers will travel to Abingdon-Avon.



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Brimfield girls win IESA regionals

By The Weekly Post

Brimfield girls basketball teams won a pair of IESA regional championships in recent weeks.

Brimfield's 8th-grade squad defeated Elmwood, 30-20, on Nov. 22 to win an 8-2A regional on its home floor.

Brimfield (15-7) advanced to a sectional game, also on its home floor, on Wednesday (Dec. 6) at 6:30 p.m. against Havana (24-1). The winner will move on to play in a 10 a.m. first-round state game on Saturday (Dec. 9) at Havana.

Brimfield's 7th-grade team won its 7-2A regional on its home court, topping Spoon River Valley, 33-21, on Nov. 15.

The Lady Indians (18-4) went on to lose to Lewistown (23-2) in the sectionals at home, 25-22, on Nov. 29. Lewistown lost to Nauvoo-Colusa in the first round, 51-35.



The Brimfield 8th grade girls team poses with its regional plaque. First row (left to right): Cienna Graham, Riley Kelly, Katie Doe, Teagan Drury and Ashlyn Bertsch. Second row (l to r): Channing Quiram, Pyper Hicke, Audrey Updyke, Jordyn Carroll, Lexi Blodgett, Rosalie Higgs and Lilli Owens. Not Pictured: Macie McKown, Head Coach Rich Monk, Assistant Coach Ben Stockman.



The Brimfield girls 7th grade girls basketball team won an IESA 7-2A regional this year. First Row (left to right): Lexi Meinders, Kinsley Gardner, Kenna Zeman, Ava Troglio, Macie McKown, Lilly Christ and Lilli Owens. Second Row (l to r): Coach Ben Stockman, Cienna Graham, Maya Zeman, Madison Hersemann, Jenna Lewis, Audrey Updyke, Asst. Coach Steve Updyke, Asst. Coach Rich Monk.

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Brimfield boys struggle vs. Stark Co.

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Just before the start of this season, Brimfield lost one of its top returning boys basketball players.

In the second quarter Dec. 1, the Indians' defense lost track of some of Stark County's top players. That was part of the reason host Brimfield lost, 64-57.

Connor Doe had a game-high 25 points for Brimfield (1-6), and teammate Drew Kieser scored 23. But Stark County (4-2) had a more-balanced offense and a 12-point second-quarter run, after which it did not trail. Luke Rewerts (19 points) and Matthew Bowser (14) evenly split the scoring during that streak.

"We lost our men," Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson said about the Rebels duo. "Those were our two main focal points, and we left them (open). And maybe that got them just comfortable enough with the gym and every-

thing.

"Then we started scrambling, trying all kinds of defenses. They answered everything we did defensively. They played well and shot the ball well. We didn't quite do well enough, I guess."

Carlson's team did well in the first quarter. Doe and Kieser combined for a 10-point streak that helped Brimfield lead 18-14. Doe's 3-pointer 15 seconds into the second quarter gave Brimfield a seven-point lead before Stark County came back.

"I just thought we had more weapons in different spots, and it was just hard to guard," Stark County Coach Dusty Browning said. "With Brimfield, I think you know exactly where the ball is going and who's shooting it."

Brimfield has been playing without junior point guard Brady Johnson, who underwent surgery to repair a shoulder labrum torn during baseball season. Johnson averaged almost



ROWVA-Williamsfield junior Talan Hull scored a team-high 24 points Friday in a 70-66 win over Peoria Christian. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

eight points a game last basketball season. He probably won't return until January, Carlson said.

Doe, a sophomore who has been filling Johnson's spot at the point, scored five in a row to tie the

game at 40 with 2:31 left in the third quarter. But Stark County then had an eight-point run to pull out of danger. Sophomore Connor Daum, who entered the game earlier in

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Billtown Bob retires

Anderson steps down with 732 wins

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD –

The first game of Bob Anderson's 45th season as a high school boys basketball head coach in Williamsfield turned out to be his last.

Anderson has decided to retire, effective immediately, he told The Weekly Post during an interview Monday. He informed Williamsfield School Superintendent Tim Farquer late last week and planned to tell the ROWVA-Williamsfield players Monday afternoon.

R-W assistant Ryan Hart will serve as interim coach for the rest of the season, according to Farquer. Hart, who teaches at Williamsfield, is Anderson's stepson and is a former head coach at Galesburg. The Cougars were 5-2 heading into a home game Tuesday night against Brimfield.

Recent health issues, including a bout with COVID-19, and their ram-



ROWVA-Williamsfield Coach Bob Anderson retires with a 45-season record of 732-546.

ifications contributed to the 76-year-old Anderson's decision. Anderson said he began to feel ill the day after his team's 74-44 season-opening victory Nov. 20 against Galva. That game set Anderson's coaching record at 732-546, all in Billtown.

COVID caused Anderson to miss the ensuing six R-W games, the first absences of his career.

Anderson felt better Monday, when he returned to school in his part-time role as Williamsfield ath-

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