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Ron  
**DIETER**

If it happens, or rather when it happens, you'll no doubt head to the internet for an easy, quick fix. There you're likely to run across articles touting all the wonderful benefits of having moles in your lawn. They spin yarns about how these wonderful little creatures devour great gobs of grubs and big batches of beetles. Some even claim the furry little fellows are effective soil aerators. Isn't



Moles can eat half their body weight in worms each day. Photo courtesy of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

that precious.

Don't you believe it. Sure, they will dine on Japanese beetle grubs and other subterranean species. But the real truth is moles much prefer munching on our valuable earthworms. In fact one "harmless" little mole will devour nearly half its body weight in earthworms daily. That's not good for the gardener or

for the worms either, for that matter.

Moles kill earthworms by biting them behind the head. How can they tell one end of a worm from the other? Anyway, they haul the worms back to their pantry for later dining. Researchers have found mole food chambers stuffed with more than 400 earthworms. Holy

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## Trial delayed

Boland murder trial moved to Aug. 19

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PEORIA – The trial of a Peoria man accused last year of killing a Princeville woman was supposed to have begun Monday. For at least seven reasons, it didn't.

Now, Walter Artis Jr. is scheduled to stand trial Aug. 19 for the murder of Alexis Boland.



Artis

The delay Peoria County Chief Circuit Judge Katherine Gorman granted Monday – reluctantly, she said – is to give defense attorney Chandra Justice more time to review additional discovery evidence she received July 26.

Among the evidence

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- Williamsfield School Board adds Brian Howard as a member. **Page 11**

prosecutors handed over were seven body-camera videos, according to Justice. Written reports from three law-enforcement agencies also were released.

The body-cam footage depicts the arrest of Artis, near a gasoline station in Morton. Artis, 28, was apprehended April 14, 2023, a few hours after he was accused of shooting 22-year-old Boland at the Brighton Woods apartment complex in Dunlap. Boland died two days later.

Clad in a white dress shirt, Artis sat beside Justice in court. She said she

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## Storm damage, terrain made rescue difficult

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

ELMORE – John Dubaic spent his final moments in one of the most remote areas of Peoria County. But his rescuers appeared to take at least some comfort in making sure he didn't spend them alone.

Dubaic, a 77-year-old man from upstate New York, died July 23 shortly after he was found barely alive in brush along the Spoon River near Cedar Bluff Road. In an attempt to save his life, first responders carried Dubaic about 600 yards up a steep hill and over trees felled by recent, significant storms.

According to authorities, Dubaic was driving a brand-new recreational vehicle to Las Vegas when he strayed well off the beaten path. It's probable Dubaic was stranded for a week without nourishment after his RV became disabled south of Elmore, almost 1,000 miles from home.

How Dubaic ended up in the far-northwest corner of Peoria County probably always will be a mystery, according to Sheriff Chris Watkins.

"Zero. No idea. His family doesn't know. Nobody knows," he said. "His family saw him drive off. He was 77 years old and had some health issues, not

very mobile. It was just an unfortunate accident."

Dubaic's journey began with no apparent problems. On July 13, he left his home in Green Island, N.Y., located near Albany. His family kept in touch with him until July 15, when he was in Wisconsin, according to Watkins.

About 1 p.m. July 15, Dubaic was spotted in Bureau County, headed south on Illinois Route 40 toward Peoria. Exactly eight days later, the sheriff's office received a telephone call from New York law-enforcement authorities who traced

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Several agencies collaborated to find a missing New York man last Tuesday in northern Peoria County. Photo courtesy Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

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# TRIAL: Artis' mother seeks visitation rights

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 reviewed most of the new discovery evidence but had not been able to show Artis the body-cam videos.  
 "They're extremely important," Justice said. "They provide objective evidence instead of subjective evidence. Obviously, the late tendering of the (evidence) has brought even more distrust to the system by my client. I told him I didn't think it was intentional, but ultimately, that was the result of that."  
 "To do this 2½ days before trial really puts my

client in a position where he feels this is not due process for him."  
 The newly released evidence left Justice unprepared for trial, she said. She also suggested it's rare for a murder case to progress as quickly as this one has.  
 Prosecuting attorneys acknowledged the lateness of the release and appeared to blame the Peoria Police Department for at least some of the delay. But they said the items complemented previous releases and revealed

nothing new. The videos show Artis on the ground being handcuffed.  
 "Nothing in this discovery had not already been known to the defendant," prosecutor Dave Gast said. "It's not that this information was a surprise to the defense. It is what it is."  
 Gorman didn't appear pleased about the situation, which she said was rather unusual. She also said she trusted the most recent discovery-evidence release was the final one.  
 "While the court is anxious to have this matter tried to keep things moving, I want to be sure that all the information has been provided and that both sides can ... explore any issues that are necessary to put on a defense so that there are not any issues that can be raised at a later date," Gorman said.

Boland was a 2019 graduate of Princeville High School. Her family owns a local plumbing business. She and Artis had children in common, according to authorities.  
 Prosecutors and a witness allege Artis forced his way into the Brighton Woods apartment, pulled out a handgun and fired multiple shots at Boland. Bullets struck Boland in the head and torso. Artis then fled in a vehicle. He possessed a gun when he was arrested.  
 If convicted of murder, Artis might face a life sentence. He also was accused of home invasion and aggravated battery.

In a related court matter, a case before Judge Dan Cordis filed on April 3 shows that Gloria A. Artis of Peoria has petitioned for visitation of the Artis-Boland children. Gloria is the mother of Walter Artis Jr.

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**This Week's Hot Picks**

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- **FROG Fest** – Dahinda United Methodist Church has its annual FROG Fest on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 4-7 p.m. at the church. Dinner served at 5 p.m. and includes pulled pork, hot dogs and frog legs. Kids activities and live music. Bring lawnchairs.
- **Final Concert** – The Elmwood Municipal Band has its final summer concert Sunday, Aug. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Central Park.

**The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast**

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Storms	Storms	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Sunny	Partly Sunny	Partly Sunny
<b>87</b> 69	<b>88</b> 68	<b>90</b> 67	<b>90</b> 67	<b>88</b> 69	<b>90</b> 69	<b>86</b> 67
SW 9 mph	NNW 11 mph	N 8 mph	W 7 mph	SE 6 mph	SSW 11 mph	WSW 8 mph

**This Week's Events**

- **Wellness Center** – Free informational meetings about the Community Wellness Center and YMCA proposed for north of Elmwood will be held July 31 at Brimfield High School at 6:30 p.m. and Aug. 7 at the Yates City Community Center at 6:30 p.m.
- **Miller Tournament** – The Aaron Miller Memorial softball tournament is today through Sunday (Aug. 1-3) in Kickapoo. Proceeds have helped fund 16 scholarships to area high schoolers in the past three years.
- **Animal Talk** – Wildlife Prairie Park will bring animal friends to the Yates City Community Center on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 11 a.m. Event sponsored by Salem Township Library.
- **School Supplies** – Friends of the Pantry will hold its annual School Supply Give-away Aug. 5 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Union Church.
- **Farmer's Markets** – Elmwood's market is Friday in Central Park, 4-6:30 p.m. - Brimfield market is Thursday, 5-8

p.m., at Mercantile Seventeen.

- **National Night Out** – Farmington's National Night Out celebration is Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 4-8 p.m. at Farmington Community Center, 88 Fremont St. Meet police and fire-rescue officers, tour refurbished community center. Food served. Bounce house for children.

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- **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.

- **Old Settlers** – Brimfield's Old Settlers Days Aug. 8-10. Bags tourney, arts and crafts, carnival rides, beer tent, parade, 5K run/walk and live music.

**Future Events**

- **Breakfast** – All-you-can-eat breakfast Aug. 10, 7-10 a.m. at Brimfield American Legion. \$12 adults, \$8 ages 6 and under.
- **Harvest Home** – The annual Harvest Home Festival in Yates City is Aug. 16-17. Theme of the parade and festivities is "Getting Back to Our Roots."

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6:00-10:00 PM Boden Carnival Rides  
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6:30-8:00 PM Brimfield Old Settlers Race Registration (East side of the American Legion Hall)  
7:00 PM Taylor Bruninga and The Bandits (F&M Bank Stage)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH**

5:00 PM Men's Club Food Tent  
5:00 PM Fried Chicken Dinner  
5:00 PM Boden Carnival Rides  
6:00 PM Beer Tent Opens

6:30 - 8:00 PM Race Registration (Legion Hall)  
8 PM **Joe Stamm Band** F&M Bank Stage

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH**

6:30 AM Race Registration (American Legion Hall)  
7:00-10:00 Legion Breakfast (American Legion Hall)  
8:00 AM Brimfield Old Settlers 5K Walk/Run (Proceeds to benefit people in need of the Brimfield Area)  
9:00 AM Arts & Crafts Fair (Located East of F&M Bank)  
10:00 AM Kid's Bicycle Race (West of the stage on Rt. 150)  
11:00 AM Men's Club Food Tent  
5:00-8:00 Fried Chicken Dinner  
12:00 PM Registration Bags Tournament (Beer Tent)  
12:50 PM Pre-Parade Celebration-Flag Raising Ceremony (Brimfield Fire Dept.)  
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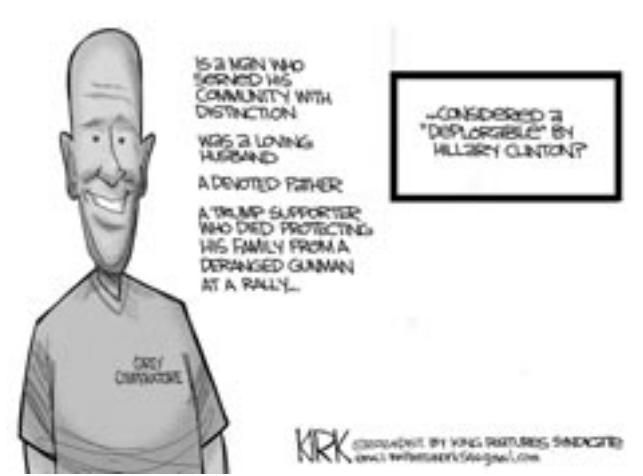
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**Quotable** - "I'd rather work all night and sleep all day ... perhaps I was a mole in my last incarnation."

- Ida Lupino

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## SCATTERSHOTS



## Of medal dreams, ugly energy & dentist decisions

Rambling through central Illinois, not surprised to learn that rainfall in Peoria County is 3.08 inches above normal so far this year.

The Olympics has an attraction all its own, both for television viewers and for the competitors it seduces with dreams of medals. Some of those dreams are more calculated than others.

During a previous gig with the Peoria Journal Star, I did some interviews with **Vic Wunderle** of Mason City. Wunderle won a team gold and an individual silver medal in 2000 at the Sydney Games and competed in the 2004 and 2008 Olympiads.

I was struck by many things while interviewing Wunderle. He was an amazing shot with his recurve bow and had been trained from a young age by his father, Terry, to become a champion. He also had an attractive blonde girlfriend named **Joy Fahrenkrog**, who gave up a career in rowing to become an Olympic hopeful in archery.

Was it because of some great love for archery, I asked?

Nope. Fahrenkrog had always dreamed of competing in the Olympics. At first, she thought rowing would get her to the international sports stage. That did not pan out.

So she did some research and decided archery was one of the easiest paths to the Olympics. Almost over-

### Olympic Humility

Harold Osborn, an Illinois athlete in the 1924 Paris Olympics

won two gold medals, and yet his two daughters

insist that he never required their praise.

So we celebrate his humility, as well as his ability.

- Dave Lampe



Jeff LAMPE

night, she became an archer. I was stunned to hear her admit it, but impressed by her desire to win a medal - something that never happened.

This is not to imply that becoming an Olympic archer is easy, though being a decathlete or boxer is surely more difficult. It's just interesting to ponder how many competitors we are watching who made life changes for a chance at glory that comes once every four years.

Speaking of the Olympics, a burning question is where to rank break-dancing (aka breakdancing) among Olympic sports. I say it's the fifth-most ridiculous behind air pistol, synchronized swimming or diving and trampoline. ... Living with electricity will always require tradeoffs. For years, we put up with coal plants polluting the air and water because coal was (and still is) readily available. Now we are closing coal plants and encouraging the spread of solar

panels and windmills. This may be a wise decision, though I can envision a day when people say, "What were we thinking?" Whether that happens or not, we do need to stop calling this "green energy." What is "green" about a landscape littered with solar panels and towering windmills? Call it what it is: Ugly energy. Yes, coal plants are ugly, but because of their efficiency, we didn't need one in every backyard. ... Pumpkin trucks, already? The first load jake-braked through Elmwood on Monday, seemingly well ahead of schedule in a year already off the charts for weirdness.

Why did Associates in Dentistry leave Elmwood? Here's an answer offered by **Danielle Bumann**, business administrator: "We're going in a different direction given the doctors we have and the patients we see. Our other offices are more convenient for our patients. The doctors we have on staff are focused on progressive dentistry instead of basic dentistry." Bumann said no plans have been finalized for the Elmwood building, which might be used as a warehouse.

... Anyone who makes a living sharpening lawnmower blades is smiling this summer. ... The new Godzilla-King Kong movie is weak. ... Parting shot: Imagine how much \$212-million QB **Tua Tagovailoa** would have been paid if he had won a playoff game. Then again, as **Rich Eisen** reported recently, the best eight annually paid QBs in the NFL are 16-17 in the playoffs and 0-3 in the Super Bowl.

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**GUEST VOICES**

**New bill will help veterans find better housing**

To the Editor:

Our veterans and military members are heroes who deserve our respect and admiration for the sacrifices they make to keep the United States free and secure. While the debt we owe them can never be fully repaid, we must do everything we can to ensure our active military members and veterans are taken care of.

This month, I supported House-passed H.R. 8580, a bill that provides resources to build new family housing for our military members and funds maintenance of current military constructions. Some of our military families are currently facing housing challenges including mold, lead paint and poor water quality, which is unacceptable. It is vital that our troops and their families have adequate housing during their tenure serving our nation and the necessary support to continue to live a dignified life after their military service comes to an end.

Not only will this bill restore and invest in the infrastructure of military homes, but it will also bolster drinking-water systems to prevent any harmful contamination.

H.R. 8580 also expands job opportunities for veterans by encouraging the Department of Veterans Affairs to work with federal agencies and state licensing bureaus to look at the transferability of Department of Defense skills and certifications, as well as working to change military training so they are more comparable to civilian certifications to allow for a more fluid transition to post-service employment.

Along with assisting in the transition back to civilian life, this bill



funds veterans' healthcare and VA research. This allows for updates to facilities and treatments our veterans rely on, while also looking into causes of specific illnesses related to their time in service. The VA must provide top-notch care for our men and women who have served and this bill helps improve current treatment and care facilities while providing updated technology for our veterans' healthcare needs.

Finally, the bill updates the current infrastructure for military research and development to ensure the U.S. remains a leader in military technology. Peace through strength only works if we invest in our military capabilities to deter bad actors and foreign adversaries. Sadly, the Biden Administration's lacking foreign-policy agenda has led to brazen actions of authoritarian leaders and failed to deter aggressive actions from our adversaries such as Russia, Iran and the Chinese Communist Party. H.R. 8580 helps restore a posture of deterrence, ensuring that the United States can halt bad actors from undermining our leadership.

These goals are paramount to our national security. The solution starts with supporting our troops in every aspect of their life and career, providing transitional assistance and proper

care after service, all of which this bill accomplishes.

I pride myself on the services we provide to veterans and active military members. My offices throughout the 16th Congressional District of Illinois are here to assist veterans who need help to get the care and benefits they have earned.

We live in the greatest nation in the world because of those who serve. In Congress, I will always fight to make sure that our military members, both active and retired, can live their lives with the care and dignity they deserve.

**— Rep. Darin LaHood, Dunlap**  
**When did Kamala Harris become a world-saver?**

To The Editor:

How does Kamala Harris go from 0 votes, 0 accomplishments and 0 anyone liking her to the woman who is now going to save the world?

Her stances against law enforcement, failure to control our southern border and favoring of abortion with no limits do not meet with the views of the majority of Americans.

If we had a fair media, her ratings would have remained worse than those of President Joe Biden.

Even if one doesn't like Donald Trump, who can disagree with the fact that our country and Americans were better off from 2016-2020 than we are today?

**— Barbara Abernethy, Edwards**

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# Billtown updates school dress code

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

**WILLIAMSFIELD** – The Williamsfield School District dress code might have had too many shades of gray. A recent update makes the code a bit more black and white.

The revised dress code received school-board approval last month, as part of the 2024-25 student handbook. Among other things, the code prohibits students in all grades from wearing clothing that advertises drugs, alcohol or tobacco, or has suggestive or obscene messages.

Also prohibited are short-shorts; clothing with excessive holes or slits that are in poor taste; and apparel made of tight-fitting or revealing spandex, unless other clothing is worn over it from shoulder to mid-thigh. Trousers must be worn at the waist.

Violators might be sent to the principal's office and barred from classes until they change into acceptable attire. Repeated violations can lead to parental

notification and out-of-school suspension.

The first day of classes in Billtown is Aug. 13. The dress code is the first item in the "Standards of Conduct" section of the student handbook.

Williamsfield Principal Zack Binder said this is the most specific and comprehensive the student handbook has been in recent years, at least, regarding student attire. Previously, the appropriateness of the apparel students wore to class was open to administrative discretion.

"(We) wanted to have a very clear code that parents could understand," Binder said. "A lot of families are out shopping for school clothes and getting ready for the year. We wanted something very objective and clear cut that families will be able to follow."

"I just think as years go by, there's more of a gray area about what's acceptable at school. ... Overall, students shall dress in a manner that reflects self-respect."

Variation from the code will not be tolerated, Binder said. A committee developed the code, which Binder termed fair. He told the board the code is to be applied during the school day and athletics-team uniforms won't be monitored.

"I don't remember an occasion where I've seen a cheerleader inappropriately dressed," Binder said.

The student handbook is scheduled to be available at the district website, [www.billtown.org](http://www.billtown.org).

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**Police reports**

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man who led police on a high-speed chase was accused of multiple crimes, including an illicit-drugs offense.

A Farmington police officer saw Eric F. Brand, 43, driving a 1998 Chevrolet pickup truck about 5:30 p.m. July 8 on Barlow Road. The officer knew Brand's driver's license had been revoked since 2018, according to a police report. Brand then didn't use a signal when he turned north on Main Street.

The officer pursued Brand's vehicle north of Farmington on Knox Road 2300 East. The vehicle reached 80 mph before it stopped just north of Knox Road 50 North. A plastic bag that contained psychedelic mushrooms was found inside the vehicle, the report stated.

Brand was accused of possession of a controlled substance, driving with a revoked license, speeding 26-35 mph over the posted limit, failure to signal, operating an uninsured vehicle and driving a vehicle with a defective window. He received notices to appear in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

In a separate case, Brand was cited for failure to register with police as a violent offender.

• **DAHINDA** – A 2-year-old girl was transported to a Peoria medical facility after she almost drowned in the Spoon River south of Dahinda.

The child, a Williamsfield resident, joined siblings who entered the water about 1:15 p.m. July 15 in the 1400 block of Knox Highway 15, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The family was preparing to fish.

Per the report, the 2-year-old's mother noticed the girl was struggling in the water and retrieved her quickly. The child was coughing when she left the water. Medical personnel arrived, but the report did not state where in Peoria the girl was brought for observation.

• **ELMWOOD** – No injuries were reported following a kitchen fire at a residence east of Elmwood.

Firefighters were summoned shortly after 6:30 p.m. July 14 to the 19800 block of W. Meehan Rd. There they found light smoke emanating from the kitchen after the homeowner used an extinguisher to put out the flames.

The homeowner had been cooking sweet corn on a stove when a nearby plastic appliance ignited, according to Elmwood Fire Chief Bob Tannock. The fire spread to upper cabinets. Firefighters pulled down the cabinets, opened drywall and ventilated smoke.

Damage was minor, according to Tannock, who did not have a dollar estimate. Elba-Salem firefighters

also responded.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Princeville man was arrested in connection with a domestic-battery incident.

Mark A. Deckard II, 27, was apprehended about 3:30 p.m. July 13 in the 200 block of W. Evans St. He was accused of domestic battery/bodily harm and interfering with a domestic-violence report.

A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy was summoned about an hour earlier to a residence in the 500 block of S. Santa Fe Ave. A heavily redacted sheriff's-office report indicated an Akron-Princeville ambulance transported someone to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Hanna City woman was accused of pepper-spraying a man's face, according to authorities.

Twaniya T. Ross, 20, was implicated regarding the incident, which took place about 4:30 p.m. July 13 at a residence in the 500 block of N. Main St. A heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report indicated the victim was from Hanna City.

Ross was charged with domestic battery and transported to the Peoria County Jail. She also was wanted in Peoria County for failure to appear in court.

• **KICKAPOO** – A Brimfield man was arrested for violating an order of protection at a Kickapoo-area horse-riding facility.

The alleged violation by Randy L. Barth, 58, took place shortly before 4:30 p.m. July 11 at Western Hearts Ranch & Riding Club, 6628 N. Kramm Rd., according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. A Brimfield woman who was picking up someone there had filed for the order.

Barth was taken into custody about 6 p.m. at the Louisville Slugger Sports Complex in Peoria, then transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man was cited for driving without a valid license. Police stopped David L. Wade, 43, as he was driving a westbound 2005 Dodge minivan shortly after 5:45 p.m. July 11 in the 300 block of E. Fort St.

A check revealed Wade's license was suspended June 13 for financial reasons, according to a Farmington police report.

Wade received a notice to appear Aug. 16 in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown. His vehicle was impounded.

• **EDELSTEIN** – A Dunlap man required hospital treatment following a one-vehicle accident near Edelstein.

Shortly after 7 p.m. July 6, Ernest T. Beach was driving a 2008 Chevrolet Suburban south in the 20300 block of Illinois Route 40 when the vehicle swerved left, then right, a witness told the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle went air-

borne over a ditch and rolled at least three times into a cornfield.

Beach was ejected before the vehicle stopped and was unable to answer questions, per a sheriff's-office report. He was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria with incapacitating injuries. The vehicle was a total loss.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – A Williamsfield-area man shot himself accidentally as he was cleaning his gun.

The incident happened about 2 p.m. July 6 at a residence in the 1800 block of Knox Road 2150 East.

The 37-year-old victim said he was cleaning the .22-caliber semi-automatic pistol when it fired, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

A bullet struck the victim on the outside edge of his left hand and chipped a bone. He said he pulled the slide back to try to seat a bullet in the chamber. The victim was treated at and released from OSF Saint Luke Medical Center in Ke-wanee.

• **DOUGLAS** – Someone stole rocks from a government-owned pile south of Douglas, according to witnesses.

Shortly after 10:15 a.m. July 6, two Douglas men saw a red Dodge pickup truck pull up to the pile at Illinois Route 8 and Knox Highway 19, fill five-gallon buckets with rocks and drive toward Middle Grove, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

A deputy searched for the truck, to no avail. Salem Township owns the rockpile. No suspect information was available.

• **KICKAPOO** – Lawrence W. Baldwin, 62, of Kickapoo was arrested shortly after 7:30 a.m. July 22 and accused of aggravated domestic battery/great bodily harm, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **ELMWOOD** – Dalton L. Sander, 18, of Elmwood was arrested shortly before 2 p.m. July 21 and accused of two counts of domestic battery/bodily harm, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between July 14-20: wire down, Williamsfield; road hazard, Williamsfield; wire down, Dahinda; wire down, La Fayette; abandoned vehicle, Dahinda; threats, Yates City; DUI, Yates City; burglary, Douglas; burglary, Dahinda; suspicious incident, Dahinda.

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# MOLES: Trapping offers best form of control

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Moley!

Earthworms are essential for a healthy lawn. They are masters at reducing thatch, that layer of dead and living plant material that builds up on the soil surface of a lawn. If thatch gets too thick, it prevents moisture from reaching the soil and encourages shallow grass-root growth. When lawns are fertilized, grass grows faster than clippings can be broken down and a buildup of thatch results.

The Greek philosopher Aristotle called earthworms "intestines of the earth," and for good reason. They break up thatch material, digest it and return nutrients to the soil. In doing so, they mix soil into the thatch, increasing the microbial activity necessary for decomposition. As they tunnel through soil, they create pathways for air and water.

If pesticides must be applied to a lawn to control

grubs, be sure the chemical is non-toxic to earthworms. Most earthworms are slow growers and have low reproductive rates. It takes a long time for populations to re-establish after a toxic pesticide has been applied.

I've been told by some folks that they treated their grass for grubs in order to starve out the moles, but the critters continued to plow up the yard. "Why is that?" they ask. I'm willing to bet that their lawn care company correctly applied a chemical toxic to grubs but relatively harmless to earthworms, the moles' preferred diet. On the other hand, had the mole damage ceased after the lawn was treated, it could be that the applied chemical killed not only the grubs but the earthworm population as well. Of course it's also possible the mole simply died or moved on to wormier pastures.

So if chemicals are not the answer, how do you eliminate moles from your

lawn? I've checked with the extension folks at four different universities, including Illinois. All of their advice boils down to trapping. I know from experience that trapping requires diligence and persistence. It's a real pain, but the joy of finding a mole's carcass is beyond measure.

Some gardeners say certain plants will repel moles when planted as the border between the woods or meadow and the lawn. Daffodils, castor bean plant and mole plant (*Euphorbia lathyris*) are most often mentioned. Of the three, only daffodils are perennial. Marigolds are listed, but I know they don't work.

Moles are solitary animals and very territorial. They will fight to the death any other mole that wanders into their tunnels. Females have one litter of three or four young per year in the spring. By summer, mom kicks them out to go find a home of

their own. This means that usually if you trap a mole in a particular run this time of year, there won't be another in that same run.

Currently you can trap moles in Illinois without a permit. The University of Minnesota Extension website has detailed instructions on how to set a harpoon-style mole trap. It's worth a look. Visit [extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/how-to-trap-moles](http://extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/how-to-trap-moles).



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# RESCUE: Lifesaving measures proved futile

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the missing Dubaic to the Elmore area.

The RV was fitted with a trackable GPS device. According to Watkins, Dubaic didn't have a conventional cellphone.

"Usually when we have missing people, we can ping the phone," Watkins said about tracking. "That was another hurdle law enforcement out East had. Obviously if they had pinged the phone, we probably would have been notified within a few days."

As Watkins was notified, so was Knox County Sheriff Jack Harlan; the Elmore area straddles the county line. Also alerted were volunteer search-and-rescue teams from the sheriffs' counties and from McLean, Mercer, Tazewell and Woodford counties. At least 50 people partici-

pated.

The Knox County sheriff's maritime unit set sail in the Spoon River. The Peoria County sheriff and the Galesburg Police Department launched drones. Within about 20 minutes, a Peoria County drone located Dubaic's RV along a narrow trail.

"We're amazed that the guy got the RV down to where he did," Watkins said.

Trees blocked the path to the RV, and one crushed the passenger side of it — the result of storms July 15 that spawned a tornado in that area. It appeared Dubaic tried to extricate the RV, then set off on foot.

About 2½ hours after the drone located the RV, a Knox County deputy and a search-and-rescue volunteer located Dubaic.

"The gentleman was

breathing. He kind of responded in moans, if that makes any sense," Harlan said.

"It was going to be a tough extraction to get him out. It was a very, very treacherous area to get to, and it took a lot of manpower. It was hot. Guys had been working out there for a couple of hours."

Conveying a gurney in that area was impractical. Rescuers wrapped a reflective vest and one deputy's shirt around Dubaic and carried him up the hill and through thickets toward an area where Brimfield firefighters and an OSF HealthCare helicopter were waiting.

A group of seven, including Harlan, transported Dubaic.

"We had to lift the subject over trees and get people on the other side to continue to move him," Harlan said. "He was alive, but we were carrying dead weight. ... There were a couple of times we had to stop a little bit because all of us started to get a little tuckered out."

Lifesaving measures were futile, and Dubaic was pronounced dead not long after he was found. Harlan and Watkins

praised first-responders' efforts and said they were not in vain.

"In our minds, it was a search-and-rescue. It was not a recovery mission," Harlan said. "You don't know who you're dealing with. You may grow up as a farm boy and know how to forage, how to conserve water. The quicker we can find you, the better off it is."

"We found him, but unfortunately he ended up passing once we got him into the (medical) area."

Removing Dubaic's RV was expected to take several days. Even after trees were cleared, a tow truck wouldn't be able to access the area, according to Watkins. Nor was it likely any canoers or kayakers on the river would have been able to see Dubaic or his vehicle.

"This is a very remote area," he said. "That's why no one came across him, because it's such a rural part of the area and he's down by the river. We've had some tough rescues, and this is definitely at the top of the list. We've had some odd incidents, and this is one of them."

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**Billtown School Board adds new member**

WILLIAMSFIELD – After interviewing two candidates for a vacant seat, the Williamsfield School Board on Monday voted to add Brian Howard to its membership.

During a special meeting, the board voted 5-1 to seat Howard, who filled a position left vacant by the resignation of Gina Strom.

Howard had previously served on the board after being elected in 2017. Rachel Tucker also applied for the position, according to School Board President Chad Goff.

In other business, the board approved:

- Revised job descriptions for the athletic director to include responsibilities of a new dean of students. The dean of students works with the principal on a variety of administrative functions.

- A revised 2024-25 board meeting schedule.

- Hiring Jordon Moore as an assistant softball coach for high school and junior high.

The board is scheduled to meet



Work is underway to restore the stone gates at the old entrance to Jubilee College State Park. The Citizens Committee to Preserve Jubilee College is funding the work, which is expected to cost \$3,600 per gate. One gate will be done this year and another is scheduled to be completed next spring. Photo by Lisa Sandall.

again Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.

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collect hundreds of carp and the total haul for the tournament is in the thousands. Fish are trucked away to be processed, usually for agricultural or commercial uses.

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# Students still struggling post-pandemic

By **PETER HANCOCK**  
 Capitol News Illinois  
 SPRINGFIELD – As the flow of billions of dollars in federal pandemic-related aid is about to end, many students in Illinois are still struggling to catch up academically from the learning loss that occurred when schools were forced to close.

A new study from the University of Illinois System says only about one-fourth of all public-school students are back to pre-pandemic performance levels in English language arts while even fewer have returned to pre-pandemic levels in math.

Learning recovery has been especially slow at the high school level, where

test scores have been declining, the study found. And recovery in math scores has lagged English language arts scores across grade levels.

The study was conducted by the Illinois Workforce and Education Research Collaborative, which is part of the University of Illinois System's Discovery Partners Institute.

Findings suggest school officials face difficult decisions as they look for ways to continue their recovery efforts without the federal resources on which they've been relying.

"Of course, we are concerned about the loss of things like high-dosage tutoring and the extended-

day programs," IWERC Director Meg Bates said. Bates said IWERC conducted the study in partnership with the Illinois State Board of Education.

One of the key findings of the study, Bates said, is that recovery has been uneven, both across grade levels and among socio-economic groups. Overall, academic performance has improved more quickly at the elementary school level than for high school.

Districts with high concentrations of black, Latino and low-income students, however, remain furthest from their pre-pandemic performance levels. Those districts also tend to be the ones that relied the most on remote learning during the pandemic.

The study also found schools have not yet recovered from the enrollment declines that occurred at

the height of the pandemic. And for those students who are still enrolled, chronic absenteeism has risen sharply.

From 2019-21, state-wide enrollment fell by nearly 60,000 students, to 1.71 million. Enrollment had been trending downward even before the pandemic, due largely to declining birth rates in Illinois, but Bates said these declines were beyond what would otherwise be expected.

To help schools deal with the effects of the pandemic, Congress approved three separate federal relief packages that included billions of dollars in emergency education funds. Illinois' share totaled just over \$7.8 billion.

The flow of those funds, however, will end when the current federal fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

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# Opposition growing to Chinese battery maker locating in Illinois

By KEVIN BESSLER  
The Center Square

As more revelations arise about a Chinese company that plans to build a battery plant in Kankakee County, opposition is building.

Gotion is slated to receive over \$8 billion in federal and state subsidies for its Manteno plant. The company plans to build a facility in Michigan as well, where Illinois U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood, R-Peoria, took part in a roundtable discussion on Gotion's ties to the Chinese Communist Party.

"While I believe it's important that we incentivize business growth, it is simply unacceptable that governors like J.B. Pritzker and Gretchen Whitmer have decided to leave taxpayers on the hook for billions in federal subsidies funneling the companies beholden to maligned ac-

tors like the CCP," said LaHood.

A plant designed to supply parts to the Manteno project has faced opposition in Michigan. A recall election in Green Charter Township threw out five local board members who backed tax breaks for Gotion.

"People are in favor of jobs coming into their area, but not when there's a link to the Chinese Communist Party," said U.S. Rep. John Moolenaar, R-Michigan.

A congressional committee has presented evidence alleging Gotion benefits from forced labor in China.

LaHood and Moolenaar have introduced the No Official Giveaways Of Taxpayers' Income to Oppressive Nations (NO GOTION) Act. The bill would prohibit companies affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party from receiving green energy pro-

duction tax credits implemented by the Biden Administration in the Inflation Reduction Act.

Chuck Thelen, vice president of North American Operations, has denied Gotion is tied to the Chinese Communist Party.

"Gotion High-Tech is an independently operated international private enterprise. The political affiliation of any employee does not affect the company's business decision-making process," Thelen said in a statement.

A lawsuit to stop the Manteno plant is being heard by a judge. A decision on whether to allow the lawsuit to proceed is expected on Sept. 30.

# Peoria Co. board approves revival of Kickapoo winery

By TERRY BIBO  
For The Weekly Post

The Peoria County Board met June 13 and had a two-hour-plus policy discussion about American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Peoria County received \$34.8 million in federal recovery funds and has contracts in place covering all but \$9.8 million. Federal law requires those funds be obligated/contracted by Dec. 31, and spent by the end of 2026, or else returned.

The result was small changes in anticipated uses and consensus on staff direction. (For details, visit [peoriacounty.gov/524/](http://peoriacounty.gov/524/) County-Board and check the meeting video at 1:44:15.)

In regular business, the board unanimously approved zoning for two event venues: new construction along U.S. Route 150 near Kickapoo and revival of the former Kickapoo Creek Winery site.

Members approved \$27,101 in commercial kitchen equipment for the new Health and Human Services building. A new \$362,000 chip spreader was approved, along with \$439,000 to construct a storage building at the Highway Department's North Station.

• **Board of Elections** – The Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners met June 18 and heard from Executive Director Elizabeth Gannon that an unusual expenditure to repair some voting equipment is less costly than paying for a warranty.

Gannon said she had enough election judges for the primary but will need more for the November general election. Some "snowbirds" are back and willing to work.

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**William E. Keyt**  
BRIMFIELD – William Eugene “Bill” Keyt, 87, of Brimfield, passed away Saturday, July 27, 2024, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.



Keyt

Bill was born in 1936, in Lostant, Ill., to Mylo and Florence (Newsome) Keyt. He married Loretta Waldschmidt, of Metamora, in 1959. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Dan (Deb) of Brimfield and Andy (Brenna) of West Peoria, Ill.; grandchildren, Justin (Laurel), Drew (Katie) and Bree (Jake) Harlow; one great-grandson, Beau; a sister, Jane Migliorini of Granville, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill graduated from Lostant High School in 1955. He farmed, with his dad, before working for Berry Seed in Kankakee. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1959. He and Loretta spent two years in Germany while he was stationed there with the 81st Missile Battalion. They traveled throughout Europe and Bill played basketball for the Army. He was a guidance system generator operator for the Corporal missile.

Returning from Germany, he farmed until 1963, when he started working for Pitney Bowes, retiring in 1993. He also played AAU basketball for seven years during that time.

He continued his education, graduating from DeVry Tech of Chicago and taking business courses at Bradley University.

He loved the game of basketball, coaching a Catholic youth team in Springfield, leading them to a second-place finish in the state.

Bill and Loretta moved to the Brimfield area in 1971. He coached baseball and started a biddy-basketball program in 1978. He also started a summer girls basketball program in 1989, taking them to various camps. He maintained a Sunday-night open gym for the community for 11 years.

After retirement, Bill joined the Brimfield School District as assistant coach of grade school boys basketball, 7th grade girls basketball, softball and freshman volleyball. He worked in the school's cafeteria as well as being the coordinator for the work-based learning program. Bill retired from the school district in 2000.

In April 2009, Bill was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches

Association Hall of Fame. He continued helping with girls basketball and traveled with the high school girls teams, keeping stats and the book, as needed.

Bill enjoyed playing golf with friends and his grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Brimfield, at 10 a.m. the Rev. Deogratias Mpewo will officiate, assisted by Deacon Ray Burton. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will take place at the church on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. and an additional hour Friday morning from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorial donations can be made to Brimfield High School for the girls basketball team, or to any charity of one's choosing. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left for William's family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

**Shirley Korth**

YATES CITY – Shirley Korth, 95, of Yates City, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born on June 10, 1929, the oldest child of Eugene and Mary (Maston) Wieland.

She married Marion Whitmore and he preceded her in death. She later married David Korth, who also preceded her in death.

Surviving are her children, Gloria (late Gene) Arnold, Mary Bliss, Leo Whitmore, Gary (Sherri) Whitmore and Keith (Tiffany) Whitmore;

brothers, Con (Linda) Wieland and John (Bev) Wieland; sisters, Ellen (Jim) Purple, Carol Wieland and Sharon (late Bob) Goodman; 21 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death are 10 siblings, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Shirley worked at Home Comfort in Princeville, Elm Haven Nursing Home and at a nursing home in Arizona.

She was a devoted Christian woman. Besides her family, God was her priority. She listened to a Christian ministry every day until a few months before her passing.

Shirley was a sweet, kind lady who

was a grandma to everyone. She loved to have visitors and you never left without a hug. Her main hobby was crocheting blankets for her family.

She was a breast cancer survivor.

A funeral service was to be July 31, 2024, at 11 a.m. with a visitation one hour prior at the Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. Burial was to follow in the Texas Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Elba-Salem Fire Department.

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**Jon S. Rogers**

PEORIA – Jon S. Rogers, 57, of Peoria, passed away at his home on July 26, 2024. Jon was born on Dec. 4, 1966, to Louis and Judith Rogers in Galesburg, Ill.

Jon was preceded in death by his loving mother, Judith A. Rogers. He is survived by his father, Louis F. Rogers of Yates City, and his sister, Catherine (Mark) Bovard of Mattoon, Ill., and his faithful dog, Pepper. He is also survived by four very special cousins and an aunt, Fran Sandfort of Asheville, N.C. Jon leaves behind a large community of friends, as he never met a stranger and lived life to its fullest.

After graduating from Yates City High School in 1985, he attended Illinois State University where he was active in his fraternity, Sigma Tau Gamma, and graduated with a degree in political science in 1990. At ISU, Jon was active in ROTC and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Army upon graduation. He was a platoon leader/project manager at the U.S. Army Reserve 724th Transportation Company from 1989-97.

Jon proudly served in Operation Desert Storm and was a patriot through and through. He loved history and could recount details of any Civil War or World War II battle.

Jon was a national account sales executive at G&D Integrated in Morton, Ill., since 2016. Prior to G&D, he was a sales executive at Federal Companies in Peoria. He also had several part-time jobs that allowed him to share his gregarious personality with many. He was an active Uber driver and former bartender at the Tartan Inn and Dormitory in Peoria. He had a wonderful sense of humor and quick wit. Heaven gained the funniest angel.



Rogers



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**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**Super Crossword**

Answers

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**CryptoQuote**  
answer

Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.  
– George Bernard Shaw

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

7	6	5	8	1	3	2	9	4
2	3	4	6	5	9	8	7	1
8	9	1	7	2	4	3	5	6
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9	1	7	2	4	8	6	3	5
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**Pages From The Past** Compiled by Jeff Lampe

**5 Years Ago**

• The Associates in Dentistry office in Elmwood was undergoing renovations.

• In Farmington, work had started on an Illinois Department of Transportation project along Illinois Route 78 between Main Street and Lightfoot Road. Work includes road resurfacing, sidewalk replacement and installing ornamental lights.

**10 Years Ago**

• Willard Swindler, a resident of Farmington Country Manor, celebrated his 100th birthday.

• Dozens of people met in Brimfield to raise money in an effort to intervene in Ameren Illinois' proposed transmission line. Those gathered mostly favored a northern route for the 345,000-volt Spoon River Transmission Line instead of a route along Interstate 74.

• More than 1,300 walkers and

runners participated in the 11th annual Whitney's Walk at Jubilee College State Park. The event raised \$132,000 for Peoria's Hult Center for Healthy Living.

• Rick LeHew of Brimfield earned a spot in The Senior Open Championship at Royal Porthcrawl Golf Club in Wales.

**20 Years Ago**

• Roy Weckerly opened a new blacksmith shop in Elmwood.

• A surprise 75th birthday party was held for Jack Bedwell.

**35 Years Ago**

• Elmwood United Methodist Church had a ground-breaking service for its new church structure, which will be valued at approximately \$500,000.

**36 Years Ago**

• Danny Sprecher of Yates City won a blue ribbon at the Illinois State Fair in corn production. He is

the son of Tom and Cathi Sprecher.

**90 Years Ago**

• Francis Kneer of Williamsfield had his collarbone broken when his truck kicked while he was cranking it to start.

**96 Years Ago**

• Mr. and Mrs. James Runyon received a prize for being the oldest married couple at the Brimfield Old Settlers Picnic. They have been married 61 years. James Runyon also won a prize for being the oldest person present who was born in Brimfield Township.

**110 Years Ago**

• Seven machines around Laura were threshing what was said to be one of the heaviest runs of oats ever seen here.

**120 Years Ago**

• The new Laura Bank opened for business on Aug. 3, with J.A. Elliott in charge.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of School District Number 326, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, that tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 909 N. Town Ave. Princeville, Illinois in this School District from and after 4:00 o'clock pm., on the 9th day of August, 2025.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:45 o'clock pm., on the 10th day of September 2025, at the Collaboration Area at Princeville Junior/Senior High School in this School District Number 326. Dated this 1st day of August, 2025. School board of School District Number 326, in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois.

Sue Hefler, Secretary

Published 8/1/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Williamsfield Community Unit School District 210 in the Counties of Knox, Peoria & Stark, State of Illinois, that a budget for said school district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the District Office, 325 w. Kentucky Avenue Williamsfield, Illinois 61489 in this school district from and after 8:00 o'clock a.m. on the 13th day of August, 2024.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of September 2024 in the Williamsfield School District, 325 W. Kentucky Ave in School District 210, within the Kutkat Conference Room. Dated this 29th Day of July, 2024 Board of Education of School District 210, County of Knox, State of Illinois.

Lisa Hanson, Secretary Board of Education

Published 8/1/24

CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF RUSSELL L. WATKINS, Deceased. CC 2024-PR-0000209

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of RUSSELL L. WATKINS on July 9, 2024. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to JASON SHERMAN, of 253 North Main Street, Farmington, Illinois 61531, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 7th day of February, 2025, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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DATED this 24th day of July, 2024.

JASON SHERMAN, Executor of the Estate of RUSSELL L. WATKINS, Deceased.

ROBERT L. POTTS, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executor

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

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC PLAINTIFF

Vs. James G. Livingston; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2022-FC-0000278

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 05/22/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on August 28, 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:

LOTS 150 AND 151 IN EDGEMERE HEIGHTS, IN THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-29-454-012

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

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

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

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are ad-

monished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Cordilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-07302. 13247978

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

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff,

Vs. Andre Burton, United States of America, Unknown Owners and Non-Records Claimants, Defendants.

2024-FC-0000113

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

ANDRE BURTON UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORDS 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:

LOT 1 TIMBER OAKS, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF

THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS FILED IN BOOK "Z-2" OF PLATS, PAGE 107, PEORIA COUNTY RECORDS; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3007 W NEBRASKA AVE, PEORIA, IL 61604

PIN # 14-31-352-021 and which said Mortgage was made by:

ANDRE BURTON, A SINGLE MAN, the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Finance of America Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of PEORIA County, IL, as Document No. 2018000127; 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.

By order of the Chief Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation Pre-Conference on 8/29/2024 at 1:30 pm at the Peoria County Courthouse, Room 204, 324 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois. A mediation coordinator will be present to discuss options that you may have and to pre-screen you for mediation.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person meetings within the courthouse are being limited. Therefore, you are being asked to meet with your 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 FOR THE PRE-MEDIATION CONFERENCE 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, on or before August 19, 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.

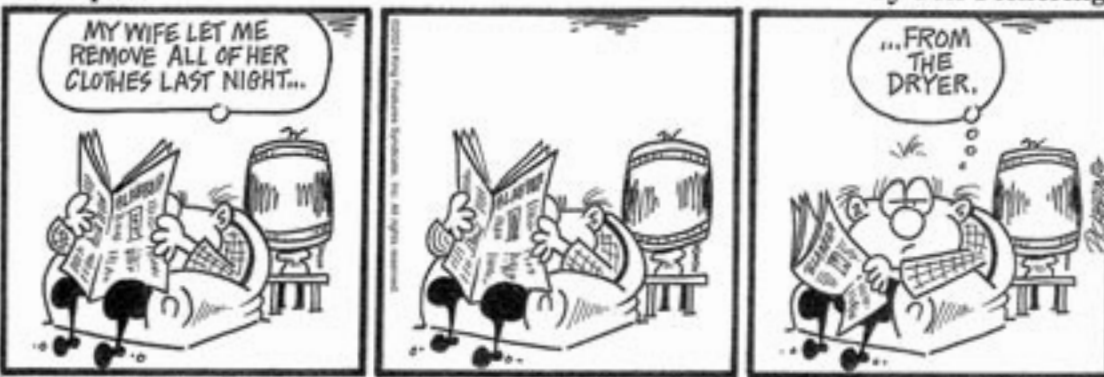
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Weekly SUDOKU

Sudoku grid by Linda Thistle. The grid is a 9x9 square with some numbers pre-filled. The numbers are: Row 1: 7, 5, blank, blank, 2, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 2: blank, blank, 6, blank, 9, blank, blank, blank, 1. Row 3: blank, 9, blank, blank, 2, 3, blank, blank, blank. Row 4: blank, 2, blank, blank, 5, blank, 1, blank, blank. Row 5: blank, blank, 7, blank, 4, blank, blank, blank, 5. Row 6: 6, blank, blank, 9, blank, blank, blank, 8, blank. Row 7: 1, blank, blank, blank, blank, 2, blank, 6, blank. Row 8: blank, 4, blank, blank, 8, 9, blank, blank, blank. Row 9: blank, blank, 2, 5, blank, blank, blank, blank, 7.

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!

FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14

CryptoQuote puzzle. A grid of letters with a key: 'A' stands for another letter, 'X' for two O's, etc. The grid contains: N U E W U Q O ' F L H J A F E U O S U O R M J A C Q W N E . N U E W U Q L H J A F T C W L F U O R M J A C Q W N E . - R W J C R W H W C O L C S Q V L Y

Trivia test

- 1. TELEVISION: What was SpongeBob SquarePants' original name when the story was pitched?
2. MOVIES: Which famous horror film was set at Crystal Lake, New Jersey?
3. LANGUAGE: In Great Britain, what are stabilisers?
4. MUSIC: Which band had a hit with the 1961 "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"?
5. GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states have a border with Mexico?
6. MATH: How many sides does a hec-togon have?
7. INVENTIONS: In what year were flat-screen TVs first sold?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of cheese is used in a caprese salad?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "The Land of Enchantment"?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of dog is Scooby-Doo in the animated cartoons?

- Answers
1. SpongeBoy.
2. "Friday the 13th."
3. Training wheels.
4. The Tokens.
5. Four: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.
6. 100.
7. 1997.
8. Fresh mozzarella.
9. New Mexico.
10. A Great Dane.
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TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Twisters (PG-13)
2. Despicable Me 4 (PG)
3. Inside Out 2 (PG)
4. Longlegs (R)
5. A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13)
6. Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13)
7. Bad Boys: Ride or Die (R)
8. Bad Newz (NR)
9. MaXXXine (R)
10. The Bikeriders (R)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Citizens Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Brandy M. Roberts; et. al. DEFENDANTS
No. 2024-FC-000013
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 04/17/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on September 4, 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:

est bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C)

OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Cordilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-24-00030.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS.
JAMIE CARROLL A/K/A JAMIE E DITLER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 23 FC 000245
1427 WEST SHENANDOAH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61614
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 March 6, 2024, will on 09/09/2024, 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:
THE EAST 85 FEET OF LOT 11 IN MCCOY PLACE, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX NO. 14-20-126-007
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1427 West Shenandoah Drive Peoria, IL 61614
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding.

ing. The color is gray. The gas is on. The water is on. The property has a fence. The vacancy is unknown for this residency.
The Judgment amount was \$117,757.94.
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://ifforeclosuresales.mrplic.com.
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Rayermer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-166581L
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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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the BRIMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT #309 OFFICE, Brimfield, ILLINOIS hereinafter known as the Owner, for the Brimfield School District #309 Athletic Field Parking Lot Expansion project.
Bids for "Work" shall be received by the Owner at Brimfield School District #309 located at 323 East Clinton Street, P.O. Box 380, Brimfield, Illinois 61517 until 2:00-PM-CST, Monday, August 12, 2024. Bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and recorded. Bids will be held good and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days from due date.
Every bid shall consist of two (2) completed copies of Bid Documents and shall be placed in a sealed envelope labeled "Brimfield School District #309 Athletic Field Parking Lot Expansion Project."
The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and to accept or reject any bids when in the opinion of the Owner, such action will serve the best interest of the Owner.
Bids on work of this contract shall be subject to the provisions of the "Illinois Prevailing Wage Act" (Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 48, Paragraph 39s - 1-12).
Bid Documents are on file for reference at the following locations:
1. Request access from Superintendent Chad Jones at chad.jones@brimfield309.com for access to the Brimfield School District #309 Athletic Field Parking Lot Expansion Project bid documents.
2. Email of the bid documents in PDF format can also be obtained from Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc. by calling (309) 222-8600 or emailing dhorton@mweainc.com. PDF copies will be provided. If prints are desired, the contractor will be responsible for having them printed elsewhere at contractors cost.
Pertinent information will need to be obtained from all bidders in the event of an Addendum.
BRIMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT #309
Brimfield, Illinois
BY: Chad Jones, Superintendent
Published 8/1/24

CLAIM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS PEORIA COUNTY
In Re ESTATE OF JOHNATHON L. TOMLINSON, who is also known as JOHNATHON L. TOMLINSON, CC 2024-PR-0000197 Deceased.
NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of JOHNATHON L. TOMLINSON, who is also known as JOHNATHON L. TOMLINSON, on July 3, 2024. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to STEPHANIE D. BOWHAY, of 803 West Main Street, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 7th day of February, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.
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DATED This 16th day of July, 2024.
STEPHANIE D. BOWHAY, Executor of the Estate of JOHNATHON L. TOMLINSON, who is also known as JOHNATHON L. TOMLINSON, Deceased.
STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executor
118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 stephanie@whitneyandpotts.com
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Answers on Page 14 - Super Crossword
GREAT PARKING SPOTS
ACROSS
1 Fencing
53 Just one sip
54 Riddle, part 3
58 Throw lightly
7 Large wine bottles
60 Puzzle cube creator Rubik
20 Theater area
21 U.S. soccer star Megan
22 Chimney
23 Start of a riddle
26 Woes
27 Ketchup's color
28 "The Great Gatsby" star
29 Running
31 Illinois' tree
33 Twisty letter
34 Riddle, part 2
44 Made gentle
45 Source of some milk
46 Source of some milk
47 Earthy color
48 Dark deli breads
49 Kind of internal-combustion engine
52 Bygone jet, for short
54 Riddle, part 3
59 Shoe tip
60 Puzzle cube creator Rubik
61 Cousins of counties
63 Etchings, e.g.
64 Baseball
65 Shows'
67 With
83 Down, Idaho's nickname
68 TV drama of 2000-15
71 10K or marathon
73 Con job
74 Fabled bird
75 Japanese wrestling
78 Riddle, part 4
82 Ionize, e.g.
84 Pioneered
85 Alternative to
86 Slightly
87 Protruding belly button
88 Tax mo.
89 Tax pro
90 Ghana's largest city
91 End of the riddle
97 --Cat
98 Raw metal
99 Rip up
100 It fixes off-key singing
105 "I'd say," to leaders
107 Simple wind instruments
112 Riddle's answer
115 Enkindle
116 Peanut, castor bean or canola
117 Long pastry
118 Earned after taxes
119 Cozies up
120 Taco exteriors
DOWN
1 Quick haircut
2 Old 45 player
3 Performs like Cardi B
4 Tile bee-keeper of a 1997 film
5 Raged violently
6 Subjects of discussion
7 City in central California
8 "--di-dah!"
9 On -- with (much like)
10 Distribute
11 At a future point in time
12 Trio before Q
13 Blood fluids
14 Simba's father in "The Lion King"
15 Unfiled part of a schedule
16 PC key near Shift
17 2009-10 "American Idol" judge
18 Scraped (out)
19 Funny Fox
24 Viking
25 Funeral poem
26 Egg yolk
27 Remainder
28 Sealport on Italy's "heel"
29 "That's a lie!"
30 Future docs' exams
31 Very, very
32 Match divisions
33 Very, in Paris
34 Limited
35 Gold, in Gjon
36 Edinburgh inhabitant
37 Patterned wool blankets
38 Long deli sandwich
39 "Barnaby Rudge" star
40 Bucky
41 Major protest
42 Kind of internal-combustion engine
43 Mollusc
44 Battery liquid
45 Thing relied on for support
46 Like a day in June, per a Lowell poem
47 Roofing problem in cold weather
48 In favor of the idea
49 Activist Nader
50 Long deli sandwich
51 Garbage boat
52 "Nothin' doin' "
53 --Hani (spy)
54 Stare stupidly
55 Unravels
56 Emoy's skill
57 See
58 Across
59 Woe
60 One who may study bonds
61 CIA spy
62 Ames
63 Accustomed
64 Test runs
65 Triads, e.g.
66 Western U.S. gas brand
67 Things raked in autumn
68 Nest as --
69 Compulsion
70 Color slightly
71 Fail to include
72 Inflation sub.
73 Pitcher
74 Harshiser
75 Inactive
76 Actress
77 Patricia
78 Eddie bit of a pomegranate or itchi
79 Estonia and Latvia, once Abbr.
80 Go fast, quaintly
81 --Wee
82 Reese

# BASKETBALL: Princeville started its own summer league for boys

*Continued from Page 20*  
Elmwood plays in the Illinois College Shootout in Jacksonville. But this season, Elmwood sent only its junior varsity.

“We felt like that was the best situation,” Fugitt said. “Summers, it’s hard to evaluate where you are unless you’re at a high-level shootout. Those shootouts are certainly around the area, but that’s not our program this year.”

Quinton Johns might be a big part of the program in years to come. The incoming sophomore has developed his shooting to the point he can be an option when other teams are keying on Webster and Windish, according to Fugitt.

Karsyn Bolton, Cooper Brown, Ryan Lentz and Gavin Strom were incoming freshmen who also played on the Elmwood varsity at times this summer. Fugitt said Strom, who is about 6-foot-4, might be the tallest player in the Elmwood program.

“It was nice to see where there was one of those guys on the court with our upperclassmen, it looked like they all belonged,” Fugitt said. “They’ve got plenty of work to put in, but you can see that the potential is there.”

“It should be a fun couple of years with those guys, and they’re probably going to get called on to contribute this year.”

• **Farmington** – The Farmers spent much of their summer at home – in their league and at the one-day Tom Wierzba Shootout. That event included Abingdon-Avon, Canton, Flanagan-Cornell, IVC and Macomb. Farmington also played three games June 15 at the Monmouth College shootout.

For most of the summer, Farmington Coach Marty Lozier didn’t have a full complement of his usual players, because of work and other-sport commitments. But Lozier appeared happy with what he saw from who was there.

Maddux Huffman, Owen Morse and Zach Simpson are expected to augment Landon Crawford, Jack Gronewold and Boston Smith, three players who received extensive varsity experience last season.

Jarrett Fauser also impressed in limited time this summer, according to Lozier. In more extensive summer action, incoming sophomores Barrett Demmin and Blake Melz and juniors Miles Addison (an Elmwood transfer) and

Treyven Haroldson gave Lozier hope. So did junior Kaden Runyon.

“He’s going to be tough,” Lozier said. “He just has a good motor and a good nose for the basketball. He was probably my biggest surprise.”

The young guys might help Farmington withstand the loss of graduated leading scorer Keauntrey Barnes from a team that finished 15-14 last season. “I’m excited about this group,” Lozier said. “We’ve got a lot of experience coming back. I think they could be a good team. We’ve just got to get the pieces together and get them playing together.”

• **Princeville** – In April, Princeville Coach Tait Sennett hadn’t heard if any area teams were conducting summer leagues. So he decided to start one.

“I was getting kind of antsy, so I just sent out a mass email – we’ll just host,” Sennett said. “This way nobody had to worry about it. It worked out pretty good, especially for us, because we didn’t have to travel.”

Brimfield, Deer Creek-Mackinaw, Peoria Christian, Peoria Heights and Stark County were among the teams that graced the

Princeville hardwood. The Princes also played at the Monmouth College shootout. There they faced Argenta-Oreana, Kewanee, Macomb and Rock Island Alleman, among others.

Princeville lost five seniors from a 28-6 Class 1A regional finalist but returns a solid backcourt in Jake Williams and coach’s-son Tucker Sennett.

Tait Sennett was happy with what he saw from them, as well as fellow incoming seniors Matthew

Bowers, Jack Lied and Logan Olshawsky. Incoming junior Eli Christianson also had some good games, as did classmate Collin Lowery.

“That whole junior class really impressed me,” said Coach Sennett, who said turnout this summer was robust.

“I’m excited for that participation and that competitive nature that we did show,” he said. “We learned some things we can do and we can’t do. That’s what summer’s all

about – what’s going to be the best bet for this upcoming group.”

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Princeville was where R-W spent Monday nights in June. The Cougars, who finished 15-18 last season, also played host to a few teams, according to a brief text message from R-W Coach Ryan Hart.

“We progressed nicely but still have work to do,” wrote Hart, who did not elaborate.

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<p><b>REGISTRATION FEES</b></p> <p>K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades \$75.00 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades \$85.00 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades \$90.00 K-12<sup>th</sup> Technology Fee \$100.00 Agenda Fee 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> \$8.50</p> <p><i>Plus additional fees as required</i></p> <p><b>ONLINE REGISTRATION</b> K-12 online registration will start: June 17<sup>th</sup> Registration payments may be made online or mailed to the school.</p> <p><b>WALK-IN REGISTRATION</b> Walk in registration for <b>NEW FAMILIES</b> will be held at the schools on: Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> PreK-5<sup>th</sup> will be at the Grade School 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will be at the Jr/Sr High School 4:00 - 7:00 pm.</p> <p><b>FAMILY ATHLETIC FEES</b> Athletic passes will be available at registration in the high school office and at home games.</p> <p>Family pass \$100.00 Adult pass \$50.00 Student pass (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) \$25.00</p> <p><b>ACTIVITY FEE POLICY</b> For students who are members of an athletic or cheerleading squad (Grades 6-12) <b>\$50.00 PER STUDENT; PER SPORT</b> Maximum student fee \$150.00 per year Maximum family fee \$300.00 per year <i>Students or families who apply and qualify for free lunches are exempt from paying activity fees.</i> <b>*NO fees are assessed for tryouts.</b></p> <p>• <b>Athletes must have a current physical on file BEFORE TRYOUTS or the FIRST PRACTICE • Athletes without a current physical will not be allowed to tryout or practice •</b></p>	<p>Free and reduced lunch applications, Fee Waiver applications, and Student Insurance forms for those wishing to purchase insurance will be available.</p> <p><b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b> Kindergarten - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Wednesday, August 14, 2024 8:05 AM - 2:15 PM</p> <p><b>FIRST DAY OF PRE-SCHOOL</b> Orientation - Monday, Aug 19 First Day - Tuesday, Aug 20 2:15 PM DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS <b>AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p><b>K - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE UNPACK YOUR BACKPACK</b> Monday, August 12 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at Princeville Grade School Students should bring their school supplies with them.</p> <p><b>6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LOCKER SETUP NIGHT</b> Thursday, August 1 from 5pm-6pm. JH students set up lockers and locate classes.</p> <p><b>9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LOCKER SETUP NIGHT</b> Thursday, August 1 from 6-7pm HS students set up lockers and locate classes.</p> <p><b>FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS</b></p> <p><b>Softball Tryouts</b> Monday, July 29 and Tuesday, July 30 from 8-10am at the high school softball field. Wear softball attire, bring equipment &amp; water.</p> <p><b>Baseball Tryouts</b> Monday, Aug 5, 3-6pm. Wear baseball pants, hat equipment &amp; water.</p>
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# Weekly Post Sports

## Summer hoops update

### Strong summer for Brimfield boys has future looking bright

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

Scott Carlson has had a good summer. The Brimfield boys basketball coach might also have a good winter.

Brimfield went 4-0 in a one-day shootout June 22 at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, the centerpiece of the Indians' summer-basketball efforts.

At ONU, Brimfield defeated Grant Park, MCC Academy of Morton Grove and a school from Indiana before a final-game victory against Arlington Heights Christian Liberty. Carlson said that was the championship game, although there was little fanfare.

"We just won and walked off," he said. "But it was a good day. Long day, but if you're going to make it a long day, you might as well play well, and we did."

The victories probably made Carlson's ensuing vacation, a cruise to Alaska, more enjoyable. But once Brimfield gets back to serious basketball work this autumn, the fun might really begin.

Incoming junior Connor Doe appears to be recovering well from a knee injury he sustained in a Class 1A regional opener last season. Brimfield lost that game to finish 12-17. Doe



Junior Connor Doe appears to have recovered from a knee injury last year and is Brimfield's top returning scorer, averaging 11.4 points per game last season.

is the Indians' top returning scorer (11.4 points per game).

Doe missed action early in June, when Brimfield held its camp and finished .500 in summer-league games at Delavan, Farmington and Princeville. But incoming senior Brady Johnson continued to establish himself as the team's floor leader and best defender, according to Carlson.

Seniors Cleveland Bizosky, Cole Davenport and Micah Thompson joined juniors Tommy Burkitt and Jackson Kappes in making progress. So did incoming freshman Griffin Hougham, who has worked his way into the Brimfield top

eight.

All in all, the future appears brighter than it did last season, when Johnson missed the first 11 games because of injury and Brimfield lost seven of its first eight.

"We were trying to get out of the hole all year," Carlson said. "I really liked this summer. I think this group can grow really strong together. The chemistry is so good, so strong. They like each other, and they play hard for each other."

"I can really see them growing as a strong group, and I'm excited to see what they do."

• **Elmwood** – Replacing five graduated seniors might not be easy, but Elmwood Coach Josh Fugitt is trusting his underclassmen to assist.

Fugitt used the summer to evaluate how younger players can help returning senior Bo Windish and junior Garrett Webster, who the top returnees from a 14-14 team. Also returning are incoming seniors Bryson Shadley and Oliver Thornton.

The varsity played in the Farmington league against Brimfield, Chillicothe IVC, Macomb, Peoria Christian and the hosts, among others. Usually,

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