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## Farquer, Biltown board agree to mutual separation

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Weekly Post

**WILLIAMSFIELD** – After a decade of oft-contentious school-board meetings, Superintendent Tim Farquer's parting with the Williamsfield School District last Thursday was downright amicable.

Board President Chad Goff read the lengthy separation agreement, the crux of which is that "the parties have determined to mutually and amicably separate their employment relationship ef-

fective June 30, 2024."

Not long after he was done reading, Goff said, "You've done a great job for 10 years." Yes, that is the same Goff who has questioned Farquer on numerous occasions during the 2023 election and in public meetings since.



Farquer

No question, the chance to part

ways brought smiles to the faces of some board members at the Feb. 29 meeting.

A major cause for the decision was change in composition of the school board after the April 2023 election, when Goff, Brittany Byrd and Jenny Smith were elected. Their campaigns included pointed questions about Farquer's performance since he started as superintendent on July 1, 2013.

Also at issue was a three-year contract extension Farquer nego-

tiated with the old board three months prior to the election.

"When the new board was seated, we knew it was going to be difficult just based on the platform they ran on. They were pretty vocal against things we were doing and me as an individual for a number of years," Farquer said. "We tried to make the relationship work. It just became apparent that I don't care for the way they govern and they don't care for the way I manage. "People can read more into it

if they want. But at the end of the day, it was not in the district's best interest for us to keep moving forward together."

Farquer said the school board was "fully aware" that he has been looking for a new superintendent position elsewhere in the past year. Farquer also said he did not apply for the recently filled Elmwood job.

Under terms of the separation, Farquer will receive lump-sum payments of \$70,000 and

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### NOT MUCH TO VOTE ON

## Few choices for voters

March 19 primary least competitive in decades

By **ANDREW ADAMS**  
Capitol News Illinois

On March 19, voting will conclude in primary contests for hundreds of seats in the Illinois legislature and in the state's court system. But most of those contests are uncompetitive.

Statewide, 88% of judicial and state legislative primaries feature either a single candidate or no one running at all. This is the highest number of uncompetitive primaries for those seats in at least 20 years, according to a Capitol News Illinois analysis of data going back to 2004.

The number of primaries with no candidates running at all is similar to years past, about 33%.



The exterior of the Illinois State Capitol is pictured in Springfield. In 2024, nearly 90 percent of statehouse primaries feature either one candidate or none at all. Capitol News Illinois photo by Andrew Adams.

But the number of primaries with a single person running has jumped to 55%, from 46% in 2020.

John Shaw, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, said Illinois' primary participation

mirrors a national trend and is partially stoked by growing political polarization and state redistricting practices. The state process for drawing legislative districts is a partisan one by law, *Continued on Page 7*

## Solar farm debated at Biltown meeting

By **NICK VLAHOS**  
For The Weekly Post

**WILLIAMSFIELD** – Prospects for a solar array at the north edge of Williamsfield have become a bit cloudy.

The Williamsfield Village Board heard Monday night from a dozen people who oppose the proposed solar farm, which would cover about 20 acres of village-owned land. The opponents were among about 20 who attended the regular monthly meeting, far more than the usual audience.

Solar-farm foes objected to the project based on aesthetics, but also based on the apparent wishes of the woman who donated the land to the village.

The late Verla Scheeler bequeathed 65 acres, ac-

cording to research by Williamsfield resident Rick Smith. Parkland was to account for 50 acres, and 15 acres was to be subdivided for housing. Smith and others said a solar farm violates Scheeler's stipulation.

"That lady gave that land to the village in honor of her ancestors," local resident Mark Ebner said. "The right thing to do is to not even consider using that land for anything other than what this lady wished."

The Biltown community's wishes for the land is something Trustee Nancy Everett wants to discern.

"We can sit here and come up with all kinds of things, but is that what the town wants?" she said.

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# FARQUER: Interim superintendent a possibility

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 \$10,000 after his final paycheck. Those payments will not count toward service credit under the state's teacher retirement system.

A representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards will attend the March 11 meeting of the Williamsfield school board to give a presentation on how the IASB could help find a new superintendent and any costs involved.

"They will come in and talk to the entire board and anybody in the community and answer any questions about their process," Goff said.

Goff said he anticipates the hiring process will not

be completed before Farquer's final day.

"We're not planning on being in a big hurry, as in taking the first guy or gal that comes along," Goff said. "This is a process everybody needs to be involved in. From our teachers to the community to our other administrator."

"I don't anticipate we'll have anybody lined up July 1 for full-time. We do have some people lined up for an interim basis. That's kind of the route we're looking to go."

Goff said he is open to a candidate from outside the district.

"If that's where this process leads us, is to a fresh face out of the district,

then that's where we're going to end up going," Goff said. "Obviously, we want the best candidate for the position."

Farquer, a Williamsfield High School graduate with family ties to the community, said he "would not have minded retiring from here."

But, he added, "that's not a necessarily a slam dunk that would have happened anyway."

Board member Lisa Hanson praised Farquer for several things, including the expansion of dual-credit opportunities for high schoolers, a steady stream of grant money and keeping the district's finances in good order.

"And I really like how you have aligned staff," Hanson said.

Farquer pointed to several points of pride during his tenure.

"The first one I look at is student performance. We always compare ourselves academically to a 30-district area and when I started, we were in the bottom third," Farquer said. "Now we're regularly in the top. And our SAT scores, our most recent scores are the highest we've ever gotten."

Farquer also mentioned dual-credit opportunities

allowing students to graduate with a high school diploma and associate degree at the same time; expansion of extracurricular opportunities in sports, fine arts and robotics/STEM; a strong sports cooperative agreement with ROWVA; and improved facilities.

"And from an operation standpoint, we've got a perfect rating, the lowest tax rate and the least debt in the area," Farquer said.

Farquer admitted there have been rocky times in the past 11 years. Among the headline-grabbing disputes were public debates centered on staffing decisions and COVID rules.

"Probably the thing I'm most disappointed about in myself is I have not been able to sway the culture," Farquer said. "We have a tendency to fight against things rather than for things. We've got to start fighting for things we are for and being for people that are in public service."

"It's not true just here, but it's magnified here."

Farquer said he hopes to remain in education as a superintendent at another district while also "continuing to help school districts deploy renewable-energy assets."

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**This Week's Hot Picks**

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- **Fish Fry** – Brimfield Area Men's Club has a fish fry Friday, March 8, and March 22 from 5-7 p.m. at Brimfield American Legion. \$13 for shrimp, \$15 for catfish, \$4 for hot dog. Carry-out available.

**The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast**

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**This Week's Events**

- **Book Group** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood hosts its monthly adult book group discussion today, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. Discussion is on "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. Readers age 18 and older welcome.
- **Pack-A-Trailer** – The Farmington Area Food Pantry is seeking donations of non-perishable food items March 10-17. A trailer will be available for donations at County Market in Farmington. Monetary donations made at Bank of Farmington.
- **Community Luncheon** – Brimfield's community luncheon is March 12, noon to 1 p.m. at the Union Church in Brimfield. Cost \$5. Public is welcome.
- **Toddler Time** – Toddler play time held in the Elmwood Community Center gym every Friday when school is in session in Elmwood, 9-11 a.m. Cost \$1 per child.
- **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**

- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.
- **Fish Fry** – A fish fry will be held March 15 and March 29 at Kickapoo Sportsman's Club. Hot dogs for kids.
- **Food Pantry** – Christ Alive Church in Kickapoo opens its food pantry the third Monday each month, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
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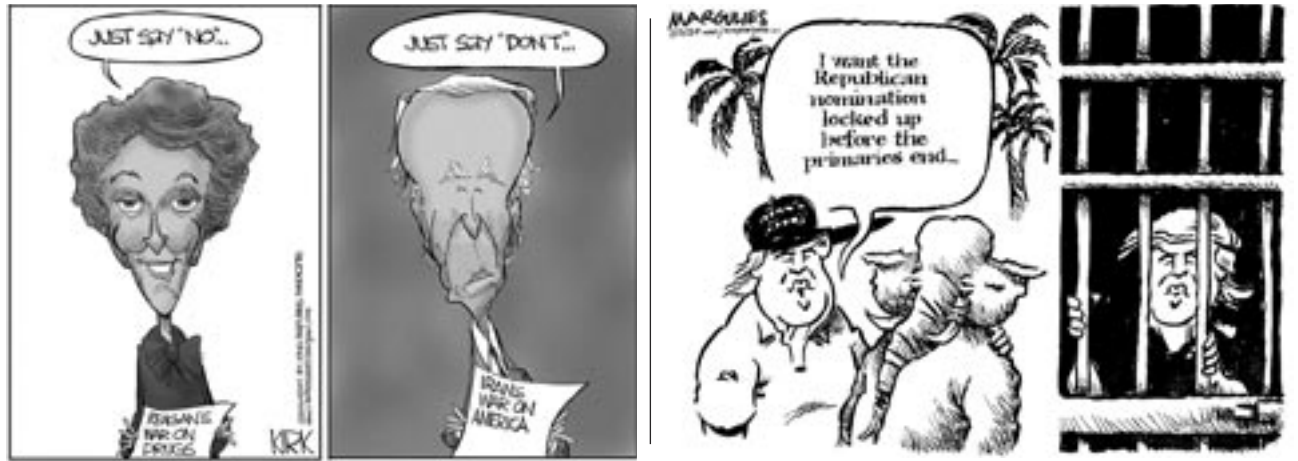
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**Quotable** - "Democracy is being allowed to vote for the candidate you dislike least."

- Robert Byrne

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## SCATTERSHOTS



# Of our U.S. republic, fire fees & student costs

Rambling through central Illinois, glad my political career ended years ago.

The word "democracy" vs. the word "republic" has increasingly become a flashpoint in political debates. Last week, **Nick Lutz** of Brimfield stopped by to take offense at the story I wrote on the VFW Voice of Democracy winner from Elmwood. While he praised the winner, **Riley Malone**, and said her story was a good one, Lutz took issue with the phrase "our U.S. democracy" appearing in the story. "We are not a democracy, we are a republic," said Lutz, a Vietnam veteran who served in 1966-67 as a U.S. Army medic. Similar words have been spoken to me before, and it's a point well taken. The U.S. is not a true democracy, having been built with various checks and balances that insulate the nation from rule by majority. There are numerous recent opinion pieces on this subject online if you are interested, as it has become a hot-button topic since the 2020 presidential election. But if the goal of our constitutional republic is to avoid excessive accumulation of power by a few, it is failing. U.S. presidents from both parties are increasingly overstepping their bounds. So are governors from many states, our own Emperor Pritzker among them. To me, that's a larger worry than a semantic battle over word use.



Jeff LAMPE

For the past seven years, we've burned prairie grass every spring.

While our farm down in the French Creek bottoms is fairly isolated and there are no homes in proximity, I start every burn nervous, occasionally even scared (when my brother-in-law helps). Grass fires are powerful forces that can quickly get out of control when they encounter wind shifts, poor planning or extreme conditions. Our first burn a few weeks ago went extremely well - much better than the 2023 burn. Last year, despite our best efforts, flames meandered through a firebreak and scorched some of my beloved oaks, walnuts and sycamores. Fortunately, we stopped that fire before it spread to a neighboring grass field. Our problem was that we did not have enough people to control the fire. That was true even though the wind was not that strong - nothing like 45 mph gusts on Sunday that had fire crews flooding to a call south of Tri-voli that burned 40 acres. How that fire started remains uncertain, so what I'm about to propose may not apply there. But here's an idea moving forward: If a landowner burns under a red-flag warning and needs assistance from local firefighters, they should be charged a fee.

After taking two years off, I'm heading back to the Illinois state boys basketball tournament Saturday in Champaign with mixed emotions. I had hoped to see Illini Bluffs and **Big Hank Alvey** play at state. While the Tigers are rivals, having a local tie makes the tourney more exciting. Alas, IB lost to Winchester West Central in a Class 1A supersectional, 46-42. The bigger issue for me, though, is four-class basketball. While seeing four title games in one day is appealing, I'd much rather watch two title games that people actually remember. ... Peoria Quest

Academy is slated to close after costing the Peoria School District about \$3.2 million per year. Some were saying the cost of \$8,281 per student at Quest sounded like a lot - until you compare it to the \$13,803 per student that Peoria School District 150 spent in 2023, according to the Illinois State Board of Education. ... How does that compare to our local schools? Here are totals ISBE provided for 2023 spending per student: Williamsfield \$20,228, Princeville \$15,533, Farmington \$12,971, Brimfield \$12,645 and Elmwood \$11,943.

Poring through the sample ballots for our three Weekly Post counties doesn't take long. As today's front-page story spells out, the upcoming March 19 primary is among the state's least competitive in decades. There are far too many races with just one candidate, or none at all. And atop the ticket is a presidential race that offers very little to get excited about - for either party. Biden vs. Trump II? That's a pay-per-view fight nobody would pay to see. ... Error watch: Two weeks ago in this space, the now-defunct community of Kramm Switch was mentioned. But the location of the old mining community was between Oak Hill and Edwards, which is not what I wrote. My mistake is all the more galling since I drive past the location frequently! Ugh. ... Parting shot: One plant few have in the yard is witch hazel, which at first confused me, since this native shrub has impressive fall colors and various health benefits. Then this winter showed me why: Rabbits eat witch hazel. Every shrub I planted last spring was damaged by bunnies, including two that were gnawed to the nubbins.

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**GUEST VOICES**

# Getting into the calving-season routine

Written in red pencil on our March 1 square of the calendar is the somewhat cryptic notation "HFR DUE DATE."

I can tell it's important because it is written in red and the writer retraced the lettering a couple of times pressing firmly enough that it is still faintly visible in May. Decoded, it means our heifers, the first-time moms, were due to begin having calves on March 1.

So far, six heifers and one cow have calved. The cows aren't due until a week after the heifers.

There are two powerful forces that can induce cows to give birth if they are nearly full-term in their pregnancies: A full moon and a storm front. The convergence of those two powers threw us into high gear in late February.



**Jeanne HARLAND**

The first order of business was to manage the spate of calves born to heifers during the summer-like weather leading up to the approaching cold front. This was the easy part. The ground is dry, the lots are firm, the barns are freshly bedded and clean. The heifers just had babies any old where and got along fine. All have been enthusiastic and loving mothers.

One particularly vocal gal decided the best way to get her baby up and nursing was to put her nose down right next to the calf's ear and bellow at full volume. This startled the calf enough that it did, indeed, stumble to its feet. A second ear-splitting moo propelled it in the direction of her udder where it quickly got the hang of nursing while Mom licked it vigorously but not silently, as she continued to murmur contentedly as she worked.

AJ and Matt took advantage of the mild weather to haul the cows home from the Other Place. We leave them there as long as possible be-

cause it is more sheltered and to ease the burden on the water system here at home. Some years icy roads delay the move, and in the distant past we occasionally resorted to walking the herd the mile and a half home, but this year the men hauled them at a record pace.

Well, all except for one lone cow who decided at the last moment before stepping onto the trailer that she was Not. Gonna. Go. She bolted and high-tailed it to the far end of the pasture. For a few days she lived there alone, which is extremely uncharacteristic for a cow.

By late afternoon before the night the temperature fell, the cows were situated in the hay lot with plenty of stalk bales for bedding and rye bales for feed. Matt and AJ had sorted the first and second calf heifers so that the most likely to calve had access to the barns. The already-born calves and their moms were nestled into the lots closest to the east barn. We were as ready as we could be for whatever this was that was coming.

The storms stayed north of us. I could see lightning out our north windows and stars out the south. But the temperature plummeted just as predicted. At first light the next morning AJ went out to check on everyone. All was well.

When Matt arrived a couple hours later, he walked through the cows they had hauled home the previous day. Surprise! There, snuggled down into a heap of corn stalks with mom, was a new calf. Matt noted that the rest of the herd were all bedded down around it, so it was quite comfortable, despite the sub-zero wind chill.

He moved the pair to the barn, nonetheless. While Matt and AJ were both surprised to find a calf in the cow lot, given that the due date there was still a couple weeks off, they were even more astounded when they looked up records on the cow and found she had had a calf on May 6 last year.

You can do the math, but wow!

This gal was taking care of business.

We are settled into our calving routine now. We have three groups of cows in the lots: likely to calve, maybe and not for a while. They are evaluated and resorted every evening. The cows learn the drill quickly. Matt puts some corn in the feedbunks, they come in to eat, we look at them closely to decide who stays in the barns that night and the rest go back out.

Matt has a good eye for detecting subtle but important changes in the cows, so it is a pretty good system, at least until the next full moon or storm front arrives.

**Corned Beef Reuben Soup**

*Ingredients*

- 2 cups pre-cooked corned beef brisket, shredded
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot
- 1-1/2 cups beef broth
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 cups half-and-half
- 1 cup sauerkraut, chopped
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 slices rye bread, toasted

*Directions:*

1. Heat butter in a large sauce pan on medium until hot. Add corned beef, onion, celery and carrot; sauté 5-7 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Combine broth and corn starch in small bowl; whisk until smooth; slowly add to sauce pan. Bring to a boil; cook two minutes or until thickened, stirring often.

2. Reduce heat. Add half-and-half and sauerkraut; simmer 15 minutes, stirring often. Add cheese, salt and pepper, as desired; stir until melted. Garnish with rye bread, as desired.

*Cook's Tip:* Serve in a rye bread bowl, top with additional sauerkraut, celery leaves and Thousand Island dressing.

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

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## Brimfield student disciplined for violence threat

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD — A Brimfield High School student who threatened violence there was to be disciplined, according to authorities.

The unidentified student made a threat on Feb. 29 while talking with peers, according to a letter Superintendent Chad Jones addressed that day to the Brimfield-school community.

The other students did not report the issue immediately because they believed the individual was joking.

Investigations by law enforcement and by school personnel determined there was no immediate threat, ac-

ording to a letter Jones released March 1.

Jones cited legal restrictions in not commenting directly on the disciplinary response. But he stated the student was not at school as of March 1 and that discipline was to be imposed.

On Monday, Jones forwarded copies of the letters to The Weekly Post. He had no additional comment.

“The School District takes all threats seriously,” Jones wrote.

“When students engage in threats, there are severe disciplinary consequences and ‘joking’ is not a defense.”

Eventually, one student reported

the matter to their parent, who contacted the school. Law-enforcement representatives confirmed the student who made the threat didn’t possess weapons and had no access to them at one parent’s residence.

They were checking with the other parent regarding weapons access.

In both letters, Jones implored parents to remind students to report threats or other alarming comments immediately to a trusted adult.

“There are certain topics that should not be discussed in a joking manner and threats of safety and school violence are chief among them,” the superintendent wrote.

## AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

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

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Plaintiff,

-v.-

THOMAS MURFIN

Defendant

2022 FC 0000119

NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 27, 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 below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 337 N LAKE-SHORE DR, HANNA CITY, IL 61536 Property Index No. 16-11-176-006 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$168,256.85.

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minium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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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 22-032127. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR RBSGC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-B, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

ED O EDEM A/K/A EDEM O EDEM; EME P EKONG; UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS TO CRISS CONDO-

MINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2023-FC-0000026

419 WEST COLUMBIA TERRACE

PEORIA, IL 61606

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 January 3, 2024, Sheriff of Peoria County will on April 8, 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:

TAX NO. 18-04-157-007  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 419 West Columbia Terrace  
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Description of Improvements: The property is a three unit apartment, two story

The Judgment amount was \$88,526.50.

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.

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

BANKUNITED N.A.

Plaintiff,

-v.-

QUINN P. CANTY, VERONICA J. CANTY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendant

2023 FC 0000169

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Commonly known as 430 SOUTH HILLSDALE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61604  
Property Index No. 17-12-378-0003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$80,170.62.

Sale terms: 100% of the bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The certified check must be made payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. 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.

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# PRIMARY: ‘The only battle is the primary’

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meaning many districts have been drawn in a way that favors one party over the other.

While that’s made primaries increasingly important in districts that lean heavily in favor of one party over the other, it’s also helped reinforce a trend of parties choosing not to run candidates in districts that were not drawn in their favor.

“The only battle is the primary,” Shaw, a former congressional reporter, told Capitol News Illinois.

Shaw said the expectation of candidates to work across the aisle has decreased in recent decades, meaning that parties lean into ideology more.

“It is not good for governance when candidates run unopposed in a primary or general election,” Shaw said.

For about 65% of state legislative and judicial seats, only one party’s primary has any candidates running, with most of those primaries featuring a single candidate.

While many of those races will likely be uncompetitive in the general election as well, the number of contested seats could grow beyond what the primaries indicate via a political appointment process. The political parties have until June 3 to select a person to run on the party’s behalf in races where the primaries did not produce a winning candidate. That person would be chosen by local party officials, such as county board chairs in downstate Illinois or ward committees in Chicago.

“It’s not routine, but it’s not unheard of,” Illinois Board of Elections spokesperson Matt Dieterich said of the process.

### Long-term trends

John Jackson, a professor at the Paul Simon Institute, said the stark divisions in party control are driven by party realignment and polarization, which have resulted in fewer candidates running on politically moderate platforms.

“That started nationally, then trickled down to state, even now to local,” he said.

Jackson, who works at an institute founded by and named for a moderate Democratic senator, noted this trend only emerged in the past few decades.

“There used to be moderates in the Republican Party and moderates in the Democratic Party,” Jackson said. “They were much more heterogeneous than they are.”

In Illinois, that’s led to stark partisan divides that also fall squarely along urban-rural lines. The city of Chicago remains the center of Democratic power in a Democratically controlled state. Republicans have few primary candidates in the city and no serious challengers to most Democrats running.

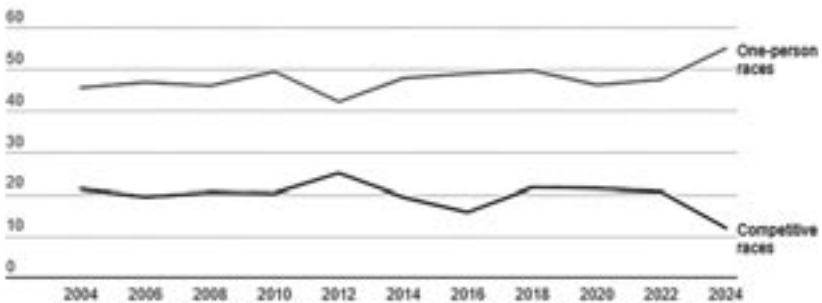
Rural Illinois, meanwhile, remains almost unrepresented by the state’s Democratic Party in the legislature or on the bench, with few Democratic candidates filing to run on rural primary ballots.

House primary elections are more competitive in the suburbs and in some downstate areas.

In races for the Illinois House, 9.8% of primaries have more than

### 2024 has fewest contested primaries in at least 20 years

For judicial and state legislative races, 68 percent of primaries are uncontested, the most in the past 20 years. The number of primaries with a single candidate is also, albeit barely, at a two-decade high.



Data does not reflect write-in candidates. Chart: Andrew Adams, Capitol News Illinois • Source: Illinois State Board of Elections • Get the data • Created with Datawrapper

## Lack of contested races also seen locally

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

The same lack of competitive races seen statewide is also evident on local primary ballots for Peoria, Knox and Fulton counties.

Yes, there are presidential candidates on the ballot. Democrats can choose among President Joe Biden, Dean Phillips, Marianne Williamson and Frank “Frankie” Lozada. Options for Republican voters include Ryan L. Binkley, Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley, Donald J. Trump and Chris Christie.

Beyond those presidential candidates and a few contested elections for delegates to the national nominating conventions, most races have just enough candi-

dates, too few candidates to fill open positions or no candidates at all.

One contested primary race is on the Republican ballot in Fulton, Knox and Peoria counties for the 17th congressional district. Scott Alan Crowl is running against Joe McGraw for the right to face Democratic incumbent Eric Sorensen in the November election.

Also being contested is the Illinois Senate seat being vacated by Win Stoller in the 37th Senate District, which includes part of Peoria County. Republican candidates to replace Stoller are Li Arellano Jr., Tim Yager and Chris Bishop.

one candidate running. For 65 of the state’s 118 districts, only one person is running for the seat.

Only one legislative seat is competitive for both Democrats and Republicans: the 76th House District. This district contains most of the city of DeKalb as well as stretches of DeKalb, LaSalle and Bureau counties. The district’s current representative – Rep. Lance Yednock, D-Ottawa – is not running for reelection, and two Republicans and three Democrats are vying to replace him.

The legislative primaries that have drawn the most candidates include two four-way Democratic contests in the Chicago area. The 53rd Senate District Republican primary also drew four candidates.

### Judicial races gaining attention

While there are primaries for 82 judicial positions across the state, about 85% of them feature either one or no candidate on the ballot. Just over half feature a single candidate across both major party primaries.

Part of this is because of the high number of races in Cook County – a very Democratic area – which operates the second-largest court system in the nation.

But the low number of interested candidates can be partially explained by shifting career goals among lawyers, according to Elizabeth Monkus, senior research attorney at the nonprofit judicial reform advocacy group Chicago Appleseed Center.

“People come into the profession with different goals than they used to,” Monkus said.

Monkus noted that there are more people interested in what she called

“movement lawyering,” where a person furthers political and social goals through legal advocacy rather than working as a trial lawyer or working on criminal cases.

“If you’re working to change the world, judges have less power to do that than you might expect,” Monkus said.

But judicial elections are important because of their impacts on a local – often personal – level, where Monkus said judges’ decisions can have a long and lasting impact.

Monkus noted that since she began working in judicial elections over a decade ago, people are more aware of them than they used to be, despite the relatively low number of candidates in any given race. She attributed that to increased voter interest, more campaigning in high-profile races and more thorough news coverage.

The most high-stakes judicial primary this year is the battle over one of the state’s Supreme Court seats from the 1st District in Cook County.

That race features Joy V. Cunningham running to keep the seat she was appointed to in 2022 against Jesse G. Reyes, an appellate-court judge who also ran in 2020 in a heated seven-way primary for the seat currently held by P. Scott Neville. Reyes came in second in that race with 20.3% of the vote to Neville’s 26.2%.

As with most judicial races this year, it’s a one-party race at this point. No Republicans are currently running for the seat on the state’s highest court.

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## Fire near Trivoli engulfs 40 acres, 2 buildings

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

TRIVOLI — A grass fire south of Trivoli engulfed about 40 acres and destroyed two buildings but resulted in no serious injuries, according to authorities.

Firefighters were called about 11:30 a.m. Sunday to a residence in the 29100 block of N. Northrup Rd., in the far-northeast corner of Fulton County. They found a blaze propelled by 21-mph winds from the south that gusted to almost 40 mph, according to Russ Zeine, chief of the Timber-Hollis Fire Protection District.

The wind helped spread the fire about one-quarter mile to the north, Zeine said. Also fueling the flames was debris on the owner's property, including tires and old vehicles.

"It was a big fire," Zeine said. "We had two sheds on fire and grass fires going all the way around. A lot of logs caught on fire. It was a mess, a



A house in the 29100 block of N. Northrup Rd. south of Trivoli was not damaged in a fire that engulfed about 40 acres and destroyed two buildings. Photo courtesy of Logan-Trivoli Fire Protection District.

lot of junk. ... This guy had a lot of stuff sitting around."

The owner sustained minor burns on his hands and was evaluated at the scene for smoke inhalation but refused to go to a hospital, Zeine said.

A hog shed and a machine shed were destroyed, although the residence and a garage were not dam-

aged. Zeine said no livestock was lost. He didn't know how much machinery might have been damaged or destroyed. He also didn't have a damage estimate and wasn't sure how the blaze began.

"I don't know if he was burning trash, but it got into the grass and moved," Zeine said about the fire.

Firefighters spent at least six hours at the scene of the most major fire the Timber-Hollis department has handled recently, Zeine said. An excavator leveled what remained of the damaged buildings and spread dirt over burned ground, which still was smoldering the following day.

At least eight fire departments assisted Timber-Hollis colleagues, according to Zeine. Among them were Bartonville, Buckheart, Copperas Creek, Elmwood, Farmington, Logan-Trivoli, North Pekin and the Peoria Air Guard. The Peoria chapter of the American Red Cross also responded.

### PUBLIC RECORD

*NOTE: Charges are merely an accusation. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.*

#### Police reports

• **KICKAPOO** — A driver's glance to see if a Kickapoo restaurant was open led to a two-vehicle accident, according to authorities.

The crash happened about 5:15 p.m. Feb. 19 on U.S. Route 150 just east of Kickapoo-Edwards Road. Daniel J. Seiler of Lacon was driving an eastbound 2007 Nissan Quest when he looked to his left to see if the restaurant was open, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

As Seiler glanced, his vehicle crossed into the westbound lane. Seiler attempted to correct that, but his vehicle struck a westbound 2023 Mazda CX9. The other driver, Heidi M. Golden of Elmwood, tried to swerve right to avoid the accident, the report stated.

No injuries were reported. Seiler had three passengers and Golden had one. Both vehicles sustained front driver's-side bumper damage but were drivable.

Seiler was cited for improper lane use and for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He is to appear March 20 in Peoria County Circuit Court.

• **FARMINGTON** — A Farmington man questioned in connection with a missing vehicle was wanted for other crimes in Fulton and Peoria counties, according to authorities.

Thomas A. Magner, 51, was transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown about 12:30 p.m. Feb. 23, according to a Farmington Police Department report. The report didn't state of what crimes Magner was accused.

Magner possessed the keys of a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck that was reported stolen about 1 a.m. Feb. 23 from a parking lot at 95

N. Main St. Later that day, the 19-year-old vehicle owner said Magner returned the keys to him.

Magner said the vehicle owner had given him the keys the previous night. The owner asked Magner to check a problem with the vehicle, the report stated. Magner said he drove the vehicle to Peoria, then returned it. In addition to the outstanding warrants, Magner was accused of trespass to a motor vehicle.

• **BELLEVUE** — A Hanna City woman turned down a hospital visit following a two-vehicle crash west of Bellevue.

Violet Easley was driving an eastbound 2021 Buick Enclave shortly before 8:30 a.m. Feb. 21 on Illinois Route 116 near Tanager Drive when the vehicle rear-ended a 2017 Chevrolet Spark driven by Noah N. Christian of Peoria, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Easley said she tried to stop, but the vehicle's brakes didn't work. The impact caused Christian's vehicle to strike a guardrail on the north side of the road. Front-bumper damage resulted.

Christian refused medical attention. Emergency-medical personnel evaluated Easley, who declined additional treatment. Both vehicles were towed.

• **TRIVOLI** — A Glasford man was involved in a one-vehicle accident south of Trivoli.

About 7:45 a.m. Feb. 16, Caleb R. Showalter was driving a 2016 Ford Explorer west in the 20400 block of W. Smithville Rd. when the vehicle slid off the north side of the pavement, struck an embankment and rolled onto its driver's side, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's office report.

The report did not state whether Showalter was injured. Damage to

the vehicle was reported at more than \$1,500.

• **FARMINGTON** — Rowdy G. Eldridge, 19, of Farmington was taken into police custody about 6:15 p.m. Feb. 26 at Pearl and West streets on a Fulton County warrant for failure to appear in court.

Eldridge had been accused of drunken driving, according to a Farmington Police Department report. He was released and received a notice to appear March 12 in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

• **EDWARDS** — Austin A. Lonergan, 23, of Edwards was arrested at 10:30 p.m. Feb. 29 and accused of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting a peace officer and possession of burglary tools, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. Lonergan also was arrested shortly before 9 a.m. March 1 and accused of burglary and fraudulent use of a credit or debit card/more than \$150.

• **ELMWOOD** — Johnathon L. Tomlinson, 39, of Elmwood was arrested at 8:15 p.m. Feb. 27 and accused of aggravated domestic battery/great bodily harm, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **EDELSTEIN** — Troy L. Bowen, 53, of Edelstein was arrested shortly before 9 a.m. Feb. 26 and accused of burglary, possession of burglary tools, unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **GALESBURG** — These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Feb. 18-24: suspicious incident, Yates City; dog bite, Yates City; suspicious incident, Williamsfield; grass fire, Williamsfield; grass fire, Dahinda.

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# BILLTOWN: Monthly recycling cost to increase

*Continued from Page 1*  
“What do you want there? You apparently have something in mind that you’d like to see there.”

“I’m seeing you guys are very passionate about the solar-farm thing. This is just an idea. There has been no decision made to move forward with the solar panels.”

Representatives of Florida-based Bow Renewables approached the board in January regarding the proposed \$7 million project. The preliminary plan includes a lease of up to 40 years that would pay the village at least \$40,000 annually.

Village President Robert Johnson suggested the initial Bow offer was a template that required refinement. On Tuesday, Johnson was to meet with village and Bow attorneys to help develop something tangible.

“So when it’s done, we can have something we can hold in our hands and say, ‘This is what they’re proposing,’” Johnson said.

It probably will be a couple of months before an official plan is ready for board perusal, according to Johnson.

Doubet-Benjamin Park was established in the 1990s on 16 acres of the bequeathed land. Much of the rest has been used for farming, including the proposed solar-array plot, which is located south of Park Road and west of Illinois Route 180.

Kent Rigg, a Williamsfield School District agriculture teacher, resurrected a proposal to use the property for educational purposes. Rigg suggested the district would be willing to lease the land at current market rates – \$286 an acre, according to Johnson.

The potential school-district use might please Linda Wexell, who said she was a third cousin of Scheeler.

“Verla had a love for her community, her rural upbringing, education and the beauty of nature,”

Wexell said. “The solar panels are ugly, an eyesore and not what Verla intended. Please don’t dishonor her memory.”

Later in the meeting, following closed session, trustees approved the sale of two empty lots on Cottonwood Court to Michael Johnson for \$17,000. Cottonwood Court is a residential development located just south of the proposed solar farm.

Debbie Newell, a broker for Newell’s Auction & Farm Realty of rural Williamsfield, suggested her client might reconsider constructing a residence if the solar array is approved.

“I think it will affect the sale of the rest of those lots if they’re going to have solar panels to look at,” Newell said.

In other action, the board approved a renewed

contract with Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc., of Galva. The monthly recycling charge for residential customers is to be \$5.99, effective May 1. The fee is to rise to \$6.17 in 2025 and \$6.36 in 2026.

The board also authorized a \$17,000 expense with TEST Inc. of Bushnell to replace the water-plant automated alert system.

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# Glow-in-the-dark petunias new for 2024

By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

The latest bright idea from the world of horticulture is petunias that glow in the dark. Now you can throw away those little solar light sticks along your front sidewalk and replace them with these lovely luminescent petunias.

Aptly named "Firefly," the innovative petunia is the product of collaborative research conducted by two biotech companies, Lite Bio and Ginkgo Bioworks.

"As part of the scientific team that discovered the bioluminescence genes from fireflies, I helped create the first glowing plant in 1986, which has inspired scientists worldwide. In the 40-odd years since, we have discovered a new bioluminescence technology that now allows us to bring these delightful plants to consumers," says Keith Wood, CEO of Lite Bio.

That new technology uses DNA from naturally occurring luminescent mushrooms to light up Firefly petunias. It turns out that a particular species of glowing mushrooms has metabolic processes similar to those of green plants. The scientists found a way to transfer specific DNA from the mushrooms to tobacco plants.

The resulting tobacco plants glowed from head to toe, from seedling stage all the way to maturity, the plants' metabolism generating the energy to power the light. What's more, they were 10 times brighter than lightning bug-crossed plants.

Applying the technology to petunias, scientists created Firefly, a bioluminescent plant that glows with an eerie green light similar to that flashed by amorous lightning bugs.



Before Firefly could be offered commercially however, the company needed the blessings of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Last September APHIS gave the green light, declaring that Firefly, a GMO plant, was no more of a threat to the environment than ordinary petunias.

In a paper published in "Nature Biotechnology," the scientists said that their technology will be used by researchers to study the inner workings of plants and their responses to pests, pesticides and environmental stress. They're currently working on lighting up other plants, such as periwinkles and roses, as well as changing colors and brightness. They even envision a day when animals could be bioluminescent.

Looking over the images and videos on Lite Bio's website, you get an idea of just how bright Firefly petunias are. The plants glow, rather than "light up," so don't plan on reading your favorite novel in the light of a hanging basket of Firefly petunias.

One video shows a laptop screen surrounded by Firefly petunias. The petunias' eerie green glow contrasts with the screen's white and brighter light. The company says, "The luminescence of Firefly Petunias is best experienced in a dark room or on a

moonless night."

If Firefly petunias pique your interest, you can order them right now on the Lite Bio website. The company says a small plant in a four-inch pot will arrive with developing buds and maybe even a few newly opened flowers. In good growing conditions, the plant will quickly attain about 8-10 inches in size with abundant white flowers.

Still interested? Hang on. One plant in a four-inch pot will lighten your wallet by \$29. With shipping, the total comes to \$53. That's a lot of money to pay just so the neighborhood rabbits can enjoy dinner by candlelight.

Some comments in the trade about Firefly are quite entertaining.

Would lightning bugs get confused by them and be looking for love in all the wrong places?

Can you get a shock while pruning the plants?

Could they replace airport runway marker lights?

How about inserting the genes into trees? The trees could shed light onto your solar panels and you'd have electricity day and night. Maybe Christmas trees with built-in lights?

You gotta love horticultural humor.

More serious botanical purists are not amused. There's a saying among classical musicians that the most pleasing sound to their ears is the one an accordion makes when you throw it in a dumpster and it bangs into the saxophones and bagpipes. Some horticultural cognoscenti think these self-illuminating petunias should be pitched into the garbage along with painted poinsettias and dyed roses.

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## Farmington OKs buying YMCA items

By JEFF LAMPE  
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The City Council on Monday approved purchasing four sets of bleachers, volleyball nets and a floor scrubber and parts for \$5,000 from the Canton YMCA.


Farmington has taken over management of the former YMCA building in town and can use the items in that facility.

“It’s an incredible price,” Council Member Dave Rose said, noting that new bleachers cost as much as \$1,500 apiece and floor scrubbers are closer to \$11,000 or more.

The council also heard that new police officer Jeremiah Ulm started work on Feb. 15 and is moving on to his first of two weeks of a mandatory transition training course.

Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said the city has been in communication with Waste Management about additional garbage cans for residents. He said residents should contact city hall to request a second container, which will be delivered at some point.

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

During registration parents will sign up for kindergarten screenings, to be held on April 5, 2024.

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

If you are unable to attend the registration night please contact the grade school office at 309-446-3366, for registration papers and to sign up for a screening time.

# Corn farmers should benefit from E15 expansion

By KEVIN BESSLER

The Center Square

Illinois corn farmers stand to benefit from the recent decision by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to allow year-round sales of E15 fuel.

In 2022, the governors of Illinois and several other Midwest states requested year-round E15 sales in an effort to lower gas prices. E15 is a 15% blend of ethanol to petroleum fuel and is also known as Unleaded 88.

Mike Shane with the Illinois Corn Growers Association said the ruling will give a huge boost in

the use of ethanol.

“It’s a 50% increase for us, which is a pretty large increase for the usage of corn,” said Shane. “It should increase the demand for corn and help alleviate the extra supplies of corn right now.”

Despite E15 having a lower Reid vapor pressure than most fuel on the market, the ICGA said outdated regulations excluded it from being sold during summer months.

The use of E15 was approved by the EPA in 2011 for all 2001 and newer vehicles, account-



Demand for Illinois corn should increase thanks to an EPA decision to allow year-round sales of E15 ethanol starting in 2025.

ing for more than 96% of vehicles on the road today.

Shane said Illinoisans will save money.

“E15 is a cheaper product than straight gasoline so the consumer is going to drive the demand wanting cheaper gasoline at the pump,” said Shane.


Some oil refiners have argued that allowing E15 in just select states instead of nationwide could lead to fuel price spikes and supply issues.

The ruling goes into effect in April 2025. It is not known if the EPA will grant waivers for the use of E15 this summer.



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# Brimfield library gets \$20,000 ALA grant

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield Public Library District has received a \$20,000 award grant from the American Library Association to better meet the needs of area children and teens with disabilities.

Brimfield is one of 310 libraries to participate in round two of Libraries

Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an American Library Association initiative.

“We are thrilled to have been chosen for this grant,” said Brimfield Library Director Katie Hahn. “We are looking forward to working with families and community partners to make meaningful updates to our youth spaces, collections, resources and programs, so that young people with disabilities and their caregivers feel welcome and supported in our library.”

As part of the grant, the library will offer young people and their caregivers opportunities to share ways that grant funds could be used to make the library more accessible and inclusive.

The library hopes to replace some of its traditional furniture with sensory-friendly options and expand non-traditional collections like youth audiobooks and large print.

“We know the number of students being identified with sensory-processing disorder and learning disabilities has increased over the last few years and want to be part of the support system that empowers those students to learn and grow both in and outside of school,” Hahn said.

To get involved, please contact Hahn via email at director@brimfieldlibrary.org or by phone at (309) 446-9575.



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**Brimfield board OKs zoning reappointments**

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield Board of Trustees reappointed two zoning board members Monday night. Bill Simmons and Zoning Board President Brian Starling have been reappointed to serve additional two-year terms each.

Additionally, though several inquiries have been made, the board is struggling to get a response concerning new appointments to both the Zoning Board and the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has a three-year term.

Signs for the new crosswalk between the high school and the track have arrived, although getting electricity to the flashing yellow sign is going to be a little delayed. In the meantime, the crosswalk will be painted as time permits.

The board also approved a motion to allow water hearings and shutoffs as necessary.

– Molly Richeson

**Oak Run pool may close for 2024 by state order**

DAHINDA – The Oak Run Property Owners Association was informed by the state that the Brentwood Pool may not open in 2024 due to expanded cracking in the pool floor, water leakage and deterioration of the pool walls and gutters.

An online post under the POA logo said the association is working with an engineering firm to gauge whether any measures can be taken that will allow the pool to reopen until funds can be allocated for a new or renovated pool.

**Landowners can enroll for general CRP signup**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that agricultural producers and private landowners can begin signing up for the general Conservation Reserve Program through March 29.

The announcement was made Saturday by Zach Ducheneaux, adminis-

trator of the USDA's Farm Service Agency, at this year's National Pheasant Fest in Sioux Falls, S.D.

On Nov. 16, 2023, President Biden signed into law H.R. 6363, the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024, which extended the 2018 Farm Bill, through Sept. 30. This extension allows authorized programs, including CRP, to continue operating.

**Et cetera**

• GALESBURG – The Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District has sales for fish, bare-root trees, native seed and native prairie plant plugs ongoing. Deadlines for the sales are approaching. Orders can be made online at [www.knoxcountylswcd.wixsite.com](http://www.knoxcountylswcd.wixsite.com).

• PEORIA – The 2024 Illinois Deer Classic will be held at the Peoria Civic Center Friday through Sunday, March 8-10. Hours are 2-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths 10-15 and free for ages 9 and under.

**Pages From The Past** Compiled by Jeff Lampe

**5 Years Ago**

• Aliza Welker of Kickapoo was mentioned in the March 2019 issue of Sports Illustrated for Kids for winning the 100- and 200-meter races at the IESA Class A state meet for the second straight year. The magazine also mentioned that Welker won her grade's spelling bee.

• Anita Baird of Yates City was promoted to vice president, real estate loan officer and assistant cashier at the Bank of Yates City.

• Alexis Little of Williamsfield High School, Julie Bledsoe of Elmwood High School and Hannah Parker of ROWVA High School were honored as DAR Good Citizens by the Spoon River Chapter of the National Society DAR.

• The Elmwood boys basketball team won its first sectional game over Camp Point Central, 64-54, at Lewistown High School. The Trojans then lost the sectional title game in double overtime to Concord Triopia, 64-62, missing three potential last-second, game-winning shots in the process.

**10 Years Ago**

• Ag-Land FS announced plans to build a 750,000-bushel elevator in downtown Elmwood and to possibly purchase the B.Y.E. Ambulance service's adjacent property. The \$2.5 million elevator project was expected to speed up processing, improve traffic and, according to Chuck Doubet, "help control the 'red dog.'"

• Douglas United Methodist Church reported an apparent burglary, the second in two months. In

January, hundreds of dollars were reported missing. This time, a small cashbox has gone missing.

• The Elmwood City Council approved a five-year loan of \$23,565 to Vern Reynolds, owner of the Palace Theatre. Reynolds said he was going to use the money to purchase a digital projector.

• The Brimfield boys basketball team beat Illini Bluffs 64-47 to win a regional as junior guard Carson Cuevas scored 32 points. But the Indians lost in the sectional semifinal to Kewanee Wethersfield, 48-45. Brimfield finished 29-2.

• A steer named Fred showed by Gracia Ramp of Yates City won as reserve grand champion Hereford steer in the 2014 Illinois Beef Expo Junior Show.

**20 Years Ago**

• John Davis acquired Coleman Pontiac-Buick-GMC in Canton from owner Guy Coleman.

**30 Years Ago**

• The Dahinda Church's annual auction netted \$3,700 and the chicken-and-noodle dinner was completely sold out.

**50 Years Ago**

• Pinewood Derby winners at the annual Blue and Gold banquet in Williamsfield were Rollie Yelm (first) and Mark Potts (second). Eric Baird was credited with having the best-looking car.

**55 Years Ago**

• Violet Maher of Oak Hill was rescued from her burning mobile home by Merle Coon.

**60 Years Ago**

• The Williamsfield boys basketball team beat Brimfield and Valley

to win the district tournament and then topped Lewistown in the Canton Regional, 61-44.

• Charlene Dicks was crowned Miss Farmington, Chris Hedden was second and Patsy Hitchcock finished third at the annual Fireman's Fair.

**70 Years Ago**

• Williamsfield student Donna Waggoner won first place in extemporaneous verse at the district high school speech contest in Princeville.

• March 1 marked the start of school in a new building completed in Monica. The new structure replaced a school building that had been used for 81 years.

• Shirley Bennett was named Miss Farmington and Patsy Kepple was chosen as runner-up at the Fireman's Fair.

**80 Years Ago**

• Fire destroyed the depot in Edelstein.

**90 Years Ago**

• A fire that started in the attic destroyed the Williamsfield Grade School over the noon hour. The 43-year building, which had a cedar shingle roof, had reportedly been considered a fire hazard for several years. Students in grades 1-4 had to attend classes at Rice's Grocery, while the higher grades were accommodated at the high school building.

• Work started in Princeville on a viaduct under the the Rock Island Railroad crossing on Akron Avenue.

**110 Years Ago**

• Hershel Johnson purchased Will Simpson's 40-acre farm in Trivoli Township for \$4,000.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Judith A. Cosby**  
ELMWOOD – Judith Ann “Judy” Cosby, 84, of Elmwood, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024, at Bickford House in Peoria, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Feb. 10, 1940, in Princeville, to Edwin Russell Purcell and Lola (Chapman) Rook. On April 12, 1959, she married Edward Leo “Ed” Cosby at the Elmwood United Methodist Church; he survives.



Cosby

Also surviving are daughter Teresa (Jerry) Nuese of Peoria and son Doug (Terri) Cosby of Elmwood; six grandchildren, Ben, Michael and Thomas Nuese, and Max, Josh and Anney Cosby; two sisters, Buffie (Jerry) Stewart of Brimfield and Mary Beth (Bill) Brouch of Pekin; and one brother, Johnny Bill (Patty) Rook of Brimfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, David Purcell; sister, Susan Miller; and brother, Eugene Rook.

Judy graduated as valedictorian from Elmwood High School. She was Homecoming queen and still enjoyed her monthly gatherings with her classmates from the class of 1957.

Judy worked as a legal secretary at Whitney and Potts Ltd. for many years. After her retirement, Judy took part in a medical research trial for aortic soft-tissue disease with Cleveland Clinic.

She could often be found outside tending her flowers and garden with loving, tender care. She loved planting spring flowers and was proud of her infamous purple screen door. Judy’s family loved her deviled eggs, potato salad, Texas cake and scalloped oysters.

She enjoyed wall papering,

reading, jigsaw puzzles, playing cards and slot machines and shopping early for that perfect Christmas present for her family. Judy was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Elmwood and former ladies bowling league. She loved her family and her grandchildren with all her heart.

Her service will be at noon Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the First Presbyterian Church in Elmwood. Rev. Marla Bauler will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior, also at the church. A private burial will be in Elmwood Township Cemetery at a later date. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions can be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Elmwood, Elmwood Fire Department, BYE Ambulance Service or Carle Health Hospice.

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

**William B. Emerick**

YATES CITY – William B. “Bill” Emerick, 69, of Yates City, passed away at 2:10 p.m., on Friday, March 1, 2024, at his home.

He was born Oct. 1, 1954, in Peoria, to William “Dale” and Margaret (Wolf) Emerick. He married Bobette “Bobbi” Montag on July 29, 1972, at the Union Church in Brimfield. She survives.



Emerick

Bill is also survived by five children, Margaret “Margie” Emerick (James) Feik of Brimfield, Brian (Virginia) Emerick of Brimfield, Melanie (Jarod) Lukehart of Washington, Ben (Kayla) Emerick of Princeville and William “Billy” (Melissa Petermeyer) Emerick of Yates City; one brother, Bob (the

late Louise) Emerick; three sisters, Betty (the late Bob) Pacey, Mary (the late Bob) Short and Sherry Steinkuehler; and 13 grandchildren, Kevin, Carmen, Michael, Shaun, Jonathan, Rebecca, Lily, Lexi, Jacen, Lincoln, Deacon, Eden and one on the way.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

Bill was a lifetime truck driver and farmer. He enjoyed gardening and tinkering around with things outside. He also loved fishing with his parents, kids and extended family, especially on the annual trip to Minnesota.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation will be held the night before on Thursday, March 7, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will immediately follow the service at Brimfield Township Cemetery. Food and fellowship will also follow the service, at the Brimfield Legion.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to B.Y.E. Ambulance, American Heart Association and to the family to help with funeral expenses.

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

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

**Janet L. Elsasser**

PRINCEVILLE – Janet Lee “Jan” Elsasser, 83, of Princeville, passed away Feb. 27, 2024, at Honor Health John C. Lincoln Hospital in Phoenix.

Janet was born on Dec. 26, 1940, in Peoria County to Philip and Martha “Mart” (Endress) Elsasser.

She is survived by her niece, Belinda Jacobsen of Denver along with many special cousins and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister,

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## OBITUARIES

Phyllis Elsasser.

She was a longstanding member of Princeville Apostolic Christian Church, where she was baptized.

A memorial service was March 3 in Phoenix.

Her funeral service will be held at Princeville Apostolic Christian Church, Princeville, in the near future. Arrangements are pending. Burial will be in Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria.

### Noel M. Heinz

KICKAPOO – Noel M. Heinz, 83, died Feb. 27, 2024, at Franciscan Dyer Hospital in Dyer, Ind., surrounded by her loving family.

She was born at Holbrook Hospital in Patchogue, N.Y., on Nov. 24, 1940, the daughter of Thelma and Sam Horowitz, both deceased. Noel married Greg Heinz on Sept. 13, 1980. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kickapoo.

Survivors include her children, Tracy (James) Collins of Munster, Ind., and Jill (Matthew) Hilty of Chicago; one stepdaughter, Laurie Heinz, of Peoria; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kickapoo on Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 11 a.m. until time of Mass of Christian Burial at noon. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery.

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

### Beverly M. Ralston

KICKAPOO – Beverly Marie Ralston, born Oct. 25, 1948, in Peoria, died at home, with her family by her side, in Kickapoo, on Feb. 29, 2024.

She is survived by her two daughters, Dina Baird of Berthoud, Colo., and Dani (Brian) Butterfield of Moline, Wis.; four grandchildren; two sisters, Sherry (John) Harris and

Mickie (Steve) Wenger; and three brothers, Robert Murphy Jr., Michael (Pam) Murphy and Patrick (Kim) Murphy.

Bev graduated from Manual High School in 1966 and married Dennis Ralston in 1968.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Ralston; parents, Robert Senior and LaVonne (Eis) Murphy; and sister-in-law, Nancee Murphy.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

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

### Dorothy J. Stuaan

HANNA CITY – Dorothy Jean (Kirkham) Stuaan, 86, of Hanna City, passed away Feb. 23, 2024, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria, surrounded by members of her loving family.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1937, in Dwight, Ill., to Roscoe and Julia (Burke) Kirkham. On Feb. 5, 1955, Dorothy married her high school sweetheart, Raymond Stuaan, in Peoria. He passed away on Nov. 26, 2018.

Surviving are Dorothy and Ray's four children, Lori (Ron) Riekema of Peoria, Cindy (Steve) Rilling of Huber Heights, Ohio, Dave (Kim) Stuaan of Bushnell and Jeanie (Scott) Jones of Morton, Illinois; 11 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Dorothy in death were her parents; brothers, Ralph Kirkham and Louis Kirkham; and sister, Frances Mitchler.

Funeral services were March 2, 2024. Burial was in the St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Bartonville.

Condolences can be left online at [www.Davison-Fulton-Bartonville-chapel.com](http://www.Davison-Fulton-Bartonville-chapel.com).

### Donald D. Jacobson

ALTONA – Donald D. "Don" Ja-

cobson, 84, of Altona, father of an Elmwood man, died March 2, 2024, at Seminary Manor in Galesburg.

He was born Aug. 19, 1939, in Galesburg to Raymond and Helen (Nelson) Jacobson. He married Sharon I. Bellamy on Aug. 12, 1961, in Galesburg. She preceded him in death on June 23, 2021.

Surviving are a son, Donald (and Chrissy) Jacobson of Elmwood; two daughters, Marquie Smith of Altona and Penny (and Paul) Leafgreen Jr. of Altona; six grandchildren, Natasha Emery, Krishonna Smith, Amber Leafgreen, Andrea Leafgreen, Rachel Jacobson and Cameron Jacobson; and four great-grandchildren, Rozalynn, Myles, Lyric and Karma.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Along with farming his whole life, Don was the Walnut Grove road commissioner and worked at Andrews Implement in Altona and Gateway Co-Op/River Valley Co-Op in Galva. He was the assistant fire chief of Altona for 35 years.

He was an outdoorsman who liked fishing, mowing his yard, cruising the timber in his Kawasaki Mule or listening to country music on his patio. His true love was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. today, March 7, 2024, at Hinchliff-Pearson-West Funeral Directors and Cremation Service Galesburg Chapel. A funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. at the chapel. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Altona.

Memorials may be made to Illinois Cancer Care in Galesburg or to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altona.

Condolences can be made online at [www.h-p-w.com](http://www.h-p-w.com).



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## Anyone wanting to save grave decorations at Elmwood, Lehigh, Southport & Watkins cemeteries please have them removed by March 16<sup>th</sup>

Thanks for your cooperation  
Elmwood Township Cemetery Board



## NOTICE

### Anyone wishing to mow the Salem Township Cemeteries for the 2024 season, please contact Randy Blodgett at 309-635-4768.

**Bids must be received by March 8, 2024.**

Salem Township Cemetery Board

## AREA CHURCHES

**BRIMFIELD**  
**Baptist Church of Brimfield**  
 Pastor Doug Seeley  
 321 S. Jefferson St. Brimfield  
 (309) 678-2208  
 Sun. School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Sun. Worship: 10:40 a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
 Father John Verrier  
 314 W. Clay Brimfield  
 (309) 446-3275  
 stjosephbrimfield.org  
 Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm  
 Sat. Mass: 5 p.m.  
 Sun. Mass: 10:30 a.m. (10 a.m. in the summer)  
 Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 a.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
 The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
 "Preaching Christ Crucified"  
 "Liturgical & Reverential"  
 204 W. Clay St. Brimfield  
 (309) 446-3233  
 Sun. Divine Service: 11:30 a.m.

**Brimfield E-Free Church**  
 Pastor Donald Blasing  
 11724 Maher Road  
 Brimfield IL 61517  
 (309) 446-3571  
 brimfieldefree.org  
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 AWANA: Wed. 6:15 p.m. ages 3-12

**Brimfield United Methodist Church**  
 Reverend James Pernell Sr.  
 135 S. Galena St. Brimfield  
 (662) 394-5880  
 Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.  
 Sun. School: 8:30 a.m.

**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
 By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 3 Kings (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who said, "I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit"? Matthew, Mark, John the Baptist, Luke
3. From Leviticus 14, how long was a "clean" person required to remain outside his tent? One night, Two nights, Four days, Seven days
4. What town or city was Saul of Tarsus near

**Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ**  
 Pastor Stephen Barch  
 105 W. Clay Street Brimfield  
 (309) 446-3811  
 brimfieldunionchurch.org  
 Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm  
 • First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten-free communion offered)  
 • Grief & Loss Group meets Tuesday afternoons 3-4:30 p.m. until further notice.

**DAHINDA**  
**Dahinda United Methodist Church**  
 Pastor Zoila Marty  
 1739 Victoria St. P.O. Box 14  
 Dahinda IL 61428  
 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School during worship service  
 Church: (309) 639-2768 . Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389  
 Email: [williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com](mailto:williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com)

**DOUGLAS**  
**Douglas United Methodist Church**  
 Pastor Kristine McMillan  
 484 3rd St.

when he converted to Christianity? Damascus, Assos, Corinth, Gaza

5. Jesus says that you have to do what to see the Kingdom of God? Love one another, Be born again, Do what's right, Tithe

6. Which apostle's mother-in-law is mentioned in the Bible? Peter, Judas, James, Andrew

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) John the Baptist, 3) Seven days, 4) Damascus, 5) Be born again, 6) Peter

More Trivia? Visit [www.TriviaGuy.com](http://www.TriviaGuy.com). (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

Yates City IL 61572  
 (NOTE: Church is in Douglas)  
 Sunday Worship: 8 a.m.  
 (Maquon worship: 11 a.m.)  
 Facebook Live is 11 a.m. at Maquon UM Church page

**EDWARDS**  
**Bethany Baptist Church**  
 7422 N. Heinz Ln. Edwards  
 (309) 692-1755  
 bethanycentral.org  
 Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 a.m.  
 In person and livestream (Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)  
 Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
 Father James Pankiewicz  
 9910 W. Knox St. Edwards  
 (309) 691-2030  
 stmarieskickapoo.org  
 Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.  
 Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.  
 Sun. Masses: 7 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Daily Masses (Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri.): 8 a.m.

**ELMWOOD**  
**Crossroads Assembly of God**  
 Pastor Don Nuttall  
 615 E. Ash St. Elmwood  
 (309) 742-6409  
 crossroadselmwood.org

Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
 Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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

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

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**  
 Father James Pankiewicz  
 802 W. Main St. Elmwood  
 (309) 742-4921  
 Sat. Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.  
 Tues. Mass: 8 a.m.  
 Tues. Confession: After mass.

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

**FARMINGTON**  
**Farmington Bible Church**  
 Pastor Tony Severine  
 497 N. Elmwood Rd.  
 Farmington  
 (309) 245-9870  
 Sunday School: 9:30  
 Worship Service: 10:30

**Farmington Methodist Church**  
 Pastor Rick Atchley  
 187 W. Fulton St.  
 Farmington  
 (309) 245-4310  
 farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com  
 Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

**First Presbyterian Church of Farmington**  
 Pastor Cindy Bean  
 83 N. Cone Street Farmington  
 (309) 245-2914  
 firstpresfarmington.com  
 Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
 Live on Facebook also  
 Fellowship: 11:30 a.m.

**New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God**  
 Pastor Tom Wright  
 1102 N. Illinois Route 78  
 Farmington  
 (309) 231-8076  
 Sun. Worship: 10 a.m.  
 Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.

**PRINCEVILLE**  
**Princeville United Methodist Church**  
 Pastor David Pyell  
 420 E. Woertz Princeville  
 (309) 385-4487  
 princevilleumc@mediacombb.net  
 Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

**St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church**  
 Father Corey Krengiel  
 119 Saint Mary St. Princeville  
 (309) 385-2578  
 Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.  
 Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.

Sun. Confession: 8-8:45 a.m.  
 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.  
 Tues. Thurs. Sat. daily Mass: 8 a.m.

**TRIVOLI**  
**Brunswick Community Church**  
 4027 S. Stone School Rd Trivoli  
 Pastor Terry England  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.  
 (309) 403-4626

**WILLIAMSFIELD**  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
 Father John Verrier  
 Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N  
 Williamsfield  
 (309) 446-3275  
 stjameswilliamsfield.org  
 Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 a.m.  
 Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 a.m. in the summer)

**Williamsfield United Methodist Church**  
 Pastor Zoila Marty  
 430 N. Chicago Ave.  
 Williamsfield  
 (309) 639-2389  
 Sun. School: during worship  
 Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 a.m.  
 Sun. Worship: 11 a.m.

**YATES CITY**  
**Faith United Presbyterian Church**  
 Reverend Marla B. Bauler  
 107 W. Bishop St. Yates City  
 (309) 358-1170  
 Worship: 9 a.m.  
 Sun. School: 10:15 a.m.  
 Thurs. Choir: 7 p.m.

LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MILLBROOK TOWNSHIP BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of MILLBROOK, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the home of BOBBIE PHILBEE, Millbrook Township Clerk, who resides at 21512 North Washington Street, Laura, Illinois, from and after the 9th day of March, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:15 P. M., the 9th day of April, 2024, at the MILLBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER, located in Laura, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held following the Hearing. DATED this 27th day of February, 2024.

BOBBIE PHILBEE, Millbrook Township Clerk.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MILLBROOK TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of MILLBROOK, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the home of BOBBIE PHILBEE, Millbrook Township Clerk, located at 21512 North Washington Street, in Laura, Illinois, from and after the 9th day of March, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P. M., the 9th day of April, 2024, at the MILLBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER, in Laura, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the Public Hearing. DATED this 27th day of February, 2024.

BOBBIE PHILBEE, Millbrook Township Clerk.

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

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

Vs. Frank S. Robinson; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS

No. 2024-FC-0000003

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Frank S. Robinson Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

9333 S Powell Rd

Peoria, IL 61607

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Frank S. Robinson the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2016005425; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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

By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on 3/28/24 at 1:30 pm at the Peoria County Courthouse located at 324 Main Street, Room 204, Peoria, IL 61602.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person meetings within the courthouse are being limited. Therefore, you are being asked to meet with our mediation coordinator via ZOOM telephone or video conference. To participate by phone, call (312) 626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID 593-480-2333. To participate by video, go to www.zoom.us, select "Join a Meeting" and use the Meeting ID 593-480-2333. The password is "Courthouse". If you have any problems joining the Zoom meeting, please contact Court Administration at (309) 672-6036.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the

Office of the Clerk of this Court, Robert M. Spears Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Room G-22 Peoria, IL 61602

on or before March 25, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff

15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

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Our File No. 14-23-07682

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff,

-v.-

THOMAS MURFIN Defendant

2022 FC 0000119

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 27, 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 below, the following described real estate:

LOT 10 IN LAKELAND, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "V", PAGE 76, EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 337 N LAKESHORE DR, HANNA CITY, IL 61536

Property Index No. 16-11-176-006

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BRIMFIELD-MILLBROOK MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the BRIMFIELD-MILLBROOK MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the home of BOBBIE PHILBEE, Multi-Township Assessment Clerk, who resides at 21512 North Washington Street, Laura, Illinois, from and after 9:00 A. M., the 9th day of March, 2024.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:00 P.M., on the 9th day of April, 2024, at the BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP BUILDING, located on South Adams Street, in Brimfield, Illinois, in this Multi-Township Assessment District and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Multi-Township Board of Trustees, at the Meeting to be held following the Hearing.

DATED this 27th day of February, 2024.

BOBBIE PHILBEE, Clerk, Brimfield-Millbrook Multi-Township Assessment District.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON JUBILEE TOWNSHIP BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of JUBILEE, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the Home of ROBIN A. FORNEY, Jubilee Township Clerk, who resides at 15903 W. Brimfield-Jubilee Rd., Brimfield, Jubilee Township, Peoria County, Illinois, from and after the 8th day of March, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:45 P. M., the 8th day of April, 2024, at the JUBILEE TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 12807 N. Princeville-Jubilee Rd. in Jubilee Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held following the Hearing.

DATED this 27th day of February, 2024.

ROBIN A. FORNEY, Jubilee Township Clerk.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AKRON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Road Purposes of the Township of Akron, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025 will be on file and conveniently available to the public inspection after 6:00 O'clock P.M. weekdays at the home of Samuel Martin, Akron Township Clerk, who resides at 18004 North Rice Road, Princeville, Illinois, from and after the 9th day of March, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a Public Hearing on the said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 O'clock P.M., on the 9th of April, 2024 at the Akron Princeville Ambulance Building located in Princeville, Akron Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and that final action of this Ordinance will be therefore taken at a meeting of the Board of Township Trustees to be held following the Hearing.

DATED this 1st day of March, 2024.

Samuel H. Martin Akron Township Clerk.

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The judgment amount was \$168,256.85.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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

minium 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 22-032127. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

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

CHAD LEWIS ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810 CHICAGO IL, 60601 561-241-6901 E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM

NOTICE OF LETTING FOR CEMETERY MOWING CONTRACT

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES are accepting sealed bids for mowing, cleaning, and maintaining the ELMWOOD, LEHIGH, SOUTHPORT, and WATKINS CEMETERIES' grounds including all undeveloped land in the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP Cemeteries, for the period commencing on April 1, 2024 and concluding on March 31, 2027. The contractor shall furnish all equipment, labor, and fuel necessary to mow and maintain the cemeteries, shall carry Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance and shall be responsible for removing all waste and debris from the cemeteries. The bids shall be submitted for all cemeteries for the entire term of the contract. The Bid Form and a copy of the Contract, which the successful bidder will be required to enter into, may be obtained by contacting Bob Cafferty at Telephone No. (309) 232-4747.

Anyone interested in submitting a bid for such Contract shall submit his or her written, sealed bid on or before 5:00 O'Clock PM, Thursday, March 21, 2024, to the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP OFFICE, P.O. Box 96, Elmwood, Illinois 61529.

The sealed bids will be opened at a Public Bid opening and the contents will be announced at a Public Meeting of the Cemetery Trustees to be held at 9:00 O'Clock A.M., on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP OFFICE, 111 West Main Street, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529. The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

CONNIE DAVIS Elmwood Township Supervisor

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON JUBILEE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of JUBILEE, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection, from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P.M., weekdays, at the Home of ROBIN A. FORNEY, Jubilee Town Clerk, who resides at 15903 W. Brimfield-Jubilee Rd., Brimfield, Illinois, from and after the 8th day of March, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 P. M., the 8th day of April, 2024, in the JUBILEE TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 12807 N. Princeville-Jubilee Rd. in Jubilee Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the Public Hearing.

DATED this 27th day of February, 2024.

ROBIN A. FORNEY, Jubilee Township Clerk.

Published 3/7/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AKRON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Akron, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025 will be on file and conveniently available to the public inspection after 6:00 O'clock P.M. weekdays at the home of Samuel Martin, Akron Township Clerk, who resides at 18004 North Rice Road, Princeville, Illinois, from and after the 9th day of March, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a Public Hearing on the said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 O'clock P. M., the 9th of April, 2024 in the Akron Princeville Ambulance Building located in Princeville, Akron Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and that final action will be taken by the Board of Township Trustees at a meeting to be held following the hearing.

DATED this 1st day of March, 2024.

Samuel H. Martin Akron Township Clerk.

Published 3/7/24

Attorney File No. 22-032127 Attorney ARDC No. 6306439 Case Number: 2022 FC 0000119 TJSC#: 44-329

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

Case # 2022 FC 0000119 I3239018 Published 2/29, 3/7, 3/14/24

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR RBSGC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-B, PLAINTIFF, VS.

EDEM A/K/A EDEM O EDEM; EME P EKONG; UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS TO CRISS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2023-FC-0000026 419 WEST COLUMBIA TERRACE PEORIA, IL 61606

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 January 3, 2024, Sheriff of Peoria County will on April 8, 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:

Unit 2 and Units G-1 and G-2 in Criss Condominium, as delineated on the survey thereof recorded on October 31, 2006, as Document No. 06-35743, in Book 10, Page 76, of Lots 17, 18, and 19 in Lindsay's Subdivision of Block No. 4 Armstrong's Addition to Peoria of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 8 North, Range 8 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian situated in the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, together with an undivided percentage interest in the common elements as shown on the survey and as included in the Declaration of Condo-

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**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

Following is the financial report of the Treasurer of the Williamsfield Fire Protection District, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023.

Balance on hand as of May 1, 2022	
Ambulance Account	\$201,201.58
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Corn Belt Energy (Capital Credit)	211.56
Interest	522.39
Knox County Real Estate Taxes	207,650.34
Peoria County Real Estate Taxes	9,759.95
Miscellaneous (reimbursements)	32.99
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$218,177.23</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Bank of Farmington	80,000.00
BYE Ambulance Service	70,400.00
Central Butane	3,106.00
Corn Belt Energy	3,989.57
Emergency Medical Products	9,028.01
Galesburg Hospitals Ambulance Service	8,100.00
McKesson Medical Surgical	2,866.64
Mechanical Service Inc.	2,637.22
Miscellaneous (under \$2,500)	8,964.40
Williamsfield EMS personnel	20,520.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$209,611.84</b>
Balance on Hand April 30, 2023	\$209,766.97

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Following is the financial report of the Treasurer of the Williamsfield Fire Protection District, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023.

Balance on hand as of May 1, 2022	
Fire Department Account	\$260,220.95
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Interest	722.70
Knox County Real Estate Taxes	258,101.51
Misc. (refunds, reimbursements, rentals)	850.77
Municipal League (Foreign Fire Tax)	4,590.82
Peoria County Real Estate Taxes	11,705.22
State of Illinois Personal Property Replacement Tax	17,733.90
U.S. Treasury	980.26
VFIS Insurance Claim	3,023.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$297,708.18</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Accident Fund Insurance Company of America	6,890.60
Alexis Fire Equipment	28,352.90
Ameren Illinois	9,100.62
Blucker, Kneer & Associates	3,485.00
Dinges Fire Company	33,003.35
Internal Revenue Service/U.S. Treasury	8,317.69
Lusk Fire and Safety	2,582.03
Michigan Rescue Concepts	4,559.95
Mid Century Communications	2,533.68
Morton Buildings	3,273.00
Municipal Energy Service	6,046.50
People's National Bank	98,000.00
Sandry Fire Supply	2,763.58
Stevens-Campbell Insurance Agency	29,568.00
West Central FS	4,014.76
Miscellaneous (under 2,500)	20,638.90
Williamsfield Fire Protection District personnel	29,135.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>292,265.56</b>
Balance on Hand April 30, 2023	\$265,663.57

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PERSIFER TOWNSHIP BUDGET**

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of PERSIFER, in the County of Knox, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the home of ANN COLLOPY, Persifer Town Clerk, who resides at 1636 Knox 1550 Rd N, Dahinda, Illinois 61428, from and after the 9th day of March, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 6:15 P. M., the 9th day of April, 2024, at the PERSIFER TOWN HALL, located at the corner of U. S. Route 150 and the Dahinda Road CH No. 15, in Persifer Township, Knox County, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held following the Hearing.

DATED this 28th day of February, 2024.

ANN COLLOPY,  
Persifer Township Clerk.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PERSIFER TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET**

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of PERSIFER, in the County of Knox, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024, and ending March 31, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the home of ANN COLLOPY, the Persifer Town Clerk, who resides at 1636 Knox 1550 Rd N, Dahinda, Illinois 61428, from and after the 9th day of March, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 6:00 P. M., the 9th day of April, 2024, at the PERSIFER TOWN HALL, located at the corner of U. S. Route 150 and the Dahinda Road CH No. 15, in Persifer Township, Knox County, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the Public Hearing.

DATED this 28th day of February, 2024.

ANN COLLOPY,  
Persifer Township Clerk.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRINCEVILLE TOWNSHIP BUDGET**

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of PRINCEVILLE, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. weekdays, at the home of MARLYS ELY, Princeville Town Clerk, who resides at 16609 Mendenhall Road, Princeville, Illinois, from and after the 9th day of March, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:15 P. M., the 9th day of April, 2024, in the PRINCEVILLE TOWNSHIP BUILDING, located in Monica, Princeville Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be held following the Hearing.

DATED this 1st day of March, 2024.

MARLYS ELY,  
Princeville Township Clerk.

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minium recorded on October 31, 2006 as Document No. 06-35745. TAX NO. 18-04-157-007 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 419 West Columbia Terrace Peoria, IL 61606 Description of Improvements: The property is a three unit apartment, two story The Judgment amount was \$88,526.50.

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.mrpllc.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# 22-124631L

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.

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

BANKUNITED N.A. Plaintiff, -v- QUINN P. CANTY, VERONICA J. CANTY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

2023 FC 0000169

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 11, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 1, 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 below, the following described real estate:

LOT NINE (9) AND EIGHTY-FOUR (84) FEET OF EVEN WIDTH OFF OF THE NORTH SIDE OF LOT EIGHT (8) IN HANNA SZOLD SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWELVE (12), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH, RANGE SEVEN (7) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL

MERIDIAN, SITUATE. LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA. COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS;

EXCEPT COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT EIGHT (8), THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF LOT EIGHT (8) 4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE (175) FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, THENCE SOUTH EIGHTY (80) FEET, THENCE EAST ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE (175) FEET TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, THENCE NORTH EIGHTY (80) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THE SAME BEING A PART OF LOT EIGHT (8) IN HANNA SZOLD SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWELVE (12), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH, RANGE SEVEN (7) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Commonly known as 430 SOUTH HILLSDALE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61604

Property Index No. 17-12-378-0003

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$80,170.62.

Sale terms: 100% of the bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The certified check must be made payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. 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 common 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).

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# HOOPS: All-Prairieland teams named

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sonier Keauntrey Barnes. Marfell, Weaver and Williams also were first-teamers.

Doe, Durst, Johnson and Nims were second-team selections. So were Farmington sophomore Jack Gronewold and Lewistown senior Aidan Reed.

**Prairieland girls** – Among first-team Prairieland North selections reported Monday were Mae Herman of Elmwood and Ava Heinz and Olivia Kappes from league-champion Brimfield.

Also on the first team were Emily Dana of Peoria Heights, Kayleigh Harr of North Fulton and Landry Smith of Lewistown.

Lauren Rushing of Elmwood and CJ Troxell of Brimfield were among sec-

ond-team picks. Also honored were Olivia Miller of North Fulton, Janessa Wallace of Peoria Heights and three Lewistown players – Lexi Kruzan, Joley McLaughlin and Abby Wiegand.

Ava Simpson of Brimfield was one of three honorable-mention selections. The others were Anna Foster of Peoria Heights and Grace Yaste of North Fulton.

**Stat leaders** – Tucker Sennett led the Princeville boys basketball team in scoring this season, but not by much.

Sennett, a junior, averaged 10.9 points per game for Princeville, which among area teams advanced the furthest in the state tournament.

Senior teammate Tay-

shaun Kieser averaged 10.8 points for the Princes, who lost in the Class 1A Brimfield Regional finals.

Kieser also averaged a team-high 5.6 rebounds and 4.1 assists. Senior Josh Hunt averaged 5.2 rebounds.

Nims averaged 8.7 points for Elmwood, and teammate Jackson Magee averaged 8.3 points and 5.3 rebounds.

A sophomore, Doe averaged 11.4 points and a team-high 5.4 rebounds for Brimfield. He sustained a knee injury during the Indians' season finale, a loss to Midland in the regional opener.

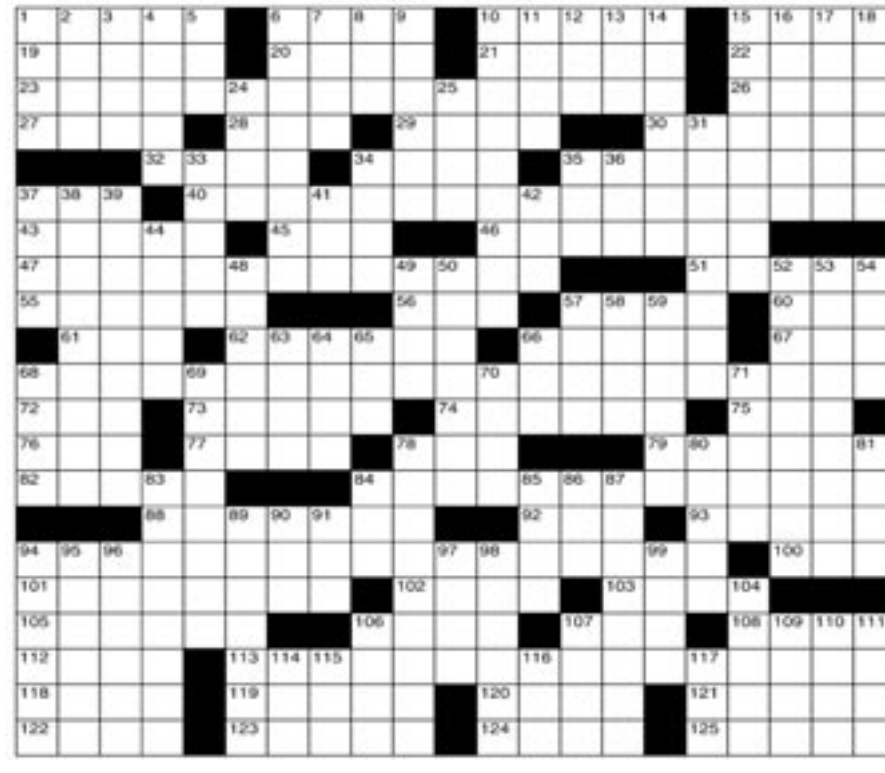
But Doe received good news following a medical examination Monday. Doe was diagnosed with Grade 2 tears in two knee ligaments that probably will not require surgery, according to Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson. Rehabilitation is expected to take six to 10 weeks.

**State hoops** – The Illini Bluffs girls finished second in Class 1A, losing to Okawville in the title game, 48-36. IB beat Altamont in the semifinals, 60-48.

The IB boys lost to Winchester West Central Monday night, 46-42, in the Jacksonville Supersectional.

## Answers on Page 14 Super Crossword ADDITIVE-FREE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not suitable
  - 6 "Sorry to intrude ..."
  - 10 Capricious ideas
  - 15 Cartoonist Adams, informally
  - 19 Payments to the IRS
  - 20 Oscar winner Robert De —
  - 21 Capital of Vietnam
  - 22 Sword handle
  - 23 Fifth Avenue skyscraper
  - 26 Other, in Acapulco
  - 27 Identity hider
  - 28 Altitudes: Abbr.
  - 29 — C (PC copy command)
  - 30 What a groom may toss
  - 32 "Uh-huh"
  - 34 Pioneer Boone, informally
  - 35 Orthodox Jewish movement
  - 37 Rapper —
  - 40 Technique for viewing a slow process quickly
  - 43 Cattle farm
  - 45 Prefix with nourished
  - 46 In a daze
  - 47 First first lady of the U.S.
  - 51 Gets close to
  - 55 Sesame seed paste
  - 56 Pucksters' org. with the Calder Cup
  - 57 Newspaper think piece
  - 60 Born as
  - 61 Toon sheet
  - 62 Hedy of "Ecstasy"
  - 66 Rome's — Fountain
  - 67 Dollar bill
  - 68 Advance inquiry into a crime, e.g.
  - 72 Israeli city close to Ben Gurion Airport
  - 73 Big name in life insurance
  - 74 Decrease
  - 75 Doc for the neck up
  - 76 D-H linkup
  - 77 FDR or HST
  - 78 Former "idol" judge
  - 79 Bob of play-by-play
  - 82 Wofled down
  - 84 Launching of people into orbit
  - 88 Insurance payment
  - 92 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper
  - 93 Was overlong
  - 94 Dual-focus course about bodily structures
  - 100 Some kitchen appliances, for short
  - 101 From a northwest Italian port
  - 102 Certain South African
  - 103 Arena level
  - 105 "Hallelujah Chorus" composer
  - 106 Rough — wood
  - 107 City vehicle
  - 108 Gas brand
  - 112 Water, in Acapulco
  - 113 What love is, per a Four Aces #1 tune, with "a"
  - 118 Crate piece
  - 119 Capital of South Korea
  - 120 Actress Best
  - 121 Really mad
  - 122 The "T" of 66-Down
  - 123 Day divisions
  - 124 Bargain
  - 125 Restaurant notice that's applicable to this puzzle's seven longest answers?
- DOWN**
- 1 Bit of news
  - 2 Wine valley
  - 3 Allies' rival
  - 4 Sprightly
  - 5 Mao — sung
  - 6 Object of hate
  - 7 Thwacks
  - 8 Before
  - 9 Woman's quaint headpiece
  - 10 Jacuzzi, e.g.
  - 11 Recital venue
  - 12 Not Rep. or Dem.
  - 13 Mimi's "me"
  - 14 Celebrates with a tune
  - 15 Animal with a backbone
  - 16 Relative of a shout-out
  - 17 Anew
  - 18 Tempestuous
  - 24 Spicy cuisine
  - 25 — Reader (magazine)
  - 31 Career based in New Delhi
  - 33 Hawke of film
  - 34 Salvador of surreal art
  - 35 Spicy
  - 36 From — Z
  - 37 Sig Nu, e.g.
  - 38 Video game tomb raider
  - 39 Teetering
  - 41 — di-dah
  - 42 Attila follower
  - 44 Refrigerate
  - 48 More artful
  - 49 — a soul
  - 50 "— in Manila" (Al-Frazier fight)
  - 52 Consecrating
  - 53 Nevada airport
  - 54 In view
  - 57 Mining finds
  - 58 Sampras of the court
  - 59 Show plainly
  - 63 Poker cost
  - 64 Supplies with personnel
  - 65 Coach Parseghian
  - 66 LG or RCA products
  - 68 Petition
  - 69 "Thumbs-up"
  - 70 Gas in signs
  - 71 Gasless car
  - 78 Tipoffs in hoops, e.g.
  - 80 Christie's "A Pocket Full —"
  - 81 Depots: Abbr.
  - 83 Not old-fashioned since 1965
  - 84 Cabinet dept. since 1965
  - 85 Twosome
  - 86 Abbr. on military mail
  - 87 Societal
  - 89 It might have mascara on it
  - 90 Pas' mates
  - 91 Opal ending
  - 94 Horon-struck
  - 95 All-Star pitcher Denny
  - 96 Yearly
  - 97 Gordie of hockey
  - 98 Iched (for)
  - 99 Seine feeder
  - 104 Tremly again
  - 105 Stimulate
  - 107 — tide
  - 109 Phony
  - 110 Creates a lap
  - 111 Blood type, for short
  - 114 Prefix with pagan
  - 115 Part of TTYL
  - 116 HST follower
  - 117 Loud noise



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by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆  
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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**FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14**

### CryptoQuote

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

MBFLPKMLTMDK MZ L FSBFSOZ  
ILBN USP MIWUUNPNRN.  
HEMRE MZ LI NTNQLIK ILBN  
USP MQISPLRN.  
— Q.J. RENZKNPKSI

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## Trivia test

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which large U.S. city is nicknamed Rip City?
  - MOVIES: Which movie features the quote, "She doesn't even go here!"
  - GEOGRAPHY: Which national capital city is the northernmost in the world?
  - TELEVISION: Which long-running sitcom features a dad named Phil Dunphy?
  - GAMES: In chess, how many knights does each player have at the beginning?
  - GEOLOGY: What natural phenomenon is associated with igneous rock?
  - LANGUAGE: How many official languages are in the United Nations?
  - MUSIC: David Grohl was a drummer in which band before he became the frontman for the Foo Fighters?
  - ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of alligators called?
  - FOOD & DRINK: What kind of meat is used in Hasenpfeffer, a traditional German stew?
- Answers
- Portland, Oregon.
  - "Mean Girls."
  - Reykjavik, Iceland.
  - "Modern Family."
  - Two.
  - Volcanic eruption.
  - Six.
  - Nirvana.
  - A congregation.
  - Rabbit.
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## TOP 10 MOVIES

- Bob Marley: One Love (PG-13)
  - Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba - To the Hashira Training (R)
  - Ordinary Angels (PG)
  - Madame Web (PG-13)
  - Migration (PG)
  - Argyle (PG-13)
  - Wonka (PG)
  - Drive-Away Dolls (R)
  - The Beekeeper (R)
  - The Chosen: S4.E4 (NR)
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# HOLLIS: Desire to coach came out of nowhere as a student at Bradley

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wards would come from a career in marketing. That was his initial academic major after he graduated in 1992 from Naperville Central High School.

Hollis played offensive guard and defensive end for legendary Naperville Central Coach Joe Bunge, a Hall of Famer. But Hollis figured once he left for football-less Bradley, that was the end of his gridiron association.

Not so fast.  
“For some reason, the second semester freshman year, I was living at the fraternity house and thought, ‘Man, I think I want to coach football,’” Hollis said.

“I asked a guy who lived across the hall from me, ‘I want to coach. Where should I go?’ He said, ‘If you want to coach football around here, you’ve got

to go to Richwoods.’ You talk about a greenhorn,” Hollis said about himself.

The green and white of Richwoods soon became Hollis’ usual Friday-night attire in the fall. Hollis telephoned yet another legendary Hall of Famer, Richwoods Coach Rod Butler. He knew Bunge, so Butler decided to give Hollis a chance as a volunteer wide receivers coach.

Given the success Richwoods football had around that era – including state titles in 1984 and 1988 – Hollis found a good place to learn. Among his de facto instructors were Richwoods assistants Bob Easter, Doug Simper and Roland Brown, now the Stark County athletics director.

“I was smart enough to shut my mouth,” Hollis said. “I didn’t

know I was going to do this for a living, but I just went and watched and listened and got an itch.”

Hollis scratched it by changing his BU major to chemistry, something he could teach at the high school level (and still does). Even then, there was another temptation. Caterpillar Inc. offered to put Hollis through graduate school and give him a job, presumably, once he was finished.

“Working in the lab, I realized that wasn’t what I wanted,” he said. “I wanted to be a teacher, and I wanted to coach.”

Upon graduation in 1997 from Bradley, Hollis landed a teaching job at Elmwood and joined Mike Schmitz’s football-coaching staff. Two years later, after Schmitz retired from coaching,

Hollis received the call he’s still answering.

He’s had plenty of long-term help. Assistant coach Mike Dutton pre-dates Hollis at Elmwood. Fellow assistants Tommy Bowers, Brad Crisco and Mike Walker have been on Hollis’ staff for years. Another assistant, Brandon Butler, played for Hollis.

“Some of what we all have done together is kind of a culmination of what that award is,” said Crisco, a former head coach whom Hollis credited as the Blackout mastermind.

“He certainly cares about the boys. That’s probably No. 1,” Crisco said. “He’s more concerned with the boys than he really is the wins and losses and the X’s and O’s.”

Regarding Hollis’ off-field pri-

orities, Vallas concurred.

“You think about the Blackout stuff and all those things,” he said. “We all would love to leave a mark like that at some point, right?”

Although he’s from the big city, Hollis certainly has left his mark on the small town in which he, wife Anne and their four children have made their home. When retirement comes, probably in about seven years, Hollis would like to assist younger football coaches and impart advice, if they want it.

Kind of like the guy who lived across the hall from Hollis at that Bradley frat house all those years ago, perhaps.

“We couldn’t have done what we did if a bunch of things didn’t come together and I didn’t get a chance,” Hollis said

## Hollis taps 5 Trojans teams ‘that stick out’

By **TODD HOLLIS**  
For The Weekly Post

First, a note to all players who have come through Elmwood-Brimfield Trojans football over the last 25 years. Being asked to identify just five teams is one of those things that is really difficult to do.

Inevitably, I’ve left some of you out, and for that I am sorry. I decided the easiest thing to do was to just go with the ones that popped in my head.

So here’s my list of five teams that stick out in my memories.

• **2003** – We stayed healthy and won our first conference championship and set a program record for wins (8-2). This team set a tone that would permeate the program: Work hard and have fun.

The parade of cars that followed us back from South Fulton, Week 9, was amazing. I still have that video.

• **2004** – We lost to PORTA on a last-second field goal during the regular season on a soggy, potato-patch field. An 8-1



Coaching both his sons, Noah and Caleb, to playoff berths when they were seniors made special memories for Todd Hollis.

record tied us for the conference championship. A big first-round victory had us traveling to PORTA for a rematch in the second round on a beautiful fall playoff Saturday.

The Bluejays didn’t cross midfield in the first half, and early in the third quarter it was 40-0 Trojans and the clock was running.

We bowed out to state runner-up Bureau Valley in the quarterfinals, probably the highest-attended game in L. Richard Whitney Athletic Field history.

• **2010** – After a tough 2009 season (1-8), this group approached the next year living out what team captain Brett Johnson had told his mom in the offseason: “I just want football to be fun.”

And it was. A trip to the playoffs and a 6-4 record set the table for the next several years.

• **2011-12** – In compiling a combined record of 20-2 over two seasons, these teams were relentless. We were tops in the area offensively and defensively both years. Practices were fun but intense. Friendships were forged that will last a lifetime.

There were times the coaching staff realized we needed to just get out of the way and let these guys

go. They were professional in their approach, took care of each other and their business and showed up every day.

• **2021-22** – I picked these two selfishly because I had the chance to coach Noah and Caleb Hollis, and both of my sons had the good fortune of qualifying for the playoffs as seniors.

Also, I watched so many of the guys on these teams grow up and even coached, or coached against them, in Little League.

Our home was open to these teams for Sunday films and pizza, and the laughter from our basement filled with joy the hearts of my wife, Anne, and me. This was a dream for any coach.

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## Hollis headed to hall

Picked for IHSFCA  
Hall of Fame

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – For someone who aspired to become a football coach while attending a college that didn't have a football team, Todd Hollis has done all right.

Later this month, the 25-season Elmwood-Brimfield coach is to reach a pinnacle of his profession, at least on an individual level. Hollis is one of 15 current and former coaches in the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame induction class for 2024.

They and Hollis are to be feted March 23 at the I Hotel and Illinois Conference Center in Champaign. Hollis is among nine active coaches to be



Todd Hollis has compiled an overall record of 150-95 at Elmwood in 25 seasons, with 17 of those including appearances in the state football playoffs. On March 23, Hollis will be inducted into the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

inducted.

Hollis' overall record at E-B is 150-95, with 17 appearances in the state playoffs. Before Hollis took over, losing records and winless seasons were far more typical in Elmwood. The success has impressed one of Hollis' friends and rivals, Farmington Coach Toby Vallas.

"The main thing I look at is where was that program when he started and where did he get it to," Vallas said. "He's defi-

nately done some work there."

Aside from wins and losses, Hollis helped launch the annual E-B "Blackout" game, an event that has spread to other schools and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Easter Seals. Hollis and his coaching staff also stress to their players the importance of becoming good citizens in adulthood.

"You kind of know the guys doing the selection

are guys who have been around a long, long time," Hollis said. "They're being pretty picky with who they select. So I guess (because) it's a group of your peers who decided you're doing a good job at the job you're doing is rewarding personally."

More than 30 years ago, when he was a freshman at Bradley University in Peoria, Hollis might have believed his future re-

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## Postseason honors

Prairieland, ICAC name all-conference

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

Brimfield and Elmwood had three players each on the 2023-24 ICAC all-conference boys basketball team, and ROWVA-Williamsfield had two.

Area representatives on the ICAC first team released Sunday night were Brimfield senior Drew Kieser and R-W senior Riley Danner. Kieser averaged 16.6 points per game to lead Brimfield, and Danner averaged 16.6 points, 13.7 rebounds and 2.8 blocked shots for R-W.

The second team included junior Bo Windish, who averaged 9.5 points and six rebounds to lead Elmwood. Brimfield sophomore Connor Doe and R-W senior Lewis Sams also were second-teamers.

Elmwood seniors Layne Durst and Sirius Nims were honorable-mention picks. So was Brimfield junior Brady Johnson, who missed the first part of the season because of injury but still averaged 9.7

points and 4.1 rebounds.

The other ICAC first-teamers were senior Hank Alvey and junior Devon White from league-champion Illini Bluffs, Delavan senior Cooper Hansen, Peoria Christian junior Malachi Persinger, North Fulton senior Jace Weaver and Peoria Heights senior Camron Williams.

Second-teamers included Delavan senior Micah Brockhouse, Illini Bluffs junior Toby Cooper and senior Wyatt Hendel, Heights junior Barrett Marfell and Peoria Christian junior Gavin Walder. Peoria Christian sophomore Trae Brickner and Delavan senior Alex Seaton were honorable-mention selections.

**Prairieland boys** – Brimfield and league-champion Elmwood each had three overall Prairieland North honorees on the teams released Monday.

Kieser and Windish were unanimous first-team picks, as was Farmington

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