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## Giving back

Hostetler views YC village presidency as chance to help his community

By **MOLLY RICHESON**  
 For The Weekly Post

YATES CITY – Mark Hostetler is always looking for ways to give back to the community and thinks he may have found his latest form of repayment by serving as president of the village board.

A transplant from Houston, Texas, who has lived in Yates City since 2013, Hostetler recently took over as village president from Ken Vallas. Vallas moved out of the village limits and had to step down. Hostetler ran his first meeting earlier in June.

His wife, Susan, is a Farmington native and they have two children: a daughter, Julia, 18, and a

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Hostetler

## DANCING IN THE HEAT



*Even 95-degree temperatures did not stop Native America dancers and drummers from performing at last Saturday's Dahinda Days gathering. The second annual event was held at the Dahinda General Store in view of the Spoon River. The site of the recent gathering is not far from where – according to local lore – Native Americans frequently camped years ago. One participant at Dahinda Days dressed up in a bear hide for his dance (at right) and was able to continue despite the heat.*



*Photos by Robert Haugland.*

## Firework inflation

Elmwood July 4 show now costs \$9,000

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
 For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Inflation has made things tough all over and the fireworks industry is not immune.

Les Atwood of Elmwood helps run the annual July 4 fireworks show at Sweetwater Park in Elmwood and said the price of fireworks has nearly tripled compared to pre-Covid prices.

Atwood said a 40-foot container of fireworks from Japan that once cost \$11,000 now fetches \$30,000.

Given that, Atwood said he feels fortunate that about 50 donors – municipalities, businesses and individuals – support the \$9,000 Elmwood-Yates City-Farmington show.

This year's fireworks show will be July 4 at dusk, with a rain date of

**Inside**

- Greater Peoria YMCA to run after-school program in Princeville. **Page 7**
- Princeville celebrates Heritage Days today through Saturday. **Page 11**

## Brimfield board hires Sams as new varsity baseball coach

By **NICK VLAHOS**  
 For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Despite never being a high school varsity head coach in a game, James Sams is to embark on his second such job.

During its meeting June 20, the Brimfield School Board approved Sams to be the new head coach of the Brimfield-Elmwood varsity baseball team. He is the third B-E baseball coach in as many seasons. Brimfield Athletics Director Kevin Kreiter coached the 2024 team after

Brandon Porter was not retained. Sams also was hired as a Brimfield physical-education teacher and junior-varsity boys basketball coach. He was a PE teacher at Oneida-based ROWVA. Following the 2023-24 season, Sams was hired as the ROWVA-Williamsfield girls basketball coach, his first varsity top job.



Sams

Of three B-E candidates, Sams was the consensus pick, according to Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones. The superintendent also said Kreiter offered to help when Porter was not rehired.

“I think the idea was for him to always just kind of do it in the short term, not the long term,” Jones said of Kreiter. “He’s close to retirement, so it was more of an ‘I would like to do it this year,’ but it wasn’t a long-term solution.”

B-E was 22-3 in Kreiter’s only season, which ended with a loss

in the Class 2A regional semifinals.

Last month, Porter became baseball coach at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg. He still teaches at Brimfield, but no longer in physical education. Porter will teach driver’s education and health.

Porter’s new assignment is not related to his new employment at Sandburg, Jones said. The switch enables Brimfield to offer driver’s ed during the school day instead of on nights and weekends, as had been district custom.

It also allows for a coach to teach physical education.

“We had a lot of people that were interested the previous year, but nobody that could be a teacher for us, because we didn’t have a teaching job,” Jones said about the baseball position.

“In the spring, with all the bad weather and so many changes with practices and games, we really thought having somebody in our building would be the best situation.”

Williamsfield Athletic Director  
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# BRIMFIELD: High school pipes to be replaced

*Continued from Page 1*  
Jeff Hannam is serving as interim R-W girls basketball coach, according to Williamsfield Superintendent Tim Farquer. He is leaving his job June 30 and didn't know if a new search will take place.

The Brimfield board also approved hiring Tyler Baysingar as high school junior-varsity baseball coach, Austin Sims as high school varsity assistant coach and Nick Unes as grade-school head coach and high school junior-varsity assistant coach.

"We've got four guys next year for the high school that we're pretty

confident are going to be good coaches for us," Jones said.

Among other business, the board:

- Authorized a \$479,000 deal with Peoria Metro Construction to renovate the Brimfield Grade School offices.

- Approved a \$78,880 bid from Warner Mechanical of Edwards for water-pipe removal and replacement at the high school.

- OK'd a \$24,500 contract with Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc., of East Peoria for development help regarding a new athletic-complex parking lot and access drives.

- Approved a one-year deal with Alpha Baking Co., Inc., of Chicago to provide bread, hamburger buns, hot dog buns and dinner rolls.

- Agreed to spend no more than \$50,000 with Bob Lindsay Honda of Peoria for a new minivan.

- OK'd a \$26,167 contract with Central States Bus Sales, Inc., of Oswego to install air conditioning for two school buses.

Regarding personnel, the board:

- Authorized hiring Maureen Baumgarten as a grade-school special education teacher, Deb Fisher as a grade-school art teacher, Lindsay Gilles and Susan Osborne as grade-school special-ed parapro-

fessionals and Nathan Kruswyk as a grade-school math teacher.

- Approved a one-year contract renewal for Matt Cox as transportation director, at a salary of \$76,570.

- Authorized a one-year contract renewal for Jamie Henson as technology coordinator, at a salary of \$84,225.

- OK'd a two-year contract renewal for Holly Johnson as school treasurer, a part-time job. Her pay is to be \$2,500 for 2024-25 and \$3,000 for 2025-26.

- Amended Jones' contract to allow the superintendent to exchange up to five unused vacation days annually for payment.

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**This Week's Hot Picks**

- **Heritage Days** – Princeville's Heritage Days festival is today through Saturday, June 27-29 at Stevens Square Park. Parade is Saturday, June 29, at 3 p.m. Dean Troutman is grand marshal. Beer tent and live music June 28-29.
- **Fireworks** – Elmwood-Yates City-Farmington fireworks show will be July 4 at Sweetwater Park in Elmwood at dusk. Rain day is July 5 or next clear day.
- **Farmington Fourth** – July 4 festivities in Farmington include a 10:30 a.m. parade to Reed Park, where activities run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and include live music, food and inflatables.

**This Week's Events**

- **Ice Cream Social** – Brimfield American Legion Auxiliary has an ice-cream-social open house today, June 27, 6-8 p.m.
- **Manna Meal** – Manna Meal held today, June 27, at Elmwood United Methodist Church. Spaghetti, chicken alfredo, garlic bread, green beans, salads and dessert. \$8. Bring table service.
- **Story Time** – The book "There's a Bee in My Bonnet!" is the focus of story time today, June 27, at 6 p.m. at Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood.
- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo the second and fourth Thursday each month at 2 p.m., including today, June 27. – Williamsfield American Legion Post 0371 has bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., including July 11.
- **Farmer's Markets** – Elmwood's Farmer's Market is Friday, June 28, in Central Park from 4-6:30 p.m.

- Village of Brimfield farmer's market every Thursday from May-September, 5-8 p.m. at Mercantile Seventeen.

• **Band Concert** – Elmwood Municipal Band has a concert Sunday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. at Central Park. Concerts conclude Aug. 4.

• **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.

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- **Info Meeting** – Informational meeting about the Community Wellness Center in Elmwood is set for July 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Elmwood High School.

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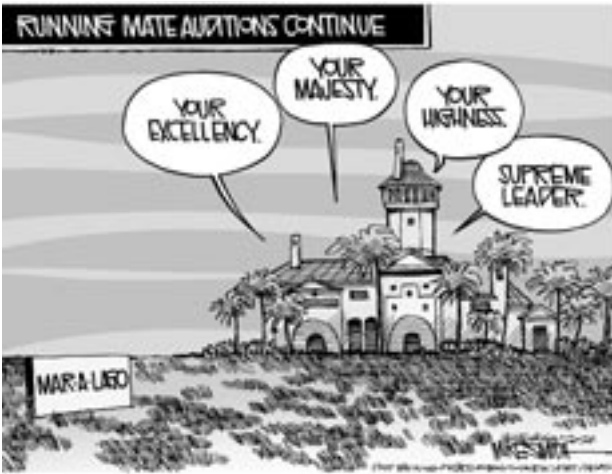
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## SCATTERSHOTS



### Of Kickapoo baseball, Dunlap water & the lottery

Rambling through central Illinois, trying to decide if I miss attending baseball games five nights a week.

Though they almost always fielded strong teams and were arch rivals, there was no better place to coach or play a youth baseball game than Kickapoo.

The setting of that main diamond is perfect. Food and drink readily available nearby. Trees. Lights. A big backstop. And just



Jeff LAMPE

an overall sense of excitement you don't feel at every ball diamond.

One of my favorite evenings there was during a fundraising event that included a live band and beer tent. Our team was playing on the smaller diamond near St. Mary's and it was hard to keep the kids focused on the game instead of all that was going on - or to keep the beer-drinking well-wishers out of the dugout.

All of that's a long-winded way of saying thanks to the late **Bernie Gilles** and others like him who built Kickapoo into the baseball mecca it is today. Gilles passed away on June 17 and, in his honor, the flag at the ball diamond flew at half mast and the lights shined bright during his June 19 visitation.

Having the lights on was fitting according to **Mike Hanley**, who played for Gilles and said, "Bernie was the one that really got the lights going. He was a great guy."

Many others concur and tributes to Bernie were flowing, including **John Thompson** posting the picture above showing Gilles and a team he coached in 1959. As staffer **Shelly Brodine** noted, it looks like a promo for the 1993 movie "The Sandlot."

Over the past few years, we've occasionally heard from neighboring communities seeking coverage. One such place is Dunlap, where Mayor **Jack Esterdahl** has inquired more



Pictured is Kickapoo's 1959 Little League Team 2. Pictured are, Front Row (left to right) - Greg Gilles, Tom Weizerl, Munton, T.D. Gilles, Joe Staes, Denny Gavin, Steve Stenger and Nicky Schaub. Back Row (l to r) - Tom Stenger, Randy Heinz, Joe Graham, Tony Schaub, Dave Ashley, Coach Bernie Gilles, Dave Heinz, Ricky Frye, Dave Stenger and Larry Kelch.

than once about possible expansion. As a younger man, Esterdahl's flattering request would have been tempting. Not now. So why mention this?

Well there's often interesting news out of neighboring municipalities, including the recent matter of the Village of Dunlap's new \$2.4 million water tower. A group called the 2024 Legacy Water Tower Committee put together a presentation for what it wants the new water tower to look like. The committee favored a sky blue tower with a white stripe around the middle and "DUNLAP" in all capitals in maroon in that white area.

The village board of trustees favored an all-blue tower with black lettering saying "DUNLAP" and "est. 1871" under the village name.

During a June 12 meeting, the board did not accept the committee's proposal. But a compromise is in the works. The Dunlap board called a special meeting for Wednesday, June 26, at 6 p.m. and it's possible trustees will approve a modified design. The new plan has a white stripe with "DUNLAP" in dark blue letters and "est. 1871" in black under the village name.

You might say none of this matters much. I disagree. The water tower will stand for generations. What it looks like does matter. Couple that with citizen involvement and a board willing to heed its constituents and


you've got a story worth telling.

Good luck to the folks at Farmington Area Public Library, who today will attempt to set a state record for the longest book-domino chain. According to **Christine Casteel**, the library's childrens coordinator, the plan is to set up and knock over 2,000 books at about 2 p.m. ... Parting shot: The Illinois Lottery turns 50 in July - a checkered 50 years, at that. Back in 1973, the Associated Press said politicians sold the lottery to voters by promising "the state share (of lottery revenues) would be used entirely for public schools." But when the lottery started in 1974, profits were deposited in the state's General Revenue Fund, instead. That changed from 1985-2006 when new legislation required lottery proceeds be put into the Common School Fund. But from 2006-22, lottery funds were split between the Common School Fund and specialty projects. Since 2023, lottery proceeds are again being allocated only to the Common School Fund. While that's not enough to offset the rising costs of teacher pensions, at least 8% of the \$9.7 billion Illinois spent on education in 2023 was from the lottery, according to The Times Weekly. And that's good, until lawmakers change the rules again in a few years.

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## GUEST VOICES

## Overalls, two shoes and a belt

The clothes we wore, like the crops we worked, marked the seasons on the dairy farm of my youth. Coveralls, for example, suggested winter while (ahem) “cover little” meant the hot, steamy southern Illinois summer.

That was especially so for my brothers and me. If we were relegated to kitchen or garden chores, we were barefoot, barebacked and bare headed. If we somehow had finessed a farm job, like raking hay or cultivating soybeans, we added work shoes, socks, T-shirts and a baseball cap.

Whether exiled to the household gulag or set free in the fields, we wore blue jeans, never shorts. In fact, I don't remember owning a pair of shorts until I was old enough to vote.

That excluded cutoff jeans, of course, our swimwear for a dip in our mud-bottomed, cow-crowded pond or the rare occasion we went to the local municipal pool.

We weren't the only menfolk with a denim-heavy wardrobe. My father, our hired men Jackie and Howard and Dad's machinery-breaking Uncle Honey all wore overalls – never shorts – on the farm everyday for decades.

In fact, I'm certain Uncle Honey never showed a bare toe or bare foot – let alone two bare legs – in public

since the Roosevelt Administration. The Teddy Roosevelt Administration.

The main reason for all the legwear was its practicality. Farm work back then was a dirty, scratchy business that often put you on your knees to repair, say, a broken sickle section or tractor tire. Jeans also limited the damage an alfalfa bale could do as you gave it a leg boost to stack it on a rolling hay wagon or in a still, airless barn.

But even our limited summer attire was too much clothing for one hired man everyone called “Buff.” Too young to know the word's meanings, I once asked my father why the big, well-tanned man answered to a such an odd name.

“Well,” my Dad said slowly while searching for a child-appropriate explanation, “in the summer, Buff wears only four pieces of clothing: overalls, two shoes and a belt.”

And what about underwear? “That's where the ‘buff’ thing comes in,” he said with a firmness that made clear he was finished explaining the details of Buff's summer couture.

Our blue-jeans only months did give my mother and her sewing machine a well-earned rest from the almost endless task of making school shirts, blouses, skirts and jackets for my brothers, sister and me. Summer was her no-sew season.

Our Sunday church clothes weren't jeans but standard issue Lutheran wear: baggy cotton trousers, oversized short-sleeved shirts, a too long

or too short clip-on tie and worn but well-polished shoes.

And every stitch of it – like almost all my clothes – was, of course, hand-me-down from the family's first-born prince, brother Richard. Rich either grew so fast or took such good care of his clothes that all passed on to my next brother, David, in good condition.

David, however, had dedicated his boyhood to finding out just how many tears, holes and stains he could put in Rich's duds by the time he handed them down to me. By any standard, then or now, David had a talent for his hobby.

We boys weren't the only ones in the family wearing hand-me-downs. My father had two suits most of his adult life, a black one and brown one. Both had been given to him by his brother-in-law, Clifford, who grabbed them off the “worn” rack at the elegant, St. Louis men's store where he worked.

Dad wore them to church for decades except on summer Sundays when, like us, he sat in wrinkled cotton pants, a short-sleeved white shirt, tie and Uncle Cliff's hand-me-down wingtip shoes.

Every Monday, though, all were back in our denim-blue uniforms under the blue, summer southern Illinois sky.

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Alan  
GUEBERT

## Pain, is it all just in your head?

A favorite author of mine is Bill Bryson. He has a particular knack for “uncomplicating” complicated topics in an entertaining and enlightening way. A perfect example is his discussion of pain in his book “The Body – A Guide for Occupants.”

Bryson points out that you and I probably know as much about pain as the experts in the field. It turns out that pain, especially chronic pain, is a mystery scientists struggle to unravel. Their efforts to develop medications for lasting relief of chronic pain have been mostly hit-and-miss.

In the journal “Nature” researcher Andrew Rice said, “The drugs we have relieve 50% of pain in somewhere between one in four and one in seven of the patients we treat. That's for the best drugs.”

He's saying these drugs offer only partial relief for just 15 to 25% of sufferers. Despite the billions of dollars drug companies have spent on pain relief research, they have yet to find an effective and lasting pain relief drug.

Part of the problem is the way we humans perceive pain. Our brain, in certain circumstances, can completely ignore even extreme pain. Bryson points to an incident during the Napoleonic Wars.

While doing battle on horseback, an Austrian colonel was told by his

aid that his leg had been shot off. He looked down and said, “So it has,” and continued on fighting.

We can use the brain's susceptibility to the power of suggestion to an advantage in the battle for pain relief. That's why placebos provide actual relief for some patients. What's especially curious is that placebos often work even when the patient knows the medication is a placebo. Go figure.

Bryson tells his readers some interesting facts about various placebos. Patients who had wisdom teeth extracted reported overwhelming pain relief when their jaw was massaged with an ultrasound device. What's more, they experienced the same pain relief when massaged with the machine turned off.

In other studies researchers found that colored pills are more effective than white pills and red pills work faster than white ones. British neuroscientist Patrick Wall, in his book “Pain: The Science of Suffering,” tells of a doctor who would hand placebo pills to his patients using a tweezers, telling them the pills were too potent to be handled otherwise.

Especially perplexing is migraine headache pain. Although there are no pain receptors in the brain, there are plenty of nerve endings in the scalp, face and neck to provide that headache sensation.

Roughly 12% of the population experiences migraines and the tendency to have migraines is hereditary. A migraine can affect anyone at any age, but females are more likely than males to experience such headaches.

Doctors commonly prescribe the drug Maxalt (rhizotriptan) to treat migraines, but you might wonder if a malady as debilitating as a migraine could be affected by a placebo. As reported in Smithsonian magazine, researchers at the Harvard Medical School found that indeed it could.

Participants in their study were each given six envelopes, each containing one pill to be taken at the onset of a migraine. Two envelopes were labeled Maxalt, two labeled Placebo, and two with no label. For each of the three labels, one envelope had an actual Maxalt pill and the other a placebo.

The results of the study were surprising. Participants reported just as much pain relief from the placebo labeled Maxalt as from the actual Maxalt tablet. What was even more surprising was that the correctly labeled Maxalt tablet provided roughly twice as much relief compared to the Maxalt tablet labeled as a placebo. Thus the power of expectations was just as effective as the medicine itself.

There's a lesson here for doctors. While it's important to warn patients of a prescription's side effects, it's just as important to raise a patient's expectations of positive results.

Bryson cautions us that although placebos can be effective medicines for ailments over which the mind has some control, “Placebos don't shrink tumors or banish plaque from narrowed arteries.”



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# YMCA will run Princeville after-care program

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – It might be fun for Princeville School District after-care students to stay with the Greater Peoria YMCA. Time will tell.

The YMCA will oversee the Princeville after-care program in the 2024-25 academic year, an agreement the school board approved June 18. The district was operating after-care on its own, but staffing difficulties prompted an external search, according to Princeville Superintendent Tony Shinall.

Under terms of the one-year deal, the YMCA is to charge registered after-care users \$61 per student per week. That is an increase from the previous daily charge of \$10. But the YMCA will be able to offer more activities than the district could, Shinall said.

The YMCA also offered flexibility regarding parents who might require after-care on an emergency basis. The drop-in fee will be \$18 daily.

“We asked to have the ability ... where if something happened during the day, if something runs long and your son or daughter needs to go to after-care that day and they weren’t originally signed up for that day, just to be able to drop in,” Shinall said.

“The YMCA was very gracious, and they were able to come up with it.”

Princeville also considered two other external firms, Champions/KinderCare and Right At School. Champions/KinderCare was to charge parents \$85-95 weekly and \$20 daily for drop-ins. Right At School offered to charge \$300 weekly and \$40 for drop-ins. It had a 24-student daily requirement.

The board also approved various fee increases for 2024-25. Registration fees rose by \$5, increasing to \$75 for kindergarten through fifth grade, \$85 for grades 6-8 and \$90 for high school students. The driver-education laboratory fee rose from \$50 to \$75.

Junior-high and high school summer-school fees increased from \$200 to \$250. Shinall said that fee had not been adjusted in a while.

Activity fees for grades 6-12 increased from \$45 per sport to \$50. The individual maximum rose from \$135 to \$150, and the family maximum went up \$30, to \$300. Lunch fees across the board increased by 10 cents.

Non-certified employees also were approved to receive a 4.4% pay hike. Board President Darwin Stahl suggested the Princeville non-certified pay scale has been lower than other nearby districts.

“We’ve had a hard time keeping some positions,” Board Member Grant DeBord said. “Maybe that will help.”

The board deferred a decision regarding whether to hire a technol-

ogy assistant. Board members suggested an overall analysis of district technology requirements might be appropriate first. Kelly Jenkins, the district technology coordinator, is scheduled to retire in two years.

“I think we would be smart if we ask our principals, maybe even survey the teachers to ask what they think technology in that position should look like, what the needs are,” Board Secretary Sue Hefler said. “Because things have changed even since Kelly was first hired on.”

Following closed session, the board authorized hiring Jack Arnett as a permanent substitute teacher, Sara Bushman as senior-class sponsor, Katie Ehle as a junior-senior-high paraprofessional, Ralph Gallo as high school sophomore girls basketball coach, Christine Hartz as a grade-school special-education teacher and Cassandra Kirman as a day-care teacher.

Shinall announced the resignations of Hartz as a permanent substitute, Brian Holt as high school softball coach, Jeff Kratzer as senior-class sponsor, Amanda Lawson as grade-school and high school assistant softball coach and Jacob Painter as junior-senior-high custodian. Grade School secretary Carol Baer also is to retire in June 2027.

# Clock ticking on Princeville pool resurrection

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The clock has begun to tick in earnest regarding the resurrection of the Princeville Aquatic Center.

Following a Village Board meeting June 18, President Jeff Troutman was expected to sign paperwork designed to grant the shuttered swimming facility to a local not-for-profit group.

Troutman’s signature is to start a 60-day period in which the group is to determine whether it’s feasible to reopen the aquatic center, which the village closed for good last year. If the answer is yes, the village will have 30 days to transfer ownership. If it’s no, the village can begin to demolish the facility.

Earlier this month, trustees approved the takeover through a letter

of intent between the village and the group called Princeville Aquatic Center. The pool is to be donated in as-is condition.

Aquatic Center representatives said the board’s decision allows them to begin to raise funds to reopen the pool. That effort might cost as much as \$1 million.

In other business last week, the board approved an increase in sewer rates, to \$5 per 1,000 gallons used. That’s a \$1 hike.

Public Works Superintendent Chad Gardner said the change is expected to increase monthly sewer revenue by about \$2,400. It’s designed to help cover a charge the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is expected to mandate as the village undertakes a sewer-system overhaul.

Overflow lagoons are to be con-

structed at both village sewer-treatment plants, among other work. Future rate increases related to it are expected, according to Gardner. Village officials opted for gradual increases instead of one substantial hike.

“It will go up again,” Gardner said.

The project is to begin next spring and be completed in April 2026. It’s expected to cost about \$5 million. A forgivable IEPA loan is to cover a little over \$1 million, Gardner said. Village tax-increment-financing money also might help offset the expense.

Board members also approved a zoning-variance request to allow a prefabricated shed to be placed on property at 720 W. Main St. A building permit was issued for construction of a pool deck at 322 S. Edwards St.

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**PUBLIC RECORD**

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**Police reports**

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – A Williamsfield man was accused of firing a handgun at a local residence and possessing cocaine.

Brayden M. Knoblauch, 26, was arrested about 9:30 a.m. June 2 in connection with an incident that happened the previous day in the 100 block of N. Locust St.

A woman there said Knoblauch demanded to see his girlfriend. When the woman refused, Knoblauch pulled out a gun and shot it twice into the ground, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

There was at least one other adult present at the Williamsfield home, and 5- and 9-year-old children were inside the residence.

Knoblauch returned the following day, knocked a flower pot off the porch, retrieved a gun from his vehicle, removed the magazine and threw the weapon on the ground, a witness said. Security video corroborated her account.

Later, a deputy found a satchel that had been in a vehicle Knoblauch was driving. Among the satchel's contents was a handgun and a bag that contained 21 grams of cocaine, according to a report.

Knoblauch was transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg. He was booked on charges of armed violence, reckless discharge of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

• **WATAGA** – A traffic stop resulted in an Elmwood woman being arrested for illicit-drugs offenses.

Patricia L. Hardesty, 40, was a passenger in a 2013 Dodge Grand Caravan minivan a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy pulled over about 9:15 p.m. May 29 in the 2100 block of U.S. Route 34. The deputy clocked the minivan at 68 mph in a 55-mph zone.

The driver, 34-year-old Erik E. Pacelt of Canton, attempted to conceal a torch-type lighter and a drug pipe, among other items, according to a sheriff's-office report. A search of the vehicle revealed methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Hardesty was accused of possession of meth and of drug parapher-

nal. She also was wanted in Fulton County for driving with a suspended license.

Pacelt was accused of those same three crimes, as well as speeding and operating an uninsured vehicle.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Four people escaped a mobile-home fire in Princeville.

The blaze began about 3:45 p.m. June 15 in the 200 block of N. Stanton St., according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. One of the residents found flames emitting from an electrical breaker box and a closet inside the residence.

Residents' attempts to extinguish the fire were futile. Firefighters from the Akron-Princeville, Brimfield, Chillicothe and Dunlap departments responded. So did the Akron-Princeville Ambulance Service.

The flames burned the hair of one occupant, but he denied he was injured, the report stated. He and the other occupants refused medical treatment.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man stopped for erratic driving had a blood-alcohol content more than twice the legal limit, according to authorities.

Kenneth A. Maske, 41, was behind the wheel of a 1998 Dodge Ram pickup truck when a Farmington police officer pulled it over about 9:45 p.m. June 14 on Court Street near West Street. Witnesses reported the vehicle was swerving, almost hit a pole and was driving 10 mph below the speed limit.

Maske and his passenger, his 61-year-old father, said they had been drinking alcohol, according to a police report. The vehicle smelled of alcohol and the younger Maske was sweating profusely, according to the police report. Maske's BAC was measured at .19. The legal limit is .08.

Along with two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol, Maske was accused of operating an uninsured vehicle and operating a vehicle with suspended registration. He is to appear July 19 in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

The pickup truck was impounded.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man's driver's license had been expired 14 years when police stopped him recently.

A Farmington officer checked the license plates of a 1999 Lincoln

Navigator that Justin A. Dart, 41, was driving about 4:15 p.m. June 13 in the 100 block of S. Cedar St. The check revealed Dart's driver's license became invalid in 2010, according to a police report.

Dart was cited for driving with a license expired for more than one year. He is to appear July 12 in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

• **BRIMFIELD** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle collision in the parking lot of a Brimfield business.

The accident happened shortly before 1:30 p.m. June 8 at Dollar General, 17511 U.S. Route 150. Karen S. Fales of Brimfield was driving a 2014 GMC Acadia sport-utility vehicle out of the lot when a 1998 Chevrolet Astro minivan backed into it, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Elijah R. Nixon of Brimfield was the other driver. He was attempting to back out of a parking space. His vehicle received no visible damage. Fales' vehicle sustained minimal driver's-side front-bumper damage but was drivable. Nixon was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• **BRIMFIELD** – Pierre F. McFadden, 40, of Brimfield was arrested shortly before 10:30 p.m. June 16 and accused of aggravated battery/great bodily harm, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. McFadden also was wanted on two warrants from Peoria County and one from Tazewell County.

At 9 a.m. June 18, McFadden was arrested and accused of driving on a revoked license, according to the sheriff's office.

• **DAHINDA** – Jay A. Yerkey, 38, of Dahinda was arrested about 1:45 p.m. June 20 and accused of failure to appear in court, according to a reported from the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between June 9-15: threats, Dahinda; custody dispute, Dahinda; two burglaries, Dahinda; harassment, Yates City; domestic dispute, Yates City.

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• **YATES CITY** – A Yates City man was accused of possessing a jet ski and utility trailer that were both reported stolen in Canton.

The 41-year-old victim said he noticed his 2000 Polaris SLH jet ski, atop the trailer, was posted for sale on Facebook Marketplace by 36-year-old Chance D. Blankers, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

The sheriff's office received the victim's report about 3:30 p.m. on June 2.

A deputy visited Blankers' residence in the 400 block of W. Main St. but could not find Blankers. The deputy did find the jet ski and trailer parked in the driveway, along with a sign that stated it was for sale for \$750 or best offer.

The jet-ski registration number matched that of the one reported stolen.

The deputy requested an arrest warrant be issued for Blankers. The charge would be possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Blankers also was wanted in Fulton County for failure to appear in court on a charge of driving with a suspended license, the report stated.

• **FARMINGTON** – A traffic stop in Farmington resulted in a Canton man being arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Dawn M. Giacabazi, 50, of Canton was driving a 2014 Ford a Farmington police officer pulled over shortly before 10:30 a.m. June 8 at Wall and Fulton streets. The officer recorded her as driving 40

mph in a 30-mph zone, according to a police report.

A check revealed Giacabazi's passenger, 65-year-old Michael J. Giacabazi, was wanted in Fulton County for contempt of court. After he paid \$180 in bond and fees, he was released and assigned a new court date.

Dawn Giacabazi was cited for speeding.

• **DAHINDA** – A Dahinda-area man was accused of crashing his vehicle and leaving it alongside a road.

A Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy found the unattended 2003 Toyota 4Runner sport-utility vehicle about 9:45 a.m. June 2 in the 100 block of Happy Hollow Drive. It appeared the vehicle was headed east when it left the roadway to the left and struck trees, according to a report.

Blood was found inside and outside the vehicle. Also found inside was a box of Michelob beer and a box of White Claw Hard Seltzer.

The driver, 52-year-old Jack E. Suit, was located at a residence not far from the scene. He said the crash happened about 10:30 p.m. June 1 and a neighbor brought him home. He denied drinking before driving, according to the report.

Suit was transported to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg for treatment of apparent minor injuries. He was cited for leaving the scene of an accident and for failure to report an accident to police.

• **DOUGLAS** – A 16-year-old

East Peoria boy was accused of driving 45 mph over the speed limit near Douglas.

A Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy clocked the boy's vehicle at 95 mph about 12:30 p.m. May 31 in the 1800 block of Illinois Route 8. When stopped behind the wheel of a 2011 Ford Fusion, the boy admitted he was speeding and wasn't paying attention, according to a sheriff's-office report.

The boy's mother was summoned, and the deputy released the boy to her. The boy was cited for speeding more than 35 mph over the limit.

• **GALESBURG** – A Farmington woman was uninjured following a two-vehicle accident in a Galesburg parking lot.

Cassandra J. Kling, 36, was behind the wheel of a 2010 Ford Escape shortly before 10:30 a.m. May 30 in a lot in the 200 block of S. Cherry St. when she backed into a parked 2016 Chevrolet Equinox. It was unoccupied, a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated.

The back fender of the Equinox, owned by an East Galesburg woman, was damaged. So was the driver's-side taillight of the Escape. Both vehicles were drivable. No injuries were reported regarding Kling's passenger, a 16-year-old Farmington boy.

• **YATES CITY** – Police Chief Randy Benson reported the following activity for the Yates City Police Department during May: 11 reports, 11 traffic stops, six citations, 11 warnings and three open doors.

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# HOSTETLER: Has worked as pilot since 1996

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son, Sam, 19. The Hostetlers also have a foster son, Anthony, who is 20.

Mark hails from Connecticut originally and attended college at the Florida Institute of Technology, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in aviation management and flight technology.

He was a flight instructor for three years until becoming a pilot with Continental Express in

1996, where he worked until 2008. At that point, he and wife decided he should pause his employment for a while to become a stay-at-home dad with their daughter, Julia, who was born with Down syndrome.

He and Susan were married in 2004 and moved frequently due to his profession, living in such places as Denver, Colo., New Jersey, Cleveland, Ohio, and Houston.

He resumed flying for Jet Air in 2014 for three years and has been a cor-

porate pilot for Rock Island Auction Company since 2017.

Mark says that he and his wife have always wanted to help in some way. They originally focused on providing a home for children, adopting their son, Sam, and serving as foster parents.

"We're getting too old to be fostering at this point, but I still want to give back," he said. "I just want to help."

Asked about his vision for the village, Hostetler said his primary focus is

on water projects.

"The well and reservoir project needs to be completed," he said, explaining that the village needs to update its water system and to section off the town for water.

"If a main breaks on the north side of town, there is no reason that the south side of town shouldn't be able to take a shower," he said.

Hostetler also wants to replace broken valves and he wants to get longtime Council Member Dave Mahr's insights into running the water department down on paper as a resource for future boards.

In his free time, Hostetler enjoys gardening and riding on his Kawasaki Teryx side-by-side with his daughter looking for firewood for his wood stove.

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The carnival and food tent open today in Stevens Square at 5 p.m. The food tent features Lions Club sandwiches, Mason’s onion rings and lemon shakeups, St. Jude water and soda stand and a selection of pies from local churches. Bingo will run from 5-7 p.m. in the Lillie M.

Evans Library tent. At the Main Stage, a community sing will be held from 7-8 p.m. and the local band, Ten Years Gone, will perform from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

On Friday, the LME Library Art show opens at 9 a.m. with an opening reception at 4:30 p.m. at the library. There will also be a dedication for a new garden mural.

The food tent and carnival opens in Stevens Square at 5 p.m. Vacation Bible School will perform on the Main Stage at 5:30 p.m. followed by the band Southern Cross from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The beer tent this year is hosted by High Voltage and opens at 5 p.m. Patrick N Swayze will perform from 8-11 p.m. at the beer tent and DJ Mindee will be at High Voltage from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

On Saturday, the Lions Club will serve breakfast from 7-10 a.m. The 5K run/walk starts at LME library at 8 a.m. (registration opens at 7) and the library’s art show is open at 9.

The parade starts at 3 p.m. and the car-

nival will open directly afterwards.

There will be a variety of free activities for children in Stevens Square from 2:30-4:30 p.m., including rock painting, a magic show and face painting. On the Main Stage, Hindsight performs from 6-8 p.m. The beer tent opens at 5 p.m. Performers include Pat Sloan from 5:30-6:30 and the acoustic duo Tim & Bela from 7-10. DJ Mindee will be at High Voltage from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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**Prairie Park listed in Illinois bucket-list book**

Author Melanie Holmes includes visiting Wildlife Prairie Park in her recent book of “100 Things to Do in Illinois Before You Die,” billed as the ultimate Illinois bucket-list book by publisher Reedy Press.

Holmes hails from the Kankakee area and has divided her book into five chapters, including food and drink, music and entertainment, sports and recreation, culture and history and shopping and fashion. Holmes said one of her favorite things to do is to visit Wildlife Prairie Park. “I love going to Wildlife Prairie Park outside of Peoria where you can play all day, see the animals, then check into a train caboose that you can sleep in overnight,” she said.

Holmes has a book signing at the El Paso Public Library on July 23.

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**College graduates**

• **Abby Greenway** of Brimfield graduated from Illinois State University this spring with a bachelor of science degree in special education.

• **Caitlin Nester** of Edwards graduated from Carthage College this spring cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

• **Addison Gilstrap** of Farmington and **Leah Stephens** of Hanna City both graduated from Monmouth College on May 19. Actress Sigourney Weaver and her husband, writer/director Jim Simpson, gave the commencement address.

• **Aidan Schulze** of Edwards graduated from the University of Iowa this spring with a bachelor of science in engineering.

• **Thomas Williams** of Dahinda, the son of Peter and Chantel Williams, graduated from Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota with a bachelor of arts degree.

• Several local students graduated from Carl Sandburg College this spring. Earning associates of arts degrees were **Jada Abraham**, **Jacob Cooper**, **Jennifer Hodges**, **Avery Rigg** and **Delaney Traphagan** of Dahinda; **Frank Kelch** of Edwards; **Scarlett Binder** of Elmwood; **Zachary Austin** of Farmington; **Kendra Bennett**, **Cade Farquer**, **Sullivan Powers** and

**Dylan Tucker** of Williamsfield. Earning associates in science degrees were **McKenna Clark** of Dahinda and **Riley Embry** of Farmington.

**College honors**

• **Abby Greenway** of Brimfield made the Illinois State University Dean’s list for the spring semester.

• **Abby Driesner** of Edwards was named to the Abilene Christian University’s Dean’s list (3.6 gpa or better) for the spring semester. Driesner is a senior majoring in engineering.

• Three local students made the Monmouth College Dean’s list (3.5 gpa or better) for the spring semester. Making the list were **Addison Gilstrap** of Farmington, **Miranda Hurshey** of Hanna City and **Leah Stephens** of Hanna City.

• Five local students made the Carl Sandburg College Dean’s list (3.5 gpa or better) for the spring semester. Honorees included **Zachary Austin** and **Riley Embry** of Farmington, **Anne Showman** of Yates City and **Kathryn Cruise** and **Delaney Traphagan** of Dahinda.

• Two local students made the University of Iowa President’s list (4.0 gpa or better) for the spring semester. Honorees were **Emma Lister** of Edwards, nursing; and **Ryan DiGiallonardo** of Edwards, business.

• Several local students made the University of Iowa Dean’s list (3.5 gpa or better) for the spring semester. Honorees included **Zoe Johnsen** of Edwards, speech and hearing science; **Aidan Schulze** of Edwards, mechanical engineering; **Gianna Vitale** of Edwards, biomedical engineering; and **Erica Riccioni** of Farmington, pharmacy interest.

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# Court-ruling on guns triggers call for new bill

By HANNAH MEISEL

Capitol News Illinois

After the U.S. Supreme Court last week upheld a federal law that bars those under domestic violence-related restraining orders from owning guns, victim advocates say Illinois lawmakers should pass a measure to ensure firearms are actually confiscated in those situations.

The legislation has been stalled for more than a year, despite efforts this spring and fall to resurrect it after the high-profile murder of Chicago resident Karina Gonzalez. She and her 15-year-old daughter Daniela were allegedly shot to death by her estranged husband less than two weeks after a judge issued an order of protection against him. Jose Alvarez remains in Cook County Jail.

But after last Friday's high-court

ruling, advocates say there is nothing else standing in the way of lawmakers taking up the bill, which last summer was rebranded "Karina's Bill" after Gonzalez's murder. The bill would clarify existing state law and require law enforcement to take guns from those subject to certain domestic violence orders of protection.

State Rep. Maura Hirschauer, D-Batavia, a chief sponsor of Karina's Bill, said in a statement that while the high court's ruling is "a great relief for survivors of gender-based violence," the decision "merely preserve(s) the status quo."

Under existing state law, when petitioning a court for a domestic violence order of protection, a victim can ask for 18 specific "remedies," including the confiscation of the alleged abuser's firearms. But state law

is less than clear on how firearms should be surrendered – or forcibly taken by law enforcement if need be.

Karina's Bill would clarify that firearms must be surrendered or confiscated within four days of a victim being granted a domestic violence order of protection against their abuser – a change from an earlier version that stipulated a 48-hour timeline. It would also explicitly allow a judge to issue a search warrant for those weapons when law enforcement goes to serve the order of protection.

Law enforcement groups like the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police have expressed concerns about smaller police departments' abilities to follow the law's directive to confiscate weapons within four days of an order of protection being issued.

# AI starting to influence agriculture

By KEVIN BESSLER

The Center Square

Artificial intelligence is making its mark on many industries, and now appears to be impacting Illinois agriculture.

An AI farms project at the University of Illinois has trained a language model to answer agricultural crop questions. School officials said the Artificial Intelligence for Future Agricultural Resilience, Management, and Sustainability Institute will serve as a nexus for multidisciplinary research teams that advance foundational AI and use the advances to address important challenges facing world agriculture.

A Chicago-based nonprofit is pioneering AI Ag-tech for small, subsistence farmers in some of the poorest parts of the world. Opportunity International launched Ulangizi, which means "advice" in English, for farmers in Malawi who have questions about best practices for their crops or farm animals.

Neatleaf has invented a fully autonomous robotic platform called the Spyder, which scans crops in the greenhouse and generates data points on plant health and growth. This data is analyzed and turned into actionable insights for the cultivation team to assess, monitor, and remedy.

"Farmers can only make

educated guesses on the health of their crops based on what the human eye can see, but often, when problems arise, it's too late to save the crop," said Neatleaf founder Elmar Mair. "Our technology uses AI to spot potential problems long before they reach a critical stage, allowing farmers to make necessary adjustments to improve plant health."

The Spyder is being used in the cultivation of marijuana, but Mair hopes to expand uses of the technol-

ogy outside of the greenhouse.

AI is being used for pest control. For example, Trapview has developed a device that traps pests and identifies them. The device attracts pests, which are photographed by a camera. AI then identified over 60 pest species which can damage crops.

Madhu Khanna, professor of Environmental Economics at the University of Illinois, said it may take some time for farmers to fully trust AI technology.

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Answers on Page 14 — **Super Crossword** — CABINET-MAKING

**ACROSS**

- 1 Cha-chi's cousin
- 6 Chain selling dog chains
- 11 Honeycomb unit
- 15 Molar point
- 19 Ring around a lagoon
- 20 Sag down
- 21 Medley
- 22 Concerning
- 23 Basketball guarding strategy
- 25 Not dependent on eyesight
- 27 U.S. Navy petty officers
- 28 What a moving body has
- 30 Massey of movies
- 33 Lih, was one until 1991
- 34 Run for a long football pass
- 35 Gym class
- 42 Sts. and aves.
- 43 Remini of "Fired Up"
- 44 Decorative wheel cover
- 45 Put an — (cease)
- 47 Higher-ranking
- 49 Ballet garb
- 50 Emergency removal, for short
- 52 Construction girder
- 56 Commoners, collectively
- 58 Transaction of business via e-devices
- 61 Volcano in Japan
- 63 — Jose
- 64 "Luck Be a Lady" composer Frank
- 65 Enter
- 69 Work contrasted with a desk job
- 73 To be, in Marseilles
- 74 Belly
- 76 Mao — tung
- 77 Investments for later yrs.
- 79 Nickname for Michigan
- 83 Eggnog spice
- 88 Typed (in)
- 89 Trial run
- 90 Supplies with a staff
- 92 Oyster's prize
- 93 Cars for VIPs
- 95 Big arteries
- 97 "Auld Lang —"
- 98 Police alert, for short
- 101 Flight travel
- 105 Arab leaders
- 107 Really cold
- 108 Sparkly crown
- 109 Fitting retribution
- 114 Composer Jean-Philippe —
- 118 Possess with shallow passion
- 119 Eight U.S. ones are featured in this puzzle
- 122 Fishing pool
- 123 Eternally
- 124 Verdugo of "Panama Sa"
- 125 Art film, often
- 126 Water swirl
- 127 Maple fluids
- 128 First-string athletic group
- 129 Ceases
- DOWN**
- 1 Labyrinthine
- 2 Dip — in the water
- 3 Part of MSG
- 4 Ugly blotches
- 5 Nickname for Yale University
- 6 Adobe file suffix
- 7 Sooner than
- 8 Honky — music
- 9 Mozart's "Fan Tutte"
- 10 Loses one's inhibitions
- 11 Iran — Affair
- 12 Race created by H.G. Wells
- 13 "The Mod Squad" cop
- 14 Amor, for one
- 15 Scouted before a heist
- 16 Loan shark
- 17 Put on, as a play
- 18 Corals, e.g.
- 24 Cain's eldest
- 26 Submitted by the deadline, say
- 29 PC panic button
- 31 Seagoing: Abbr.
- 32 Egg-white protein
- 35 Prune-to-be, perhaps
- 36 Acronym for many vacuum cleaner filters
- 37 Barks shrilly
- 38 Outer: Prefix
- 39 Paint crudely
- 40 Audio equipment brand
- 41 With a variety of hues
- 46 Like sumo stars
- 48 Fling official
- 50 Israeli carrier
- 51 — cava
- 53 Once, quaintly
- 54 PC brand
- 55 Pasty
- 57 Part of Babylonia
- 59 Dot in the sea
- 60 Erin of "Happy Days"
- 62 Custodial worker
- 65 Stare stupidly
- 66 Double-need woodwind
- 67 In a lazy way
- 68 Inventive
- 70 Salt Lake City athletes
- 71 Admin. aide
- 72 "A —" ("Adieu")
- 75 Press release packet
- 78 Have dinner
- 80 Hawk's home
- 81 "Famous" cookie guy
- 82 Pool cover
- 84 Bible division
- 85 Polite request beginner
- 86 Cube creator
- 87 Valley
- 91 Agra dress
- 94 Blunders
- 95 "Got a guess?"
- 96 Onset
- 98 Reach for the sky
- 99 Gave a buzz
- 100 Belyached
- 102 Choir
- 103 Behave
- 104 Partner of Athos and Porthos
- 106 Rome's home
- 110 Joe in a mug
- 111 Lone Star sch.
- 112 Ancient Brit
- 113 Dual sword
- 115 Prefix that's the opposite of 38-Down
- 116 "Take — from me"
- 117 Functions
- 120 Comedian
- 121 Aries' symbol

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**OBITUARIES**

**Howard W. Cooper**  
MAQUON – Howard W. Cooper, 57, of Maquon, passed away on June 18, 2024, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria. He was born Jan. 29, 1967, in Canton, Ill., to Claire and Dorothy Cooper.



Cooper

He married Elizabeth Haines on July 18, 2020, in Maquon. She survives.

Howard is also survived by one daughter, Alexandra Samonds of Grayslake, Ill.; two brothers, Perry (Linda) Cooper and David Cooper; one sister, Connie (Curt) Caldwell; two grandchildren, Thalia and Rowan Samonds; five nieces, Toni (Sven) Preuss, Melissa Cooper, Ashley (Jason) Easley, Amber (Steve) Walker and Alyson (Jason) Glenn; three nephews, Travis Newton, Damien Cooper and Joel (Sarah) Cooper; 16 great-nieces and great-nephews; and nine great-great nieces and nephews.

Howard is preceded in death by his parents; one niece, Tina Rooney; and one great-nephew, Sen Cooper.

Howard was a stagehand for various venues in the area. He loved his job, music and people over all.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be made to Men's Teen Challenge.

To leave online condolences visit oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

**Charles F. Herridge**  
YATES CITY – Charles "Chuck" F. Herridge, 92, of Yates City, passed away on Friday, June 21, 2024, at Courtyard Estates in Farmington.



Herridge

He was born Jan. 22, 1932, in Peoria, to James "Burt" and Florence "Edna" (Calder) Herridge.

Chuck married Jacqueline "Jackie" Cashman on March 22, 1952, in Peoria. She preceded him in death on May 6, 2020.

Chuck is survived by one son, Steve (Chris) Herridge of Elmwood, and three grandchildren, Kelsey (Emily) Herridge, Ryan Herridge and Nate Herridge.

Chuck is also preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Burt Ronald Herridge; and two sisters, Alma "June" Wright and Marian Edna Wright.

Chuck was an English teacher at Eureka High School for five years and elementary principal at Lowpoint-Washburn for six years. At age 34, he became superintendent of Yates City School District #207 from 1966 to 1979.

Chuck enjoyed fishing, camping, and traveling.

Memorials may be made to Elba-Salem Fire Department.

A private graveside service will be held at Yates City Cemetery.

To leave online condolences visit oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

**Janet L. Anderson**  
DAHINDA – Janet L. "Jan" Anderson, 84, of rural Dahinda died June 10, 2024, at her home.

She was born on Jan. 22, 1940, in Knoxville, the daughter of Paul R. and Frances (Ekstrom) Anderson. She attended and graduated from Knoxville High School in 1958.

Surviving is a sister, Carol Love of Galesburg; and one brother, Robert (Vickie) Anderson of Williamsfield. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Donald Paul Anderson; and a niece, Lori Fox.

She lived in Milan and worked for Case IH in Moline until she retired in 1993 and moved to rural Dahinda. She enjoyed mowing yards, gardening and helping friends and relatives with their projects.

Private graveside service will be held at a later date. Condolences can be left online at www.hurd-hendricksfuneralhome.com.

**James B. DeMent**  
ELMWOOD – James "Barry" B. DeMent, 76, of Elmwood, passed away on June 21, 2024, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born June 2, 1948, to James and Corrine (Spencer) DeMent in Peoria. He married Wanda Craig on April 11, 1974, in Peoria. She survives.

Barry is also survived by three children Laura (Jason) Lawrence, Joshua (April) DeMent and JaeLee (Khao Toum) DeMent; one sister, Wendy Studt; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Barry is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Susie.

Barry served in the U.S. Marine

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CryptoQuote

answer

I paint self-portraits because I am so often alone, because I am the person I know best.

— Frida Kahlo

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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**Summer Vacation**

The Weekly Post will not be published on July 4.

Our offices will be closed from Friday, June 27, through Thursday, July 4.

We will reopen Friday, July 5. Thank you for your support!



## OBITUARIES

Corps from March 1971 to September 1973, including 31 days in Vietnam. He worked 30 years at Caterpillar as a maintenance electrician. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing and aggravating his grandkids.

Condolences can be left online at oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

### Teresa J. Holford

ELMWOOD – Teresa J. Holford, 76, of Elmwood was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She left this world suddenly but peacefully on June 17, 2024.

There was no match for Teresa's love of her daughters and grandkids, though plants and gardening came pretty close. She had a full life with her husband, brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces and a group of very special girlfriends.

A celebration of life may commence at a later date.

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

### Lucinda B. Russell

PRINCEVILLE – Lucinda Belle (Murphy) Russell, 82, of San Antonio, Texas, died June 13, 2024.

Born on July 26, 1941, in Peoria, she was the daughter of George R. Murphy Sr. and Lillian P. Murphy (Burkholder).

On Aug. 13, 1960, she married Leo W. Russell, son of Ralph W. Russell and Mary Jane Russell

(Hayden) of LaPrairie. He preceded her in death on Dec. 16, 2020.

Also surviving Lucinda are her daughter, Lori J. Murphy of San Antonio; son, Larry D. Russell (Kelli) of Elgin, Texas; and daughter, Lisa A. Kamenick (James) of San Antonio; eight grandchildren; and many great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and son-in-law, William A. Murphy.

Lucinda and Leo loved to travel the United States. They were long-time residents of Princeville. Once their children were grown, they moved to Tucson, Ariz., and later relocated to Springfield, Mo. In 2020, they moved to San Antonio to be near their children.

A graveside celebration of life will take place at a later date at the Blue Ridge Cemetery.

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

### James M. Peacock

PRINCEVILLE – James "Sonny" Marvin Peacock, 81, of Princeville, formerly of East Galesburg, passed away June 14, 2024, at Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Sonny was born on June 8, 1943, in Rushville to Merle and Myrtle (Knous) Peacock.

Surviving are one son, Christopher Peacock of St. David; one daughter, Jeannie Peacock of

Princeville; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Richard Peacock.

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

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

### Nancy J. Wright

HANNA CITY – Nancy J. Wright, 82, of Hanna City died June 19, 2024.

She was born on July 26, 1941, in Peoria, to Raymond and Hazel (Nett) Baird. She married Gerald Wright on Jan. 5, 1960, in Peoria. He survives.

Nancy is also survived by her daughters, Robin Barnard of East Peoria, Veronica Baker of Bartonville, Joy (Keith) Haun of Bartonville and Patricia (Ronald) Clements of Port Charlotte, Fla.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Dixie Shrum.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A funeral service was June 23. A private family burial will take place at Smithville Cemetery.

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
By Wilson Casey  
1. Is the book of 2 Thessalonians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?  
2. From Song of Solomon 8, what is so powerful that many waters cannot quench it? Hope, Love, Salvation, Peace  
3. Which book begins, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past"? Philipians, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews  
4. Thorns and what else grew from the ground that God cursed after Adam and Eve's sin? Vines, Ivy, Thistles,  
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**DOUGLAS Douglas United Methodist Church**

Weeds  
5. According to Paul, in hardships, Christians are more than Friends, Conquerors, Warriors, Innkeepers  
6. From Luke 19, what town was home to Zacchaeus? Jericho, Tarsus, Thessalonica, Corinth  
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Tues. Confession: After mass.  
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Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
**St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church**  
Father Corey Krengiel  
119 Saint Mary St. Princeville  
(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  
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## Pages From The Past Compiled by Jeff Lampe

### 5 Years Ago

• Former Brimfield Superintendent Dennis McNamara has been named interim superintendent while the district searches for a replacement for Robert Richardson, who recently resigned.

• Yates City native and Farmington High School graduate Gracia Ramp coached the Illinois 4-H livestock judging team to an international competition. The Illinois team competed at the Royal Highland Show in Scotland and at the Charleville Show in Ireland.

### 10 Years Ago

• The average price of Illinois farmland increased by nearly 60% from 2009-2013, bringing the average price per acre to \$7,100.

• The \$1.67 million second phase of Elmwood's Streetscape project was underway, with part of West Main Street closed to foot traffic for sidewalk work.

• The Elmwood Rural Fire Protection District honored Danny Bowhay for 33 years as a trustee and Bill Wagner for 29 years as a trustee.

• The Elmwood-Brimfield football program was expecting to take a record 80-90 players to a camp at Monmouth College. That total is up from the 70-75 players of one year earlier.

### 15 Years Ago

• The Historic Hub in Edelstein burned completely down in the night. Remains were still smoking after 12 hours of burning.

### 20 Years Ago

• Rick LaFollette and Bill Doubet volunteered their D and L Construction to raise the new roof at the

gazebo in Williamsfield's Doubet-Benjamin Park.

• A Med-Force medical helicopter based in the Quad Cities had to land in Princeville on June 18 due to low oil pressure. The helicopter was returning to the Quad Cities after taking a patient to Peoria.

### 70 Years Ago

• The shelter house in Princeville's Cutter's Grove park was completed.

### 85 Years Ago

• The Department of Conservation shipped 205 young pheasants to be released at the L.A. Pierce farm north of Princeville under the auspices of the Peoria County Sportsman's Club.

### 90 Years Ago

• Two carloads of oil arrive in Princeville to help local farmers battle chinch bugs.

• Top market price on hogs at the Peoria market soared to \$5. Daily receipts showed 2,000 to 3,000 head arriving per day.

• Dr. T. Robert Plumer and John Ryan were killed when their airplane crashed east of Trivoli.

• N.N. Tucker of Williamsfield was glad to find an insignia ring he had lost 20 years earlier. While his well was being cleaned, the ring was recovered from the dirt that was removed.

### 96 Years Ago

• The Elmwood hard-road committee secured the signatures to all the deeds of land needed for the completion of Route 78 to Elmwood from 5.5 miles north. There is no truth to rumors about that

being the last time that road was paved.

• The Elmwood Board of Education has awarded the contract for building a gym to Robert Fusch of Monmouth. Total cost is \$24,941.41, which does not include heating, plumbing and wiring contracts.

### 100 Years Ago

• The Princeville Canning Company announced a new wage scale: 20 cents an hour for women and 30 cents an hour for men.

• Leon Simpkins of Williamsfield accidentally shot through his right hand while attempting to shoot a groundhog with a gun he took with him while plowing a field. He was rushed to Methodist Hospital, where it was deemed necessary to remove his little finger and the finger adjacent.

• Edward Auten Jr. placed first in 10 classifications at the National Peony Show held in Des Moines, Iowa.

### 120 Years Ago

• New 1,200 candlepower arc lamps were turned on along streets in Farmington's business district.

### 125 Years Ago

• Henry Butts, a farmer near Dahinda, was running a mower when the sickle stopped and the machine wouldn't move. To his surprise, he found the sickle clogged with what he said was a mass of cut up rattlesnakes. The entire sickle was a writhing mass of reptiles.

### 130 Years Ago

• Shocks from earthquakes were felt in the area on June 25.

### Amber Waves



NICE, SUMMER IS HERE. THE FLOWERS ARE ALL BLOOMED AND BRIGHT RED.

AND LOOK AT THE SOUTH PASTURE. IT IS SUCH A VIBRANT SHADE OF GREEN.

WOW, THAT SKY IS A DAZZLING BLUE AND THAT SUN IS A BRIGHT...

BLINDING STARK WHITE AND YELLOW WITH PURPLE POLKA DOTS AND SWIRLS.

by Dave T. Phipps

### The Spats



LOVE MAY BE BLIND...

...BUT MARRIAGE IS A REAL EYE-OPENER!!

by Jeff Pickering

### Just Like Cats & Dogs



OK, I HAVE CONFIRMATION FROM THE DELIVERY DRIVER AND AFTER A THOROUGH FORENSIC EXAM, I CAN CONFIRM THERE ARE NO ONIONS!

by Dave T. Phipps

### GRIN & BEAR IT



"And to my gold-digger wife, I leave my pick and shovel."

Wagner

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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- HISTORY:** What is America's first colony?
  - ENTERTAINERS:** Which actress' mother is actress Melanie Griffith and grandmother is actress Tippi Hedren?
  - U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president is the only one born on Independence Day?
  - GEOGRAPHY:** In which country is the Mont-Saint-Michel medieval monastery located?
  - SCIENCE:** What does a kelvin measure?
  - ASTRONOMY:** Which star is the brightest in the sky?
  - MUSIC:** What are the first names of the Gibb brothers who formed The Bee Gees?
  - AD SLOGANS:** Which company's slogan is "You're in good hands"?
  - MYTHOLOGY:** What did Prometheus steal from the gods, resulting in his eternal punishment?
  - ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a baby turkey called?
- Answers
- Jamestown, Virginia.
  - Dakota Johnson.
  - Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872.
  - Normandy, France.
  - Temperature.
  - The Dog Star, Sirius.
  - Barry, Robin and Maurice.
  - Allstate.
  - Fire.
  - A poult.
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### TOP 10 MOVIES

- Inside Out 2 (PG)
  - Bad Boys: Ride or Die (R)
  - Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)
  - The Garfield Movie (PG)
  - IF (PG)
  - The Watchers (PG-13)
  - Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (R)
  - The Fall Guy (PG-13)
  - The Strangers: Chapter 1 (R)
  - The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13)
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**FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14**

### CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Lillie M. Evans Library District

Notice is hereby given to the Public that on August 8, 2024, at the hour of 6:45 P.M. at the Lillie M. Evans Library, 207 N. Walnut Avenue, Princeville, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Lillie M. Evans Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Date: June 13, 2024

Deb Givens, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Lillie M. Evans Library District
207 N. Walnut Ave, PO Box 349
Princeville, IL 61555
Published 6/27/24

VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: JULY 16, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Village Board of the Village of Princeville, Peoria County, Illinois, will conduct a public hearing on the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Princeville for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending on April 30, 2025.

VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE

By /S/ Sarah Cordis
Village Clerk

Published 6/27/24

PRINCEVILLE CUSD #326

909 N. Town Avenue
Princeville, IL 61559

LEGAL NOTICE

Princeville CUSD #326 is seeking bids for dairy and fuel for the 2024-2025 school year. Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting the Unit Office at 909 N. Town Avenue, Princeville IL 61559.

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

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Wampus Mortgage Loan Trust
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
George R. Segler, et. al.

DEFENDANTS

No. 2023-FC-0000121

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/04/2023, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on July 24, 2024 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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

PIN 17-12-478-003
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Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any represen-

tation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-03050.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1
2024-2025 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE AKRON-PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Trustees of the AKRON-PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The following Annual Budget and Tax Appropriation Ordinance, containing an estimate of the receipts, expenditures and appropriations for the FIRE PROTECTION FUND and AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, is hereby passed, approved, adopted and appropriated for the Corporate uses of and by the AKRON-PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025:

SECTION 2: FIRE PROTECTION FUND.
A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:
Beginning Cash on Hand (Checking, Money Market and CDs) \$1,070,746
2023 Property Taxes (Fire Protection Tax) \$251,980
Interest \$12,000
Loans and Transfers \$ -
Replacement Tax \$14,000
Foreign Fire Insurance Revenue \$5,900
Miscellaneous Income \$ -
TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$1,354,626

B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES:
For Upkeep of Fire Trucks
For Gas, Oil and Grease \$5,000
For Repairs and Maintenance \$20,000
For Premiums on Bonds of Officials \$1,000
For Insurance \$20,000
For Trustee Salaries \$3,000
For Fireman Remunerations \$15,000
For Attorney's Fees \$4,000
For Publication of Ordinances and Notices \$1,000
For Upkeep of Fire House
For Electricity and Heat \$10,000
For Repairs and Maintenance \$100,000
For Supplies \$3,000
For Telephone, including 911 \$8,000
For Purchase of Fire Truck \$350,000
For Purchase of Fire Hose and other Fire Fighting Equipment \$52,000
For Repair and Upkeep of Radio Equipment \$8,000
For Fireman's Gear \$15,000
For Radios \$50,000
For Training of Firefighters \$10,000
For Firefighter Physicals \$5,000
For Accounting Services \$7,500
For Miscellaneous and Contingent Expenses \$500
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FIRE PROTECTION FUND \$688,000

C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN FIRE PROTECTION FUND: \$666,626

SECTION 3: AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND.
A. ESTIMATED REVENUES
Beginning Cash on Hand \$ -
2023 Property Taxes (Ambulance Tax) \$167,978
Interest \$ -
Replacement Tax \$ -
Miscellaneous Income \$ -
TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: \$167,978

B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:
For Payment to Akron-Princeville Ambulance, Inc. for Ambulance Service, pursuant to contract; \$163,878
Trustee's Fees for Official Duties \$1,000
For Payment of Legal Fees \$1,000
For Purchase of Equipment/Supplies \$2,000
For Miscellaneous and Contingent Expenses \$100
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND: \$167,978

C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND: \$ -

SECTION 4: SUMMARY. The amount appropriated for Fire Protection District purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, by fund is as follows:

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FUND: \$688,000
AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND: \$167,978
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$855,978

SECTION 5: That the total sum of Eight Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-eight and No/100 Dollars (\$855,978) is hereby appropriated for the FIRE PROTECTION FUND and for the AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND for the Corporate uses of and by the AKRON-PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025.

SECTION 6: All unexpended balances of any item or items of any general appropriation may be expended in making up a deficiency in any other item or items in the same general appropriation, or for the same general purpose or a like purpose, as herein provided.

SECTION 7: All unexpended balances of appropriations for the fiscal year, which has just been concluded, are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year now begun for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

SECTION 8: This Budget and Appropriation Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, ten (10) days after its publication, as required by law.

AKRON-PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
By: /S/ Gregory P. Down
President

ATTEST:
/S/ Ricky Pope
Secretary
Published 6/27/24

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

PHH Mortgage Corporation

PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Michelle Potter; Kathy Toureene; David Crawford; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Suzanne Carter-Bahnfleth; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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ORDINANCE 2023-3

AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 6 AND OTHER SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 6 WITH RESPECT TO INSPECTIONS BY THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDINANCES OF THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, The Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, Knox County, Illinois, owns and operates a sewer system, and it has heretofore been determined and it is hereby further redetermined that it is necessary and important to the preservation of the public health, comfort and convenience of said District and its inhabitants thereof, that the Superintendent, Inspectors and other Authorized Representatives bearing proper credentials be permitted to enter upon all properties at any time for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing.

WHEREAS, THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, Knox County, Illinois, has within its boundaries various lots which are currently not serviced by public sewers (sanitary sewer systems) and rely on private sewage disposal systems (septic systems), and it has heretofore been determined and is hereby redetermined that it is necessary and conducive to the preservation of the public's health, comfort and convenience of the inhabitants thereof, that said private sewage disposal systems (septic systems) be properly administered for the purpose for which they are intended; and that the Superintendent, Inspectors and other Authorized Representatives bearing proper credentials be permitted to enter upon all properties at any time for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 1. The Superintendent, Inspector and other duly Authorized Representatives of the District bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter upon all properties, upon reasonable notice for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing, in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and the other ordinances of the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District.

SECTION 2. Reasonable notice shall be deemed to be provided if written notice is posted on the door of the premises not less than 72 hours prior to the inspection. If the application for a permit on file with the Sanitary District, includes an email address, said written notice shall be provided by email to the address on file. If no email address is on file, written notice shall be provided by mailing said written notice to the address the monthly sewer bill is sent, for those on the public sewer, or for those on private sewage disposal systems, the address of the premises.

SECTION 3. No notice shall be required if the Superintendent, Inspector or other duly Authorized Representative deems the situation an emergency. An emergency shall include, but not limited to a discharge of raw effluent, a break in a sewer main or lateral or any other situation which poses risk to the public health or property. In an emergency situation, the Superintendent, Inspector or other duly Authorized Representative is authorized to take whatever measures are necessary to eliminate or minimize the risk to public health or property.

SECTION 4. In the event of a violation of the Sanitary District's Ordinance, the owner shall be provided a written notice identifying the violation and in a non emergency situation shall provide a written statement, within ten (10) days of the written notice to the Superintendent of the Sanitary District outlining the steps the owner intends to take to cure the violation. Approval by the Superintendent of the owner's intended correction or repair shall be required prior to the commencement of construction or repairs.

SECTION 5. In the event the owner fails to cooperate with the Superintendent or fails to respond to the Superintendent's written notice within the time period provided herein or propose an acceptable cure of said violation, the owner shall be subject to the penalties and provisions of Ordinance 2021-1 (An Ordinance of the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District, Knox County, Illinois Establishing Penalties and Fines for Violations of Ordinances).

This Ordinance shall be in full force and 10 days after its passage, approval and posting as required by law, whichever occurs later.

Pursuant to 70 ILCS 2805/5, a copy of this Ordinance, properly certified by the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District Clerk, shall be published at least once in the Weekly Post within one month from passage. Said Weekly Post being a daily newspaper published in said Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District.

Passed this 20th day of May, 2024.

Approved this 20th day of May, 2024.

SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

By: /S/ Gerald Lichter

President of the Board of Trustees of the SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT.

ATTEST:

/S/ David P. Groeber
Trustee of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK OF

THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT
STATE OF ILLINOIS

ss.

COUNTY OF KNOX

I, DAN DUNN, do hereby certify that I am the acting Clerk of the Board of Trustees of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, Knox County, Illinois, and as such Clerk, I am the keeper of the records and files of the said THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT;

I do further certify that the foregoing and attached Ordinance No. 2023 3 is a full, true correct copy of said Ordinance of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, Knox County, Illinois, duly passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of THE SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT at a meeting held on the 20th day of May, 2024, as the same appears in the office records in my care and custody and that said Ordinance is now in full force and effect.

/S/ Daniel S. Dunn

Clerk Chief Fiscal Officer, Board of Trustees, the SPOON VALLEY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT
Published 6/27/24



# Critics sue over license-reader cameras

By **JERRY NOWICKI**  
Capitol News Illinois

Illinois State Police say an automated license plate reader program has helped the agency identify witnesses or suspects in 82 percent of highway shooting cases this year, including all eight that resulted in a death.

But as the state looks to further expand its network of more than 400 cameras, it faces a lawsuit accusing ISP of operating “a system of dragnet surveillance” by using cameras to monitor all traffic that passes them.

The fiscal year 2025 state budget that lawmakers approved last month includes \$7 million in new funding for the technology as well as \$2.5 million reappropriated from a previous year.

The cameras are constantly monitoring the highways where they are installed, collecting images, time and location data on hundreds of millions of vehicles each year. In May alone, the cameras captured 1.4 million “hits,” or instances in which a pictured license plate matched one in a law enforcement database for “hot” vehicles – such as stolen cars or those connected to a crime. That was out of 215 million recorded “detections” in May, which includes any instance of a vehicle image being stored with date and time data.

The libertarian legal group Liberty Justice Center contends the constant nature of that surveillance violates the rights of two Cook County residents named as plaintiffs in their lawsuit filed May 30.

The group is the same one that successfully sued to block implementation of a state law that would have prevented certain General Assembly candidates who didn’t run in the March primary from getting on the November ballot. It was also behind the lawsuit that ultimately resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court striking

down “fair share” union dues in 2018.

“Defendants are tracking anyone who drives to work in Cook County – or to school, or a grocery store, or a doctor’s office, or a pharmacy, or a political rally, or a romantic encounter, or family gathering – every day, without any reason to suspect anyone of anything, and are holding onto those whereabouts just in case they decide in the future that some citizen might be an appropriate target of law enforcement,” the lawsuit reads.

The lawsuit contends the program violates the plaintiffs’ search, seizure and due process rights under the 4th and 14th amendments to the U.S. Constitution. It seeks to end the state’s operation of the license plate reader program and to provide specific protections for the two named plaintiffs.

A lawyer for the Liberty Justice Center told Capitol News Illinois the plan is to seek a temporary injunction against the surveillance program as the full case progresses.

About three weeks after the lawsuit was filed in federal court in the Northern District of Illinois, ISP sent a news release touting the efficacy of the program.

Highway shootings had been on the rise before the legislature authorized and provided funding for automated license plate readers, or ALPRs, in Cook County. There were 51 such shootings in 2019, 147 in 2020 and 310 in 2021, according to Illinois State Police data. That dropped to 189 in 2022 and 129 in 2023, with 42 recorded through mid-June in 2024 – a 42 percent decline through the same period last year.

“The use of automated license plate readers has been a game changer in investigating interstate

shootings, as well as vehicular hijackings and thefts,” ISP Director Brendan Kelly said.

State police can review images instantly upon report of a shooting or other incident, and once a suspect vehicle is identified, law enforcement can set the system to alert them if that vehicle is spotted on an ALPR.

Under law, the cameras can be used in the investigations of offenses involving vehicular hijackings, terrorism, motor vehicle theft, or any forcible felony, which includes such crimes as murder and firearms offenses. Cameras can also be used for monitoring roadway conditions for safety purposes.

The law, however, prohibits officers from using footage to enforce “petty offenses,” such as speeding.

ISP said their policy is to keep data collected by the cameras for 90 days.

“That’s kind of our big concern is the historical collection and aggregation of all the data,” Reilly Stephens, a Liberty Justice Center attorney, told Capitol News Illinois. “If you only have 24 hours of data, maybe it’s a different case.”

There’s 430 such cameras throughout the state, including 340 in Cook County, 78 in St. Clair County and four each in Champaign, Morgan and Winnebago counties.

Later this year, ISP plans to add cameras in Macon, Madison, Peoria, Bureau, Lake and Winnebago counties. ISP said it could also “potentially” add cameras in Boone, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Henry, Kane, Kendall, LaSalle, McHenry, Rock Island, Sangamon and Will counties, as well as on DuSable-Lake Shore Drive in Chicago.

Members of both parties expressed concern that the cameras could be used to

profile drivers and that individuals were not allowed to request their own data through the Freedom of Information Act.

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# Weekly Post Sports

## Girls tourney staying at ISU

### Local players earn softball all-state; E-B fast at Steamboat

By The Weekly Post  
BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois High School Association’s girls basketball state tournament will stay at Illinois State University for another five years.

The IHSA officially announced on June 18 that it was staying at CEFCU Arena on the ISU campus in Normal through the 2029 state tournament.

“CEFCU Arena feels like home for the IHSA Girls Basketball State Finals, so we are excited to be able to announce an extension that pushes us closer to 40 years of the state tourney being held on the ISU campus,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. “CEFCU Arena is beautiful, and we have an incredible support from the ISU staff and community volunteers. Their passion and professionalism make for an unforgettable experience for our student-athletes, coaches, and fans.”

Horton Fieldhouse on the ISU campus hosted the inaugural IHSA girls basket-

ball state finals in 1977. The tourney then moved to Champaign for a little over a decade, before returning to CEFCU Arena in 1992, where it has remained ever since.

**All-staters** – The Illinois Coaches Association named its all-state softball team recently and included several local players.

Picked for the Class 2A team were Brimfield-Elmwood senior catcher CJ Troxell, a second-team selection, and senior infielder Kierra Johnson, who was named to the third team.

Senior catcher Mekeya Cihla of Princeville and senior pitcher/infielder Ava Landon of ROWVA-Williamsfield were named to the Class 1A all-state second team by the Illinois Coaches Association.

Third-teamers were freshman Hannah Gehring of R-W and sophomore Ella Rigg of R-W.

**Steamboat** – As has become usual, the Elmwood-Brimfield cross country teams were well-repre-

sented at the Steamboat Classic race held in Peoria.

Isaiah Hill of Brimfield was fourth overall in the men’s 4-mile race in a time of 21:16. Taggart VanEtten of Manito won in 20:04. Others associated with the E-B program included Cooper Hoffmann of Elmwood (6th, 21:22), and Aiden Faulkner of Brimfield (9th, 21:30).

In the woman’s 4-mile race, Jacki Mateas of Brimfield was seventh in 26:55.

In the men’s 15-kilometer, Luke Hoffmann of Elmwood was seventh in 50:35. In the women’s 15-K, Daniela Harrison of Princeville was sixth in 1:08.25.

**Et cetera** – Chuck Grant has returned as head coach of the Monmouth-Roseville boys basketball team. Grant was 455-314 during his previous stint at M-R from 1993-2021 and won 12 regional titles.

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