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## WIND-POWER PROPOSAL

### Towering turbines

Wind turbines proposed for Peoria Co. would be state's tallest

By **RON DIETER**  
 For The Weekly Post

Residents of Brimfield and townships north of the village will share the neighborhood with a flock of 640-foot wind turbines if the Four Creeks Wind Project is approved by the Peoria County Board.

The proposed turbines will be the tallest in Illinois, the same height as a 43-turbine field near San Jose, and 50 feet taller than 17 turbines along the Galva-Atkinson blacktop north of Galva.

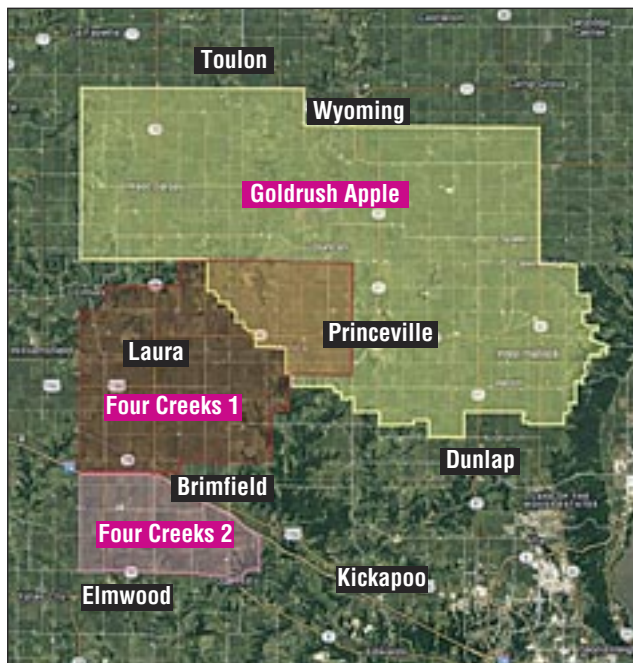
Two other projects are also in the works in the county. The Four Creeks South project covers an area south and west of Brimfield and north and

east of Elmwood. Brimfield literally will be surrounded by a forest of whirling wind turbines if the two projects come to fruition.

Princeville-area residents should also take note. The Goldrush Apple Wind Project plans to harvest breezes in the area north of Princeville to Wyoming, south to Dunlap and east just past Route 40. Although it's still in the early stages, several landowners have already signed leases.

Wind developers are expected to seek County Board approval later this year or in early 2025.

Some residents in the area are concerned about the impact of turbines spinning near their homes and com-



The map above shows area of three proposed wind turbine fields in Peoria County. The Four Creeks project consists of two phases.

munities. A group of citizens from the Brimfield, Princeville, Dunlap and Elmwood areas has formed a coalition to inform and educate the community and the County Board about the possible effects of a wind

project. The group's website is NoToPeoriaCounty-Windmills.com.

Group members have also placed petitions at businesses throughout the county seeking signatures

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### Princeville OKs redevelopment

New owners for ex-Alcoa plant

By **NICK VLAHOS**  
 For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Movement toward a potential new use for the old Alcoa Building Products location in Princeville can proceed.

On Aug. 20, the Princeville Village Board approved a redevelopment-and-cooperation agreement with FPM Properties. The local group is expected to take possession of the vacant property at 917 N. Santa Fe Ave. and negotiate with a potential buyer that has not been identified publicly.

If negotiations are successful, a parts-distribution warehouse might fill space Alcoa shuttered 23 years ago. The projected use is specified in the agreement. A timeline is not, other than FPM taking control of the property before the end of 2025.

A Princeville resident, Earl W. Feucht, is the current property owner, Peoria County tax records stated. No money will be exchanged between FPM and the current owner, according to village officials. Liens against the current owner are to be released.

The agreement requires FPM to submit for village approval preliminary project plans and specifications, among other things.

“It's kind of a form to protect the village, to have a say-so as to what goes in out there,” Village President Jeff Troutman said.

All six village trustees voted to authorize the agreement. They attended the three-member property-committee meeting Aug. 19, when and where the agreement was presented.

Trustees discussed several other items Aug. 20 but took no action. Among the topics was a gravel access road developers of a solar array in north-west Princeville want to construct. The road would allow Ameren Illinois to repair and service power poles, if needed.

Access to the road would be from Shawn Street. It is at the northeast edge of the planned solar

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**Football 2024**  
 Check out pictures, previews and predictions for the 2024 high school football season, which opens Friday.  
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### Elmwood CUSD 322 facing FY 2025 deficit

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
 For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Declining enrollment and a deficit budget were among the headlines of new Superintendent Joel Schmiege's first budget presentation Monday at a meeting of the Elmwood School Board.

But the bottom line, Schmiege said, is that the district remains fiscally solvent and has enough cash on hand to weather 5.89 months without income.

Unlike last year's \$752,697 budget shortfall – due largely to construction costs of a new industrial arts building – the Fiscal Year 2025 deficit is linked to stagnant revenue and increasing costs.

“Everything across the board has really gone up,” Schmiege said.

District electricity costs are up \$60,000, insurance premiums went up \$9,000, certified staff salaries increased 5.25%, non-certified staff wages increased, bond repayments are up, special-education costs are rising rapidly and Elmwood has added 1.5 new staff positions, Schmiege said.

On a positive note, Schmiege said the equalized assessed value of homes in the district increased 6.4% for tax year 2023 to boost tax revenues and added that the district received a \$78,000 grant for small rural schools.

The end result is a projected FY 2025

deficit of \$540,390, which Schmiege said reflects him being conservative on revenue estimates while also projecting costs at the high end of the scale.

With that in mind, he said the board will need to consider changes that could include raising the tax rate, reducing staff, issuing revenue bonds or other options.

Schmiege also said he wants to find ways to bring more students into the district, noting that since 2015-16, enrollment has dropped from 696 students to 617 this year. Extend similar 11% declines over the next decade and enrollment would dip to 549.

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# PRINCEVILLE: Solar deal might need revision

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 array, which is to extend to West North Street near Princeville Township Cemetery.

Some trustees appeared wary of allowing heavy vehicles on Shawn Street, which they said might not be able to handle the weight. They also said the access-road proposal appears to deviate from a plan the board authorized

in January with Trajectory Energy Partners, a solar-project overseer.

"I don't think anyone originally signed off on that or agreed to it," Trustee Ron Delbridge said. "It got changed without any knowledge from us. Someone somewhere should have given us a heads-up, but none of that's been given."

A Trajectory representa-

tive might attend the board meeting Sept. 3 to discuss the issue. Troutman indicated a change would require the board to amend the original agreement.

"We signed off on a plan, but if it's different, it's null and void until they present it," he said.

Also possible at that meeting is a vote regarding village imposition of a 1% grocery tax to replace the same tax the state is charging currently. The state tax is to end in 2026. Troutman said the tax provides the village with about \$250,000 in annual

revenue.

In other business, the board approved three Residential Rehabilitation Program grants: \$2,500 each for window replacement at 216 E. North St. and for a new roof at 114 W. South St., and \$1,706.75 for exterior updates at 430 N. Walnut Ave.

Building permits were issued for window replacement at 102 E. High St., a front-porch remodel at 1019 N. Larson Lane and a 6-foot white vinyl privacy fence in a backyard at 410 N. Santa Fe Ave.

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### This Week's Hot Pick

• **Trivia Night** – Farmington Music Boosters trivia night is Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Farmington Moose Lodge, 6 p.m. check-in. \$10 per person, maximum eight per table. Outside snacks allowed. Food and alcohol sold. See Farmington Music Boosters Facebook page for details.

• **Fall Festival** – Elmwood's Fall Festival is Sept. 5-7 in Central Park. Boden's carnival. Food tent. Parade is Sept. 7 at 12:30 p.m. Live music Sept. 6 is Press Play, 7-10 p.m. and on Sept. 7 is Minivan Morrissey 4-6 p.m. and Common Ground 8-11 p.m.

### The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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### This Week's Events

• **Outdoor Games** – Outdoor games for teens will be offered today, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. at Morrison and Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood.

• **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays, 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4. Classes also on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville's Lillie M. Evans Library.

### Future Events

• **Italian Fest** – Farmington's Italian Fest returns after a nine-year hiatus on Sept. 7 at four locations in town and features food, sports, side-by-side run, live music, bags tournament, talent show and car show

(registration 8-11 a.m., judging 1 p.m.).

• **Community Luncheon** – Union Church of Brimfield is restarting the Community Luncheon on the second Tuesday each month at noon, including Sept. 10. \$7.

• **Paint Night** – Brimfield American Legion Auxiliary has paint night Sept. 13, 6-8 p.m. All supplies provided. \$30. Call/text Kriste Eden at (309) 231-8064.

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• **Concert** – Singer Daphne Anderson and guitarist Dave Salyer will perform a free concert of "God's Country and More" at Elmwood Presbyterian Church on Sept. 15 from 3-5 p.m. Free food 1-2:30 p.m. Limited seating. Call or text attendees to (309) 264-4294. Free-will offering.

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While diesel fuel may be diesel fuel, biodiesel and renewable diesel are not the same thing. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, both are "produced from the same renewable feedstocks such as vegetable oils, animal fats or used cooking oil."



Alan GUEBERT

The key "difference is that renewable diesel is produced using a hydrogen treatment, which makes it chemically equivalent to petroleum diesel." That means renewable diesel "can be blended at higher levels and transported using existing pipelines."

Production of U.S. biodiesel peaked at 1.8 billion gallons in 2018-19 while renewable-diesel production – just 40 million gallons in 2010 – passed 2.3 billion gallons in 2022-23.

That rapid rise also increased U.S. soybean oil use; 46 percent of all U.S. soybean oil in 2022-23 was used in the production of alternative diesel fuels. Also, "imports of animal fats and vegetable oils ... to use as feedstocks for renewable-diesel production" increased, notes USDA.

Other U.S. trade operations were

impacted, too. As "U.S. soybean crush expanded to produce more (soybean) oil, driven by high soybean oil prices fueling strong crush margins ... U.S. soybean exports declined on expanding Brazilian supplies."

In addition to that surprising development, the "United States became a net soybean oil importer for the first time in 2023."

Few market watchers saw either price-rattling change coming.

Likewise, few predicted California's adoption of a Low Carbon Fuel Standard in 2007 would create "a flood of credits from renewable diesel and manure biomethane" digesters. That means the Golden State "now consumes more than half of the national [biodiesel] supply even though California consumes only 7% of the nation's overall diesel fuel."

It's a modern example of the Law of Unintended Consequences: California's highly incentivized alternative diesel program is so lucrative that it sucks up half the nation's vegetable- and tallow-based diesel supply and all but ensures other states' air will become dirtier because very few have similar incentives to create renewable diesel markets.

Here's another unintended consequence: According to reporting by the Food & Environment Reporting Network, "The United States imported near-record volumes of renewable diesel each of the first five months of this year ... which were

29% higher than in the same period in 2023." Moreover, "The imports ... came from one producer, Neste, and were shipped almost wholly to the West Coast."

In other words, California's renewable-diesel markets – and now Oregon and Washington's similar programs – are so subsidy lucrative that one company, Neste, based in Helsinki, sends an average of 30,000 barrels of renewable diesel per day to the West Coast to meet the government-generated demand.

Also, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, "the larger imports were probably driven by the expansion of Neste's plant in Singapore and increased storage capacity at a terminal in Los Angeles."

So Neste, a tightly held company where the "Prime Minister's Office in Finland ... own(s) 35.91% of the shares," has sent an average of 3 million gallons of renewable diesel fuel 7,600 miles from Singapore to Los Angeles every day for nearly half of 2024. Additionally, according to Finnish reports, "Neste consumes 1-2% of the world's palm oil production" in its alternative-fuels program.

As such, if any aspect of the California alternative-diesel game is green, it's likely due to the U.S. dollars underwriting it, not any environmental benefits generated by it.

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# TURBINES: Flicker and sound-level concerns

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against the projects.

Common concerns involve shadow flicker, blade noise, ice throws, low-level hums and whistling. State law sets requirements for flicker and sound levels, but some homeowners near existing wind turbines say the regulations are weak.

Residents and non-participating landowners are also concerned about turbines catching fire and spreading flames to nearby corn and soybean fields, especially when crops are dry. Last month, a farm outside Mechanicsville, Iowa, suffered its third wind-turbine fire in less than 18 months. All were caused by lightning strikes. Tornadoes also toppled turbines this spring in Iowa, causing fires.

Four Creeks Wind Project began signing up area landowners in 2021 but didn't hold public meetings until three years later. At the meetings held in Brimfield earlier this summer, a map was available outlining the proposed Four Creeks project north of

town. The map showed the proposed area, but not the specific location of each of the proposed 124 turbines.

The company had to receive approval from several government agencies, such as the U.S. Defense Department and the Federal Aviation Administration, because the project intrudes into critical airspace. In that agreement, which is available online, there is a map showing the proposed locations of the turbines.

You can view the map by Googling "Four Creeks FAA DOD." The map is on page 17. These are proposed locations. Although 124 turbines are proposed, company representatives say the actual number will be somewhere north of 100, depending on how many landowners commit.

In that same agreement, the company requested permission for a maximum turbine height of 698 feet. However, local company officials say the turbines will only be 640 feet tall.

Other wind-project companies in Illinois have re-

powered by replacing older turbines with larger, more efficient equipment. It appears that such an option would be available to the Four Creeks project, given that federal agencies have already approved a taller maximum height.

One such re-powering occurred in the Bradford area several years ago. Smaller turbines were taken down and replaced. How it was done is remarkable. Rather than disassembling the structures, the company dynamited towers, sending them crashing into surrounding

cropland. Even after cleanup, blade fragments were found later by combines as crops were being harvested, sources say.

Larger towers and blades often require a whole new concrete foundation. Representatives of the Four Creeks Wind Project say each of their larger turbines will require a foundation 30 feet deep and 60 feet wide and shaped like an inverted suction cup. Each foundation will consist of 900 yards of concrete. That's at least 100 truckloads for each turbine, depending on truck capacity.

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## AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

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Auction Location: 1703 County Rd. 1150 North Eureka, IL 61530

For Complete Auction List, Terms, & Pictures go to [skauctions.net](http://skauctions.net), [auctionzip.com](http://auctionzip.com) ID# 51582 or [Gotoauction.com](http://Gotoauction.com) ID# 10344

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

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, Not in its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For RCF2 Acquisition Trust PLAINTIFF

Vs.  
Steven F. Allender, et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2023-FC-0000193  
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 12/13/2023, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on September 18, 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:

PIN 18-03-251-003  
Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
1518 NE Monroe Street  
Peoria, IL 61603

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

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

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

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

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

in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Cordilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-04614. I3249557  
Published 8/15, 8/22, 8/29/24

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

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Plaintiff,

-v-  
JOYCE BEST  
Defendant

2023 FC 0000263

#### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 17, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 16, 2024, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street (South Door), PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 813 W FOREST HILL AVE, PEORIA, IL 61604  
Property Index No. 14-29-482-011  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$36,377.17.

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

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

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mort-

### KNOX COUNTY LAND AUCTION OF 136.55 +/- TOTAL ACRES

The following one-of-a-kind property will be sold in 2 tracts on location located at 1690 Kenny St. Dahinda, IL 61428 (turn north at the junction of Rt. 150 and 1720 E, then turn west at the Dahinda General Store to sale site), on **WEDNESDAY SEPT. 4th, 2024 AT 10 A.M.**

**NOTE:** This is a condensed ad of this beautiful property that will be sold in 2 separate tracts. This is a unique opportunity to buy hunting and/or farm ground with extra income possibilities. See pictures, drone video and maps online at [www.folgersauctionservice.com](http://www.folgersauctionservice.com). See the separate sale bill also online for the personal property list of farm, adv. signs, primitives, and more to be conducted onsite on **SUNDAY SEPT. 8th** at the same address at 11:00 a.m.

**TRACT I:** Tract I consists of 102.25 +/- acres in Persifer Township. FSA indicates 26.9 acres are in 5 fields of grass hay. 15.09 acres of fenced pasture and one acre of timber enrolled in CRP until 2036 at \$300.00 per acre. The balance of this tract is woodland and building site. This property offers an abundance of wildlife including massive deer. The building site is improved with a charming 1800's farmhouse. The 2-story home has been tastefully updated and decorated. A large timber framed 2 story 24'x36' pegged barn, priorly a Bed and Breakfast, sits south of the house. This barn is a primitive dream. The natural wood design, full-service kitchen, full bath, outdoor shower and loft sleeping quarters make for many opportunities for income such as an Airbnb, hunting lodge, etc. A whole farm generator has also been installed. A hand-built log cabin, garage and other outbuildings sit on the property. In the back field site sits a timber framed equipped hunter's cabin. The well is good on this property with an extra well for livestock. Kenny St. is a township-maintained road.

**TRACT II:** Tract II consists of 34.3 +/- acres in Persifer Township. 18.47 of the acres are very productive tillable land with a PI of 143. There are 8.5 acres of CRP tree buffer strips with maturing walnut trees at 300.00 per acre until 2036. The Tract sits along Court Creek allowing for additional hunting/fishing opportunities. Full possession of **TRACT II** will be given after 2024 crops are harvested. **TERMS:** A non-refundable 5% down will be required on auction day for both Tracts, with the balance to be pd. in full in approx. 30 days. 2024 taxes will be pro-rated. All statements and representation herein are believed to be correct. However, the sellers and auction firm make no warranties or guarantees expressed or implied. Folger's Auction Service serves solely as an agent for the seller and assumes no liability for the property being sold.

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gagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 318032. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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Case Number: 2023 FC 0000263  
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Case # 2023 FC 0000263  
I3250236  
Published 8/22, 8/29, 9/5/24

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

Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC PLAINTIFF

Vs.  
Skylar McKnight, et. al.

DEFENDANTS

No. 2023-FC-0000268

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/26/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on October 2, 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 fol-

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### LARGE PUBLIC AUCTION OF FARM/OUTDOOR, PRIMITIVES, ADV. SIGNS, ANTIQUES AND MORE

The following will be sold at 1690 Kenny St Dahinda, IL 61428 (Turn north at the junction of Rt. 150 and 1720 E and then turn west at the Dahinda General Store and continue to sale site), on **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8th, 2024 AT 11 AM**

**NOTE:** This is condensed ad of a large auction. Two rings will be running for the duration of the auction. See pictures and full ads at [www.folgersauctionservice.com](http://www.folgersauctionservice.com) and LIKE US ON FACEBOOK. See the full ad online for the R.E. auction of this property which is Wednesday Sept. 4th at 10:00 a.m. on site.

**FARM/OUTDOOR/TOOLS:** Ford 3400 Industrial tractor w/loader, wts., chains, 3 pt. hitch—front spear—1993 Kiefer Built 16' livestock trailer, new tires/rims, divider gate—Ferris 400S zero turn 48" mower—JD 22 HP 48" mower—WD Allis Chalmers wide front—Retting 10x5' trailer w/drop gate—sm. manure spreader—posts—Earthquake post hole digger—oak, walnut, cherry lumber—fencing supplies—1 square bale box feeder—wooden feed bunks—alum livestock divider gates—16' cattle panels—stall dividers—3 new 8' gates—rolls of elect. fence—elect. fence tester—300 gallon gas tank—2 B & S 5500 amp generators—milk house heaters—calf sling, blanket, halters, block, tackle, block head clippers, etc.—show box—Stihl 251 16" chain saw—15 gallon 12 v. sprayer—new handyman jack—floor jacks, hand tools, ramps, traps, floor fan, squirrel cage fan—pulleys, prim. tools, 2 man saws—blocks, new eve troughs, log chains, cutters, hardware, walnut bolt bin—Werner's 20', other ladders—6' picnic table—50 lb. wts.—LARGE anvil on stand and smaller anvil—much misc.

**TRACTORS, DOZER, MOWERS, ETC.:** 2005 Kubota B7510 FWA diesel hydrostat tractor, 848 hrs. showing—Kubota B hydrostat FWA 3 cyl. diesel w/1640 A loader and 4320 B backhoe, power steering, 2839 hrs. showing—Kubota 4s4 RTV 1140 CPX side x side dump box, 3 speed, 930 hrs. showing—Case D-350 dozer, diesel engine, roll bar, canopy, 7' 6-way blade, 873 hrs. showing—New Holland skid steer LS180 turbo, 6' bucket, 8888 hrs.?, 332T engine, 3.2 liter—New Holland C1420 skid steer 16" post hole digger, hydraulic w/mounting bracket—forks for skid steer—Ditch Witch R65 ditcher w/6' auger, front backhoe and blade, WI engine, showing 1426 hrs.—Nice Honda Foreman 400 4x4 4 wheeler, 1401 miles, 353 hrs.—Like new 2021 Spartan SRT-XDe zero turn mower, 60 hrs., GT trac, 61" deck, 24 HP Kawasaki motor—KUBOTA F2560 mower, front mount 72" deck, 3 cyl. diesel motor, 2080 hrs. showing—serial numbers are all online.

**SIGNS/ADV. ITEMS:** Mostly metal—Allied Mills Inc. IQ metal sign—IL Central RR cardboard menu sign—Nehi metal sign—metal Purina William Graven sign—Int. Livestock Show old poster—Brach's cardboard owl sign—Gardner's yellow bread sign—Monmouth Nichol's Chicks egg carton—London Mills Farmer's Co-op Co. chicken egg carton, Master Mix—Jc Higgins ammo box—Ditzler oil can—Dumar's Service Station wooden 1/2 mile sign—Purina Feed metal bucket—1994 Knox Co. Fair cardboard cattle sign—Fammato jar—full size Grain Sprouter De Moines incubator grain separator cabinet—IH grain sprouter trays—Tomko Bred corn sign—RAM Feed—Safety Grams chalkboard—Moorman's Quincy EW300 metal sign—MasterMix Feed blackboard—Honegger's Big H Feeds sign—feed sacks—wooden Master Mix price sign—O.J. Ganger apron—Best Cattle Oiler & Ins. Warden Mfg. sign—E.W. Houghton Lumber Co. Anderson sign—EW Houghton Anderson Window sign—Pakmix Cement sign—Sakrete and Fasco Pentorama Feed signs—Moorman's metal cup—Purina Chick-R-Mixer turn wheel display—Nutrena Feeds sign—S. Ken Co. therm. Galesburg, IL—USE folding basket met basket—1906 Stockyards picture—Bartlett Trading Post calendar—DL Grain Bin utility therm. in box—Alcoa metal sign—Mitchel Beer—McNess thermometer—Behlen sign—Stanley Planes Display—Master Mix and Pioneer therm's.—metal No Smoking sign—wooden Melvin Cheviots Bushnell, IL sheep sign—metal Rath Feed sign w/Indian—Gold Medal Explosive wooden crate—PL King, Barlow and Keystone ornate tractor seats—Standard Oil rain gauge—Kelley shamrock metal bucket—1902 Sears Roebuck catalog/ metal wall holder—Forbes Princess and Dillon Key metal stall signs—snuff jar—Sippy glass bear PB jars—framed prints of Ideal type Shorthorn bull, cow and 1951 Int. grand champion steer—other misc. adv.

**ANTIQUES/PRIMITIVES:** Burlington RR Train hanging carriage ornate lamp—General Store hanging lamp bought in Brimfield, IL—200 yr. old cradle from Penn.—Bishop Hill woven old backpack—very old Lodge and other nice hand stitched quilts—12 gallon w/handles Diamond Stoneware Co. OH crock—3 gallon w/bee sling front—6 gallon Redwing, Western 2 gallon—other misc. crocks, blue band crock, jars, salt glaze, colored bowls, Armour & Co. and other pottery jugs—prim. ox yolk—pr. metal ox shoes—variety of colors/sizes of very nice old woven rugs—cast iron dinner bell/ig. iron school bell—triangle dinner ringer—5 lb. red Avery wt.—Shapleigh coaster child's wagon—cast iron candy scale, Dutch oven, skillet, monkey banik—6" celt—Indian points—440 Daizy chum-copper washboard—galvanized buckets, tubs, etc.—3 legged metal sm. stool—10' prim. dresser—bam beam drill—Monmouth Pottery drink dispenser—plaster camel, other plaster mountable lights—NOS canvas horse collar, pad, old spurs, harness medallions, buggy bridle w/blinders, iron saddle stand holder, saddles, tack, sleigh bells, old buggy seat, boot jack, bronze/red reflectors—odd kerosene lamps, ornate brackets—old Child's cowboy outfit—hide bucket—granite items—glass fruit jars—many old books—wool blankets—steamer, primitive and metal trunks—female spittoon w/mat—Carpenter's box—postal slot—Seller glass pantry jar—milk cans—KK Shapleigh counter-top grinder—hand sleds—6' wooden bob sled—glass jar wigame tokens—levels/planes (KK, Bedrock, Baileys, 1 Defiance, Bluegrass, Handyman, Stanley)—punch cards—glass, pottery fruit jars—sins—oil and fluid cans—brass blow torch and fire ext.—old Victor safe w/comb.—wooden egg crates—lg. prim. Chicago, IL chicken crate—cleavers—kegs—brass scales—candy dispenser w/iron base—shaving items—wire baskets—cookie jars—prim. lg. wooden sifter—stainless milker—old Hot Point iron w/box—old ball gloves—Bronco Roto bailing twine in orig. wrap—part of Big H metal chicken feeder—chicken waterer—old gun (wall hanger)—iron ornate floor lamp—wooden medicine cabinet—Lou Brock signed baseball—

**ANTIQUE FURNITURE:** 3 piece Sellers kitchen cabinet, orig. inserts, enamel center, nice—cream and brown Garland full size gas stove, working—Hoosier cream & green enamel top cabinet—6 drawer chest w/pull out cutting boards—Bishop Hill IL rope daybed—prim. wooden chairs—prim. chimney cabinet, cream paint—dressers—metal spring chairs—metal porch glider—free standing shelves w/life edge top—iron chairs—wooden rocker w/seed sack seat—tall prim. red wood 2 door storage cabinet—tall 2 door prim. cabinet—prim. "Hired Hand" cabinet w/ work hours inscribed inside door—wooden prim. game table w/4 chairs—walnut pie safe—10' wood bench—stools, chairs, tables—bam beam piece—dresser trunk—prim. table w/collapsible leaf/4 chairs—1930's GE monitor top refrigerator, works well—old cream Estate gas stove w/ burner covers, works—porch rocking chairs—modern appliances (gas stove, refrigerators, 2 sets washer/dryers)—double/single beds—items too numerous to list all.

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# ELMWOOD: Enrollment has dropped 11% since 2015-16

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“We want to focus on attracting families to Elmwood,” Schmieg said.

A formal hearing on the budget will be held Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.

In other business, the

board approved Jennifer Ferguson as Spanish Club sponsor, Lori Johnson as a part-time cafeteria aide at \$15.25 per hour, Elizabeth Livengood as a paraprofessional at \$15.25 per hour and PRESS policy updates.

After closed session, the

board OK'd secretary salaries for Traci Whitney (\$29,491.20), Michelle Ewalt (\$38,548.80) and Julie Seeley (\$44,865.60). Also approved was a memorandum of understanding with bus drivers.

Schmieg said the district

also responded to a FOIA request from the Peoria Standard, an online news source, and sent information about all contracts over \$1,000 for this year, copies of employment contracts and collective-bargaining agreements.

## AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

### Live Antique Auction

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**Police reports**

• **ELMORE** – An Elmore-area man was accused of multiple sexual-abuse crimes against minors.

Matthew J. Webb, 35, was arrested Aug. 16, about a week after the Peoria County Sheriff's Office received a report from the Canton office of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The report prompted a deputy to visit a residence in the 22900 block of W. Lorraine Rd.

Webb was charged with predatory criminal sexual assault/victim younger than 13, felony aggravated criminal sexual abuse, sexual relations with a family member and distribution of harmful material. He was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **ELMWOOD** – A driver crashed his vehicle into a Peoria County Sheriff's Office squad car parked on an Elmwood thoroughfare.

Shortly before 6:30 a.m. Aug. 18, 25-year-old Zachary T. Parkin of Elmwood was behind the wheel of a 2014 Jeep Patriot headed east on Main Street near Lilac Street when the vehicle crashed into the squad car. It was in a parking space on the south side of Main Street, according to the Illinois State Police.

Parkin sustained minor injuries and was transported to an unspecified hospital. The deputy was uninjured. Parkin was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

• **YATES CITY** – A Brimfield man received a minor injury and two citations as the result of a single-vehicle accident north of Yates City.

About 1:45 a.m. Aug. 18, a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched to Knox Highway 18 and Knox Road 550 North. There the deputy found a 2017 Hyundai sedan abandoned on the side of the road. The vehicle apparently missed a curve and struck a ditch, according to a sheriff's-office report.

The deputy tracked down the driver, 18-year-old Michael G. Millen. He said he lost control of the vehicle, panicked afterward and had a friend retrieve him. Millen sustained chest pain from the vehicle's airbag deployment, the report stated.

Millen was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and leaving the scene of an accident. The vehicle was impounded and towed.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A two-vehicle crash at a Princeville intersection resulted in one driver requiring a hospital visit.

The accident happened shortly before 6:45 p.m. Aug. 18 at Tremont Avenue and High Street, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. Alfred C. Gardner was driving a 2019 Ford Ranger west on High Street when a 2013 Chevrolet Malibu speeding southbound on Tremont Avenue struck his vehicle.

Owen T. Harmon of Princeville was the other driver. He said he accelerated to catch a friend's vehicle, failed to observe the yield sign at the intersection and did not see Gardner's vehicle, per the report.

Gardner was transported to Carle Health Proctor Hospital in Peoria. Harmon was cited for disobeying a yield sign and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Both vehicles were towed.

• **TRIVOLI** – A Farmington man declined medical treatment following a one-vehicle wreck east of Trivoli.

Shortly after 5 a.m. Aug. 14, Christopher T. Harn was driving a 1999 Mitsubishi Montero east in the 15100 block of Illinois Route 116 when he swerved to avoid hitting a westbound Dodge truck that was traveling in the eastbound lane, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Harn's vehicle left the north side of the pavement, traversed a ditch, struck a culvert and rolled. It came to rest on its driver's side. Paramedics checked Harn, but he said he wasn't injured. The vehicle was towed.

• **GALESBURG** – A Dahinda-area woman reported her wallet was stolen from her vehicle.

The alleged theft was reported about 8:15 a.m. Aug. 15, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The 47-year-old victim said she was shopping in Galesburg and set her black-and-white wallet on the back of her truck while she was putting away items. When she returned, the wallet was missing.

No wallet matching her description had been turned in to law-enforcement officers.

• **YATES CITY** – Two drivers refused medical treatment following a two-vehicle wreck at the west edge of Yates City.

The accident happened shortly after 7:30 a.m. Aug. 14 at Illinois Route 8 and Knox Highway 22. Kaitlyn R. Noll, 18, of Elmwood was driving a 2009 Toyota Corolla west on Route 8

when it collided with a 2013 Mercedes-Benz C400 headed north on Highway 22, a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Raquel R. Coupland, 32, of Abingdon was the other driver. She stopped at the south end of the intersection before she proceeded through it.

Both vehicles were towed.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington husband and wife were accused of domestic battery following apparent altercations with each other at their residence. Christopher M. Layton, 41, and his wife, Angela D. Horton, 48, received notices to appear Aug. 27 in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown after an incident Aug. 9 at about 10:45 p.m. in the 500 block of Jennings Ave.

• **FARMINGTON** – An argument about cigarettes led to the arrest of a Farmington man who was wanted for disorderly conduct.

Police arrived about 8 a.m. Aug. 8 at a residence in the 100 block of W. Pearl St. in response to a complaint about people arguing. The officer knew one of the residents, 53-year-old Jeffrey L. Sale Jr., was the subject of an outstanding Fulton County warrant, a report stated. Sale received a notice to appear Aug. 28 in Fulton County Circuit Court.

• **HANNA CITY** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle crash in Hanna City.

Whitney R. Bisto of Trivoli was driving an eastbound 2016 Subaru Forrester about 7:30 a.m. Aug. 7 on Illinois Route 116 at Walnut Street when a 2015 Chrysler 200 rear-ended her vehicle, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The other driver was Robert L. Buley of Brimfield.

The vehicles sustained rear and front bumper damage, respectively, but were drivable.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Aug. 4-17: suspicious incident, Dahinda; driving complaint, Galva; domestic dispute, Dahinda; domestic dispute, Yates City; suspicious vehicle, Williamsfield; road hazard, Dahinda; threats, Dahinda; two suspicious incidents, Yates City; disturbance, Yates City; vehicle fire, Galva; burglar alarm, Dahinda; theft, Dahinda; suspicious person, Yates City; road hazard, Williamsfield; battery, Dahinda; unwanted subject, Yates City.

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# PREP FOOTBALL 2024

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## Farmington, A-W favored

Beyond the two clear favorites, LincolnLand prospects are less clear

Oct. 11 has the look of a must-see game heading into this football season. That's the Friday evening that Farmington and Annawan-Wethersfield – preseason favorites in the LincolnLand Conference large and small divisions, respectively – are scheduled to face off at Farmington.

After years of relying on predictions from the Swami, or worse yet from me, we wised up and put that task to LincolnLand coaches. Results of our first preseason poll of league coaches are at right. The Farmers and A-W received the maximum points possible, given that coaches were asked to not vote for their own team.

Farmington lost at A-W last season, 33-15, a fact Farmers Coach Toby Vallas brings up often this preseason.

"They've got almost everybody back and they kicked our butts last year," Vallas said. "And the kid they've got coming in at QB is just as good."



Jeff LAMPE

While Farmington returns its quarterback, A-W must replace graduated signal-caller Dylan Horrie. Senior Brody Childs will get the nod at QB for the Titans and also starts on defense after racking up more than 100 tackles last year as a linebacker.

Defense should be a strength for A-W, which yielded 6.7 points per game outside a 30-0 loss to Lena-Winslow in the Class 1A quarterfinals. Back are three starting linebackers, two starting defensive backs and five defensive linemen who started or saw significant time.

Beyond those two league leaders, though, things are quite a bit murkier, with a quartet of teams in each division capable of taking the No. 2 spot.

In the large division, Elmwood-Brimfield should be much improved but faces a tough opener against a Knoxville team that lost plenty to graduation but is well-versed in play-

### COACHES' POLL

#### LincolnLand Large

Farmington	49
Elmwood-Brimfield	36
Knoxville	34
Macomb	34
Illini West	28
Bureau Valley	19
West Hancock	17
LVC	7

#### LincolnLand Small

Annawan-Wethersfield	64
ROWVA-Williamsfield	49
Stark County	49
Rushville-Industry	45
Princeville	42
Abingdon-Avon	24
South Fulton	21
Havana	15
Monmouth United	15

NOTE: Coaches voted for all teams except their own.

ing the Trojans.

"Our division looks stronger this year," Vallas said. "There's a lot of good teams up there."

Illini West has 16 starters returning from a 4-5 finisher and is led by 17 seniors. Macomb is strong in the skill positions and went 4-5 last year despite starting three freshmen and two sophomores.

West Hancock, which had been a popular pick to move up, will be without prolific quarterback Gavin Grothaus, who passed for 2,223 yards and 23 touchdowns last year but has opted not to play this fall.

In the small division, ROWVA-Williamsfield and Stark County were hit hard by graduation, while Princeville and Rushville-Industry took their lumps with youngsters last year.

"After Wethersfield, it looks like there's a bunch of us who could beat up on each other," Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers said.

**Bureau Valley** – The mystery team for many is the Storm, who joined the Lincoln Trail and the LincolnLand large division after leaving the Three Rivers.

After an 0-9 season two years ago, BV went 4-5 and is looking for another bump this season. Coach

Mat Pistole has six starters back on defense and five back on offense. The latter group includes quarterback Bryce Helms and running backs Brady Hartz and Elijah Endress (740 yards rushing and 14 TDs last year).

"We have tremendous kids finally buying into doing things the right way," Pistole said. "Our weight room is starting to transform kids."

"Every week is going to have a playoff feel to it, because every week we don't know what we're walking into."

**St. Teresa** – Another mystery team that matters to the Farmers and Trojans is Decatur St. Teresa, which two years ago rolled to a Class 2A state title but last year won just one game.

Part of that dropoff was St. T getting voted out of the Central Illinois Conference in 2021 and becoming an independent. Last year's schedule included matchups with eight players from ESPN's high school top 20, according to St. Teresa Coach Brit Miller. This year is similarly rugged, with three games against Missouri teams, an opener against Urbana (enrollment 1,126) and a finale at Highland (enrollment 897).

But Miller, who played linebacker at the University of Illinois and had a 4.5-year NFL career as a fullback, said his team should be improved.

"We're in much better shape. I have a line full of seniors and a senior quarterback and a few juniors sprinkled on the offensive and defensive sides," Miller said. "Our base is we want to be a spread team. We do have guys that can get downhill and grind, but you don't need to do that every play."

**Et cetera** – Preseason scrimmages are now allowed by the IHSA, with certain stipulations including a maximum of 48 total plays. But among area teams, so far only R-W has played one. The Cougars faced off against Mercer County on Aug. 23 at home. ... Former Normal assistant Andrew Goodwin has replaced David Milroy as head coach at Monmouth United.

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# ELMWOOD-BRIMFIELD TROJANS



## ELMWOOD-BRIMFIELD TROJANS 2024

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**Row 2:** Kaitlyn Sharp, Noah Newman, Ray Morefield, Colton Snider, Dylan Shane, Noah Toum, Gus Ulrich, Cody Burge, Adam Rust, Riggs Lambert, Liam Crotts, Jay Webb, Baron Case, JJ Staes, Parker Cornelison, Cadence Metz and Alina Hollis.

**Row 3:** Kourtney Head, Katie May, Liam Newman, Nathan DeSplinter, Walter Lampe, Draven Yarbrough, Parker Melhus, Beau Grunow, Devin Duffin, Logan Estes, Evan Patterson, Emery Baumann, Noah Teuerle, Brashen Butler, Miles Alger and McKenzie Hamilton.

**Row 4:** Kady Head, Kouper Martin, Michael Roberts, Layne Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Gus Roberts, Cole Cox, Derek Cox, Owen Thornton, Gavin Strom, Tommy Burkitt, Caleb Stevens, Mason Addison, Hayden Brugger and Kenzie Caulkins.

**Row 5:** Jackson Stuckel, CJ Ramirez, Daniel Yeagle, Matthew Glenn, Bo Windish, JT Good, Oliver Thornton, Cash Turner, Aaron Brown, Landon Kline, Bernie Cantorna, Erik Vazquez, Joey Burkitt, Sawyer Janson, J Hampton and Jonnie Lance.

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## ELMWOOD-BRIMFIELD TROJANS

# Trojans look to returnees for playoff return

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Aaron Brown is super good at Superpower, a run play formally known as GT 36 Superpower that is a staple of the Elmwood-Brimfield offense.

That four-year starter Brown is paving the way for a fellow four-year starter in Bo Windish bodes well for the Trojans this season.

“When he’s pulling on 36, he’s pulling tackle on that side and he gets it done,” said Windish, who last year ran for many of his yards behind the 6-foot-3, 330-pound Brown. “He’s pretty quick for how big he is.”

Said Brown: “I like pulling because I get the chance to smoke somebody.”

Brown and Windish are two standouts in a 16-senior class that is predicted by LincolnLand large division coaches to bring E-B back to the playoffs following a 4-5 campaign last year.

After starting 1-5, the Trojans kept it together enough to nearly upset rival Farmington (30-26 loss) and to win their last three games by a combined 173-38.

Windish said E-B can’t afford another slow start this year, facing an opener at Knoxville and a Week 2 trip to Illini West – both league foes that are viewed as nearly equal to the Trojans this preseason.

“I feel like we’re really ready as a team and we’re just ready to cook on everything and have some fun,” Windish said. “If we put it together like we think we can, we’ll be just fine.”

Joining Windish and Brown as returning starters on offense are senior quarterback CJ Ramirez, fullback Landon Kline, center Sawyer Janson and tight end Joey Burkitt. Stepping up to fill the other spots are three more seniors, tackle Jackson Stuckle and guard Bernie Cantorna and three-back Matthew Glenn. Juniors Joey Burkitt (tight end) and Walter Lampe (guard) will also start, with Layne Johnson (three back) rotating with Glenn.

Having so much experience is a luxury for Coach Todd Hollis, who gushes about the improvement of Janson and Ramirez.

“I keep saying to the other coaches that CJ is to the point he catches me and corrects me before he goes to the huddle,” Hollis said. “He understands the offense and knows what I mean.



After dabbling at quarterback last season, Bo Windish will focus on running back on offense and returns for a fourth season starting at linebacker. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.



Brown



Janson



Ramirez



Vazquez

“And having a second-year center is huge. That’s the guy that makes all the calls and corrections.”

Ramirez looked more poised in Friday’s intrasquad scrimmage than the player who started last season splitting time at QB with Windish.

“We’ve been working a lot on the passing game,” Hollis said. “We’ve taken the playbook and shortened it up to focus on a few throws he can make well.”

For all the talk of offense, E-B has the potential to be even better on defense, with seven starters back, good size in the line and the secondary and decent speed.

“It’s big that we have six of our front seven back on defense,” Hollis said. “You always tell high school kids, ‘You need to communicate more. You need to talk more.’ But you can only do that if you know what’s going on.

“We’re getting that communication.” Returnees on the line are ends J Hampton (6-0, 200) and Kline (6-2, 190) and tackles Brown and senior first-team all-conference selection Erik Vazquez (6-1, 200). Junior Derek Cox (6-5, 285) is a backup no O-line wants to face.

Windish is the heart of the linebacking corps and has started all four years

at the position, where he is joined by Johnson and senior JT Good.

Hollis said Windish and Brown have the potential to be the only players in his E-B tenure to start every game in their high school careers. He said 2013 graduate Brady Westart would have also done that if not for an elbow injury that sidelined him for part of his sophomore year.

“Bo is really fast and has made those splash plays for a long time,” Hollis said.

He’s also pleased to have size in the secondary, where the Burkitt brothers and senior Jonnie Lance are all 6-foot or taller.

“You talk about big defensive backs, they are tall and thick and are smart football players,” Hollis said.

Junior Dylan Shane is the other starting defensive back.

The veteran coach is also excited to have a threat at kicker in junior Beau Grunow, who has traveled to kicking camp and “could become a real strength for us,” Hollis said.

Beyond that, having two almost independent units to battle in practice is a plus, Hollis said.

“When practice is a brawl every night, that’s a pretty good deal,” he said.

## ELMWOOD-BRIMFIELD TROJANS



Coach: Todd Hollis  
Enrollment: 380.5 (Class 2A/3A)  
Last year: 4-5

### SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	at Knoxville	7:00
Sept. 6	at Illini West (Carthage)	7:00
<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>vs. West Hancock</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Sept. 20	at Decatur St. Teresa	7:00
<b>Sept. 27</b>	<b>vs. Farmington</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Oct. 4	at Bureau Valley (Manlius)	7:00
<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>vs. Macomb</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Oct. 18	at Abingdon-Avon	7:00
<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>vs. Lewistown</b>	<b>7:00</b>

NOTE: Home Games in Bold

### VARSITY ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
1	CJ Ramirez	5-10	140	Sr.	QB/DB
2	Parker Cornelison	5-5	110	Fr.	RB/DB
3	JT Good	6-1	175	Sr.	TE/LB
5	Layne Johnson	6-2	220	Jr.	RB/LB
7	Bo Windish	5-11	175	Sr.	RB/LB
8	Landon Kline	6-2	190	Sr.	RB/DB
10	Noah Newman	5-0	100	So.	RB/DB
11	Oliver Thornton	6-3	165	Sr.	TE/DB
13	Liam Newman	5-9	145	Fr.	QB/DB
15	Dylan Shane	5-8	150	Jr.	RB/DB
18	Kouper Martin	5-9	140	So.	QB/DB
20	Evan Patterson	5-10	175	Jr.	QB/LB
21	Jonnie Lance	6-0	195	Sr.	TE/DB
22	Ray Morefield	5-5	110	Fr.	RB/DB
23	Myles Alger	5-9	185	So.	RB/LB
28	Matthew Glenn	5-11	180	Sr.	RB/LB
32	Emery Baumann	5-10	185	So.	RB/LB
34	Logan Estes	6-0	170	So.	RB/LB
35	Beau Grunow	5-10	165	Jr.	TE/DB
38	Gus Ulrich	5-8	165	Jr.	RB/LB
42	Cadence Metz	5-1	130	Fr.	RB/DB
50	J Hampton	6-0	200	Sr.	OL/DL
52	Draven Yarbrough	6-1	220	So.	OL/DL
53	Bernie Cantorna	6-0	200	Sr.	OL/DL
54	JJ Staes	5-6	160	So.	OL/DL
55	Nathan DeSplinter	5-10	220	Fr.	OL/DL
56	Silas Gilles	6-2	215	Fr.	OL/DL
58	Devin Duffin	5-10	170	So.	OL/DL
62	Cash Turner	6-2	375	Sr.	OL/DL
63	Kevin Johnson	6-2	190	Fr.	OL/DL
64	Caleb Stevens	6-1	260	Jr.	OL/DL
65	Erik Vazquez	6-1	200	Sr.	OL/DL
66	Hayden Brugger	5-11	180	Jr.	OL/DL
67	Baron Case	5-8	240	Jr.	OL/DL
68	Liam Crotts	5-10	215	Fr.	OL/DL
70	Sawyer Janson	5-8	200	Sr.	OL/DL
72	Gus Roberts	6-2	315	Jr.	OL/DL
73	Derek Cox	6-5	285	Jr.	OL/DL
74	Brashen Butler	5-8	290	So.	OL/DL
75	Aaron Brown	6-3	330	Sr.	OL/DL
77	Jackson Stuckle	5-10	240	Sr.	OL/DL
78	Walter Lampe	5-10	250	Jr.	OL/DL
79	Riggs Lambert	5-9	230	Fr.	OL/DL
81	Tommy Burkitt	6-2	195	Jr.	TE/DB
82	Colton Snider	5-6	120	Fr.	TE/DB
83	Jay Webb	5-7	150	Fr.	TE/LB
86	Michael Roberts	6-1	165	So.	TE/DB
88	Daniel Yeagle	5-10	175	Sr.	TE/DB
89	Joey Burkitt	6-0	180	Sr.	TE/DB
90	Noah Teuerle	5-9	135	Fr.	TE/LB
95	Gavin Strom	6-4	170	Fr.	TE/DL

Assistant Coaches: Brad Crisco, Mike Dutton, Mike Walker, Brandon Butler, Tommy Bowers, Kevin Faulkner, Noah Hollis and Caleb Hollis.

### PLAYOFF HISTORY

Elmwood has 20 playoff appearances, all but three under Todd Hollis, who is 150-94 in 25 seasons.

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## FARMINGTON FARMERS 2024

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**Row 3:** Jake Martin, Jackson Darsham, Ethan Martin, Koby Rook, Ben Marvel, Jerett Fauser, Barrett Demmin, Aiden Shepherd, Kolton Larmore, Logan Utt and Andersen Neal.

**Row 4:** Joey Peters, Treyven Haroldson, Jacob Cecil, Maddex Huffman, Griffin Ulm, Lane Wheelwright, Carter Lambin, Lucas Guitierrez, Bryse Hunter and Thomas Seaborn.

**Row 5:** Kaydon Bollinger, Boston Smith, Miles Addison, Landon Crawford, Aiden Helle, Jayle Lekies, Noah Passmore, Caden Mowen, Zach Simpson, Keegan Peterson and Jack Gronewold.

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## FARMINGTON FARMERS

# Farmers planning on more explosive attack

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – There is better speed in this year’s Farmington football lineup, Coach Toby Vallas says.

Team size is also better.

Returning quarterback Lane Wheelwright is more focused on football and is processing things much faster than one year ago, when he passed for 1,328 yards and ran for another 1,015.

And with 19 starters back, there’s plenty of experience to build from – though there’s also a group of underclassmen pushing those returnees.

No wonder Wheelwright did not hold back when saying this squad is better than the 9-2 group that fell 27-12 at Bloomington Central Catholic in the second round of the playoffs.

“We’re way better,” Wheelwright said. “I think this is the year. All the way.”

“I feel like that’s the mentality most people have this year,” senior Carter Lambin agreed.

Pumping the brakes on that sentiment is Vallas – somewhat.

“This is a group that really has to keep their heads. They like to flow with the momentum of the game, but when the momentum takes you in the wrong direction, are you going to be ready to bring it back?” he said. “Can we be unselfish? Can we not care who is getting the ball and making the big plays? That’s always a problem you can have with so many talented kids.”

But, Vallas admitted, “I think we’ll be more explosive for sure. You’ll see more of what you’ve seen from me. It will be worth your ticket money.”

After spreading foes to run last year, the Farmers look poised for more pass plays called by Offensive Coordinator Dylan Hayden – a former Farmers QB. The return to more of an aerial attack is largely because Wheelwright has taken big steps in his second year at QB. A baseball player who enjoyed football one year ago, Wheelwright said football is now the sport he hopes to play in college.

“He’s really bought in and taken on a leadership role,” Vallas said. “His study of what to do ... he’s picked up on it much faster and he’s put more time in on the field.”

It helps that Wheelwright has experienced receivers, two strong running backs and five players back who saw starting time on the offensive line.

“Our passing game will be the biggest change, because I think we’ll be more effective,” Vallas said. “Last



Senior quarterback Lane Wheelwright is more focused on football after approaching his first year in Farmington as a baseball player first. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.



Fauser



Lambin



Mowen



Utt

year was very good for what our strengths were. This year you’ll see more of the things I like to do. We’ve got the guys to do it.”

That includes a deep group of wide receivers led by 6-foot-3, 200-pound junior Jack Gronewold, who led Farmington with 34 catches for 552 yards and seven scores one year ago. Other returnees are senior Jerrett Fauser (15 catches, 246 yards) and 6-1, 195-pound junior Boston Smith (22-258). Vallas also expects 6-4 junior Landon Crawford and senior tight end Carter Lambin to see targets. While they don’t have the speed of some past Farmington units, the receiver group is much bigger overall.

Running backs are senior Logan Utt and junior Miles Addison, who transferred from Elmwood in 2023 but suffered a knee injury on his first day of practice. Utt is a physical runner who rushed for 776 yards and nine scores on 88 runs (8.8 yards per carry). Addison has added bulk in his time off and shows no ill effects from the knee injury, Vallas said.

The line will be juggled slightly with senior Caden Mowen (6-4, 320) moving from guard to center. Guards look to be senior Aiden Shepherd (6-0, 235) and juniors Bryse Hunter (5-11,

235) and Carter Gavelys (5-10, 195), who started last year after Shepherd broke his leg. At tackle are seniors Jacob Cecil (6-0, 185) and Slader Warren (6-0, 220).

Depth in the trenches is one area where having 95 players out for football really pays off. Some former offensive starters will be pushed for their spots, Vallas said, and no offensive starters have to play on the defensive line, though Shepherd and Mowen did start there last year.

D-line starters for the opener figure to be Aidan Helle (6-4, 265), Cole Passmore and Kolton Larmore with Shepherd, Kaydon Bollinger (6-5, 215) and Noah Passmore (6-3, 220) rotating at a spot.

Farmington returns starting linebackers Utt (66 tackles), Lambin (67) and senior Griffin Ulm (33), with Addison in the fourth spot. Lambin has the distinction of blocking six punts last year, an unofficial school record.

“Arguably he was our best defensive player and special-teams player last year,” Vallas said.

Returnees at defensive back are Fauser, senior Tristan Passmore and senior Landon Crusen. Pushing for time are Brody Evans, Ben Marvel and Owen Morse.



## FARMINGTON FARMERS

Coach: Toby Vallas

Enrollment: 351 (Class 2A/3A) Last year: 9-2

### SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	vs. Illini West	7:00
Sept. 6	at West Hancock	7:00
Sept. 13	vs. Decatur St. Teresa	7:00
Sept. 20	vs. Bureau Valley	7:00
Sept. 27	at Elmwood-Brimfield	7:00
Oct. 4	vs. Macomb	7:00
Oct. 11	vs. Annawan-Wethersfield	7:00
Oct. 18	at Lewistown	7:00
Oct. 25	at Knoxville	7:30

NOTE: Home Games in Bold

### VARSITY ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
0	Boston Smith	6-1	195	Jr.	WR/DB
1	Jerrett Fauser	5-10	165	Sr.	WR/DB
2	Kamdyn Decker	5-9	145	Jr.	WR/DB
3	Kyle Miller	5-9	145	Jr.	WR/DB
4	Mason Green	5-9	135	So.	WR/DB
5	Landon Crawford	6-4	190	Jr.	WR/DB
7	Tristan Passmore	5-11	175	Sr.	WR/DB
8	Ben Marvel	5-11	175	Sr.	WR/DB
9	Gage Smith	5-9	180	Jr.	RB/LB
10	Carter Lambin	6-0	190	Sr.	TE/LB
11	Lane Wheelwright	6-1	190	Sr.	QB/DB
12	Treyven Haroldson	6-1	170	Jr.	QB/DB
13	Jack Gronewold	6-3	200	Jr.	WR/DB
14	Ryder Kouns	5-6	120	So.	WR/DB
15	Ezeria Guess	6-0	200	So.	QB/LB
18	Barrett Demmin	5-11	165	So.	WR/LB
19	Brody Evans	5-10	175	Sr.	QB/DB
20	Griffin Ulm	6-0	180	Sr.	TE/LB
21	Koby Rook	6-0	175	Jr.	RB/LB
22	Owen Morse	5-9	165	Sr.	WR/DB
23	Jonny Gibbs	5-9	175	Jr.	WR/DB
24	Noah Fleming	5-9	175	So.	RB/DB
25	Jake Martin	6-0	185	Sr.	RB/LB
26	Tristan Hendy	5-8	145	So.	RB/DB
27	Cole Passmore	5-10	190	Sr.	TE/DL
29	Joey Peters	6-0	165	Sr.	WR/DB
30	Landon Crusen	5-10	180	Sr.	TE/DB
32	Miles Addison	6-2	210	Jr.	RB/LB
34	Logan Utt	6-0	195	Sr.	RB/LB
35	Kaydon Bollinger	6-5	215	Jr.	TE/DL
36	Lucas Shelby	5-11	150	So.	WR/DB
37	Ethan Martin	6-0	195	Jr.	WR/LB
44	Dillon Durbin	5-9	190	So.	RB/DL
45	Colton Clark	6-1	185	So.	TE/LB
50	Carter Gavelys	5-10	195	Jr.	OL/DL
51	Aiden Shepherd	6-0	235	Sr.	OL/DL
53	Jackson Ray	5-10	160	So.	OL/DL
54	Lucas Gutierrez	6-0	225	Jr.	OL/DL
55	Kolton Larmore	5-11	220	Sr.	OL/DL
56	Carson Horn	6-0	265	Jr.	OL/DL
57	Eddie O'Brian	5-11	175	So.	OL/DL
58	Zach Simpson	6-2	185	Sr.	OL/DL
59	Garrett Perkins	6-0	195	So.	OL/LB
61	Andersen Neal	6-0	215	So.	OL/DL
62	Patrick O'Brian	5-10	175	Jr.	OL/DL
64	Slader Warren	6-0	220	Sr.	OL/DL
66	Thomas Seaborn	6-3	195	Jr.	OL/DL
67	Bryse Hunter	5-11	235	Jr.	OL/DL
68	Noah Passmore	6-3	220	Jr.	OL/DL
70	Jacob Cecil	6-0	185	Sr.	OL/LB
71	Henry Adams	5-11	155	So.	OL/DL
72	Samuel Hammond	6-0	200	So.	OL/DL
73	Keegan Petersen	6-4	300	Sr.	OL/DL
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82	Jackson Gilmore	6-0	180	Jr.	TE/LB
84	Caiden Taylor	5-9	140	Jr.	WR/DB
85	Max Sharum	5-9	150	Jr.	WR/DB
89	Aidan Helle	6-4	265	Sr.	TE/DL

Assistant Coaches: Robby Reeder, Dylan Hayden, Kaleb Plattenberger, Jeff Flater, Brandon Chavez-Jimenez, Thomas DuBre-Schloz, Brad Whitcomb and Nick Hoffmann.

### PLAYOFF HISTORY

The 2023-24 season marked Farmington’s 22nd playoff appearance and eighth in nine full seasons under Toby Vallas, who is 80-21 overall at Farmington.

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# PRINCEVILLE PRINCES



## PRINCEVILLE PRINCES 2024

**Front Row (all rows left to right):** Hunter Johnson, Jack Ahten, Logan Olshawsky, Ethan Cunningham, Jake Williams, Jack Lied, Mason Hilliard, Jaden Pool and Owen Harmon.

**Row 2:** Wyatt Giffin, Eli Christianson, Kaden Blunier, Kaiden Sarnes, Noah Geiger, Brady Day, Jett Benningfield, Robert Garza, Brayden Freres and Izaiah Cole.

**Row 3:** Bradin Senn, Coley Palmer, Jackson Kraft, Travis Heinz, Collin Lowery, Iain Huss, Ryan Butterfield, James Hunt and Oliver Melick.

**Row 4:** Landin Senn, Cayden Allen, Henry Lied, Carter Peterson, Collin Carruthers, Anthony Venegas, Bradlee Curtis, Logan Blair-Scott, Garrett McGrath and Braeden Brodie.

**Row 5:** Fletcher Onion, Edoardo Arnett, Scout Cornell, Aaron Harmon, Nate Lowery, Brennan Friedman, Luke Bishop, Jace Graham and Cam Lauber.

**Row 6:** Cooper Cox, Colton Foose, Chase Eberle, Ethaniel Menold and Ashton Gilbert.

**Back Row:** Manager Shaelyn McGrath, Coach Jacob Dye, Coach Brian Wonders, Coach Jon Carruthers, Coach Michael Sheets, Coach Jack Arnett and Manager Bronwen Hill.

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## PRINCEVILLE PRINCES

# Princes hope new weight room lifts team

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The revamped weight room at Princeville has been worth the wait, at least according to initial reviews. The final word might have to wait until November.

As Princeville attempts back-to-back football postseason appearances for the first time since 2018-19, every little advantage helps. Coach Jon Carruthers and his players appear to believe the re-emphasized weight room could give the Princes that extra push needed to advance past the first round.

That might not necessarily manifest itself solely in additional brute strength among Princeville players, according to Carruthers. He is entering his 14th season as head coach after a 5-5 record in 2023, capped with a loss to Stark County in the first round of the Class 1A state playoffs.

“Huge,” Carruthers said about the weight-room influence. “It’s not just how strong they get, it’s the dedication part. It’s lifting together, the togetherness as a team. You push yourself. You find ways to compete against each other, but you’re also competing against yourself.”

“The best football teams I’ve had at Princeville have been my best weightlifters. It just seems to go hand in hand, the dedication and the love for it.”

Count senior Logan Olshawsky, a third-year starter at center who also plays defense, among those who love the upgrade.

“I think that weight room was a big change and I think it needed to happen, and I’m glad it happened,” said Olshawsky, whose team begins play Friday night (Aug. 30) at Abingdon-Avon.

The new weightlifting equipment was installed in early summer, according to Princeville Superintendent Tony Shinall. The cost was a little more than \$25,000. A fundraiser paid for about \$10,000. The school board sees the renewed space as a classroom from which all students can benefit, Shinall stated.

Among the new gear are seven power racks, rubber weights, four adjustable box-jump platforms and a rack that holds 18 medicine balls. But a most-important addition might have been human.

Jack Arnett, a former Princeville player and current full-time substitute teacher, has been overseeing the football team’s lifting program. A recent Eureka College graduate, Arnett interned with the University of Cincinnati strength program.



Princeville players showed up in impressive numbers this summer to pump iron in a revamped weight room.



Christianson



Lied



Olshawsky



Williams

“He came in and just kind of gave us something to believe in,” senior quarterback Jake Williams said. “He’s obviously had experience with Division I people, so you’ve got to trust and believe that he knows what he’s talking about. We just all bought in.”

Shinall credits Arnett, who also will assist the Princeville volleyball program, with bringing knowledge and enthusiasm to the weight room.

Carruthers concurred.

“I did all my own weight programs for 23 years,” he said. “I said, ‘Let’s see what you can do, because you’re impressing me.’ He’s young. He’s got a lot of energy. I’m not young anymore.”

Princeville, however, is young, although it returns starters at 10 positions, evenly split between both sides of the football. Olshawsky and Williams are among only six seniors on the 50-some Princeville roster. Freshmen and sophomores constitute more than half.

An all-LincolnLand Conference pick last season as a receiver, Williams is to take over at quarterback for Logan Carruthers, the coach’s graduated son. In five games at QB last season, some while the younger Carruthers was injured, Williams passed for six touchdowns and almost 600 yards.

Classmate Jack Lied was injured in the 2023 season opener and didn’t play again, but this season the running back/linebacker is expected to contrib-

ute, according to Coach Carruthers. Other seniors are Ethan Cunningham, a returning starter at linebacker, and linemen Mason Hillard and Jaden Pool.

“We’ll have a younger team, but a lot of those juniors were playing as sophomores,” Carruthers said. “They’re going to have experience, and that’ll help.”

In that junior group are running back/linebacker Eli Christianson, lineman Collin Lowery and receivers Jett Benningfield, Kaden Blunier, Brady Day and Hunter Johnson. The receivers are expected to help Princeville become multidimensional on offense, Carruthers said.

They’re also expected to help Williams achieve his primary goal – a postseason victory. That hasn’t happened yet, he said. Neither Williams nor Olshawsky believe their team gave its best effort last season against Stark County, the Princes’ northern neighbor.

As for possible postseason redemption, the waiting and the winning might be the hardest part. By comparison, the weightlifting might be easy.

“It was really outdated,” Olshawsky said about the old weight-room setup. “I feel like we almost demanded that change, because we all wanted to be there so much and we needed new weights. I think it’s also a big motivator, because we got what we wanted.”



## PRINCEVILLE PRINCES

Coach: Jon Carruthers

Enrollment: 210.5 (Class 1A) Last year: 5-5

### SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	at Abingdon-Avon	7:00
Sept. 6	at Havana	7:00
<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>vs. Knoxville</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Sept. 20	at ROWVA-Williamsfield	7:00
Sept. 27	at Monmouth United	7:00
<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>vs. South Fulton (Astoria)</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>vs. Stark County</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Oct. 18	at Rushville-Industry	7:00
<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>vs. Annawan-Wethersfield</b>	<b>7:00</b>

NOTE: Home Games in Bold

### VARSITY ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
1	Garett McGrath	5-5	115	Fr.	RB/DB
3	Jace Graham	5-8	115	Fr.	WR/DB
4	Jett Benningfield	6-0	150	Jr.	WR/DB
5	Jake Williams	6-0	160	Sr.	QB/DB
7	Cooper Cox	5-7	130	Fr.	QB/DB
8	Kaiden Sarnes	6-0	185	Jr.	WR/LB
9	Brayden Freres	5-6	145	Jr.	RB/LB
10	Kaden Blunier	6-0	150	Jr.	WR/DB
11	Brady Day	6-0	155	Jr.	WR/DB
12	James Hunt	5-11	140	So.	RB/DB
13	Hunter Johnson	6-3	185	Jr.	WR/DB
14	Nick Wilson	5-11	135	So.	WR/DB
15	Ethan Cunningham	6-0	150	Sr.	FB/LB
17	Cam Lauber	5-6	115	Fr.	WR/DB
20	Jack Lied	6-0	175	Sr.	RB/LB
21	Braeden Brodie	5-5	115	Fr.	WR/DB
22	Edoardo Arnett	6-0	160	Fr.	RB/DB
23	Coley Palmer	6-0	165	So.	QB/LB
24	Collin Carruthers	6-0	185	So.	RB/LB
25	Oliver Melick	5-7	130	So.	RB/LB
26	Jack Athen	5-11	150	Jr.	K
30	Nate Lowery	6-2	145	Fr.	WR/LB
32	Brennan Friedman	5-9	135	Fr.	RB/LB
33	Logan Blair-Scott	5-8	135	So.	WR/DB
34	Robert Garza	5-8	165	Jr.	FB/LB
35	Eli Christianson	5-11	190	Jr.	RB/LB
44	Noah Geiger	5-11	165	Jr.	RB/LB
45	Anthony Venegas	5-6	170	So.	RB/LB
50	Owen Harmon	6-0	175	Jr.	OL/DL
51	Bradin Senn	5-7	165	So.	OL/DL
52	Carter Peterson	6-0	220	So.	OL/DL
53	Mason Hillard	5-8	190	Sr.	OL/DL
54	Landin Senn	5-9	215	So.	OL/DL
55	Henry Lied	6-1	185	So.	OL/DL
56	Logan Olshawsky	6-1	215	Sr.	OL/DL
57	Scout Cornell	5-11	180	Fr.	OL/DL
58	Colton Foose	6-1	185	Fr.	OL/DL
59	Luke Bishop	5-7	185	Fr.	OL/DL
60	Wyatt Giffin	6-0	270	Jr.	OL/DL
62	Izaiah Cole	5-6	200	Jr.	OL/DL
64	Ethaniel Menold	5-11	210	So.	OL/DL
67	Chase Eberle	5-11	190	Fr.	OL/DL
68	Fletcher Onion	5-8	130	Fr.	OL/LB
70	Travis Heinz	6-3	220	So.	OL/DL
71	Ashton Gilbert	5-5	185	Fr.	OL/DL
72	Ryan Butterfield	6-1	250	So.	OL/DL
73	Cayden Allen	6-0	190	So.	OL/DL
74	Aaron Harmon	6-1	250	Fr.	OL/DL
75	Bradlee Curtis	5-11	200	So.	OL/DL
76	Iain Huss	6-3	245	So.	OL/DL
77	Collin Lowery	6-3	230	Jr.	OL/DL
79	Jaden Pool	6-0	205	Sr.	OL/DL
89	Jackson Kraft	6-2	170	Fr.	WR/LB

Assistant Coaches: Brian Wonders, Jacob Dye, Jack Arnett, Matthew Butterfield, Michael Sheets, Eli Wieland, Nate Rice and Nathan Wineinger.

### PLAYOFF HISTORY

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## ROWVA-WILLIAMSFIELD COUGARS



ROWVA-Williamsfield football players, managers and coaches pose for a team picture.

# R-W will rely on strength in the trenches

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

ONEIDA – As Jaxson Strom sees it, offensive linemen form the foundation of successful football. Of course, he’s a little biased.

Strom is expected to be a building block on the line for ROWVA-Williamsfield this season. R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand considers the lines the strongest part of his team, which is aiming for the program’s third consecutive postseason berth.

According to Gullstrand, this team isn’t deep at skill positions. That might mean the O-line will be relied on a fair amount, particularly early in the season. Strom doesn’t appear to mind.

“The play cannot form without the linemen up front,” the 6-foot-3, 230-pound senior said. “The center snaps the ball, we do our blocking jobs ... that’s where it all starts. If you don’t do that correctly, then the play never happens. I think we do a very good job of that.”

So does Gullstrand. But after a week of preseason practice and a week before the Cougars’ season opener, at home Friday (Aug. 30) against Havana, the foundation still needed reinforcement.

“We’re not game-ready yet,” the sixth-year coach said. “We’re still working some things out. But (during games), we’ll hopefully move some people, open up some lanes and protect the quarterback.”

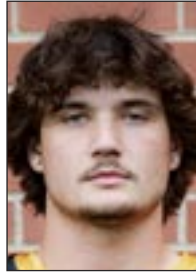
R-W certainly has plenty of heft and strength in that regard.

Besides Strom, the offensive line includes the Sanders twins, Ayden (6-0, 250) and Cayden (6-2, 195). Will Blender (6-1, 220) returns after he missed two seasons because of back trouble. Jeremiah Johnson (6-4, 320) is a transfer from United Township in East Moline. All are seniors.

Classmate Max Main won’t be eligi-



Cordle



Hull



Miller



Schroeder

ble to play in the season opener, but he has a good reason. The tight end/linebacker spent most of the summer in South Carolina in U.S. Army basic training, where he was a platoon leader. Main’s experiences in uniform included camping outdoors for a week in the middle of Hurricane Debby, according to Gullstrand.

“I would guess that it’s not something that’s very pleasant,” he said. “The fact that he is a platoon leader, leading 40 or 50 guys that are probably his age or even a little bit older, probably speaks volumes about what kind of person he is.”

Main was to return home last week, then participate in enough practices to be able to play Sept. 6. He is to return to the Army after graduation.

“He’s going to be the best in-shape kid in the state,” R-W Assistant Coach Jason Lydic said.

Cayden Sanders didn’t go to boot camp this summer, but he did work at a Galesburg-area hog farm. Sanders appreciated the physical labor, but it had a point beyond the paycheck.

“You’re out there in the sun all day. You’re sweating. You’re hot. You’re sore. It’s going to apply to Friday nights,” Sanders said. “You’re going to be hot. You’re going to be sweaty. You’re going to be going the whole time.”

Said Strom: “Linemen have got to do the dirty work.”

That’s not to say the rest of the Cou-

gars are going to have spotless uniforms as they attempt to return to the Class 1A playoffs. They lost to Chicago Hope Academy last November in the quarterfinals to finish 9-3 but return starters at nine positions.

R-W defensive strength is evident in its linebackers, Gullstrand said. Among them are Main and seniors Talan Hull and Preston Schroeder. Junior Carter Smith also is in that mix. Senior Kole Miller, the Cougars’ kicker the past few seasons, is adding receiver and safety duties this season.

The R-W offense probably will feature Hull (four touchdowns, 738 yards in 2023 at tight end) and senior running back Jack Cordle. A state-track qualifier in sprints, Cordle will inherit top-back status from the graduated Bryan Bertlshofer (1,366 yards, 16 TDs).

Replacing three-year quarterback Riley Danner, who passed for almost 1,900 yards last season, is junior Drake DeJaynes or senior Preston Schroeder. Gullstrand said he would not reveal a decision publicly last week.

Gullstrand was more effusive about how his program has progressed from 2-7 records in his first two full seasons. The coaching staff is at its numerical high (eight), almost 50 boys are in the program and almost 90 are playing in the local Junior Football League.

“We’re pretty excited about where the program’s going, but it’s small-school football, so obviously you need numbers,” Gullstrand said.

## ROWVA-WILLIAMSFIELD COUGARS

Coach: Grant Gullstrand  
Enrollment: 275.5 (Class 2A) Last year: 9-3

### SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	vs. Havana	7:00
Sept. 6	at LVC (Cuba)	7:00
Sept. 13	vs. Monmouth United	7:00
Sept. 20	vs. Princeville	7:00
Sept. 27	at South Fulton (Astoria)	7:00
Oct. 4	at Stark County (Wyoming)	7:00
Oct. 11	vs. Rushville-Industry	7:00
Oct. 18	at Annawan-Wethersfield	7:00
Oct. 25	vs. Abingdon-Avon	7:00

NOTE: Home Games in Bold

### VARSITY ROSTER

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1	Mekhi Jones	5-6	140	So.	RB/DB
4	Jaden Koepp	5-8	130	Fr.	QB/DB
5	Jose Estrada	5-7	140	Fr.	RB/LB
6	Keagan Gerlach	5-7	145	Jr.	RB/DB
7	Parker Tamburro	5-7	130	Fr.	WR/DB
8	Brock Davis	5-8	150	Sr.	WR/DB
9	Preston Schroeder	6-1	170	Sr.	QB/DB
10	Drake DeJaynes	6-1	180	Jr.	QB/DB
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23	Noah Soper	5-8	155	So.	RB/LB
24	Daniel Skala	5-11	165	So.	TE/BB
30	Zach Rowe	5-8	145	So.	WR/DB
32	Jack Cordle	5-8	170	Sr.	RB/DB
40	Damien Stufflebeem	6-0	190	Sr.	TE/LB
42	Garrett Goff	5-10	170	Fr.	TE/LB
43	Rylee Triplett	5-10	200	Fr.	RB/DL
45	Max Main	6-0	185	Sr.	TE/LB
51	Edwin Foster	6-1	170	So.	OL/LB
52	Connor Wilson	6-0	185	Sr.	OL/LB
54	Taylor Foster	6-1	180	Jr.	OL/DL
55	Cayden Sanders	6-2	195	Sr.	OL/DL
56	Max Miller	5-11	200	So.	OL/DL
61	Jacob Wheeler	5-10	280	Jr.	OL/DL
65	Will Blender	6-1	220	Sr.	OL/DL
66	Henry Powers	6-5	200	Jr.	OL/DL
67	Joe Wick	6-5	175	So.	OL/DL
70	Ayden Sanders	6-0	250	Sr.	OL/DL
72	Matt Little	6-1	270	Sr.	OL/DL
73	Jaxson Strom	6-3	230	Sr.	OL/DL
75	Xander Calkins	6-1	280	Sr.	OL/DL
76	Jeremiah Johnson	6-4	320	Sr.	OL/DL
80	Talan Hull	6-3	200	Sr.	TE/LB
82	Hayden Tucker	5-11	150	So.	TE/LB
85	Carter Smith	6-0	195	Jr.	TB/LB
88	Max Nichols	6-6	210	So.	WR/DB

Assistant Coaches: Jason Lydic, Andrew Hofer, Gabe Secrist, Chase Adamson, Jordan Danner, Chad Goff and Tony Triplett.

### PLAYOFF HISTORY

ROWVA-Williamsfield is a third-year co-op formed after Mid-County disbanded. R-W has earned two playoff berths. Mid-County had two playoff berths.

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**Prep sports participation sets all-time record**

More than eight million participants competed in high school sports in 2023-24, a record, according to a survey by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Two of the biggest storylines are the increases in all forms of football and the continued rise in girls and boys wrestling. Eleven-player football is the most popular boys sport and registered an increase for the second consecutive year. There also was an increase in eight-player football. The biggest gains in football came on

the girls side. Participants in girls flag football more than doubled.

**Peoria Garden Club celebrating 100 years**

PEORIA – The Peoria Garden Club will start a celebration of its 100th anniversary on Sept. 5, at Peoria Public Library North, 3001 W. Grand Parkway. Social hour starts at noon, with a business meeting at 12:30 and program at 1 p.m.

Chris Young, director of the Office of Resource Conservation in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, will give a program on photographing nature. Young will

also discuss pollinator gardens.

**College graduate**

• Emily Stratton of Elmwood graduated from Milwaukee School of Engineering in spring 2024 with a bachelor of science in industrial engineering.

**Et cetera**

• SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Environmental Council assigned 100% scores to Sen. David Koehler and Rep. Sharon Chung for its 2024 Legislative Environmental Scorecard. The scorecard is based on how legislators voted on bills affecting the environment.

**Peoria airport to get funding for new tower**

For The Weekly Post  
PEORIA – The U.S. Department of Transportation will provide \$14 million for a new air-traffic control tower at General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport.

Funding from the Federal Aviation Administration to the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria will replace a 65-year-old tower.

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**Phyllis A. Bennett**  
ELMWOOD – Phyllis A. Bennett, 72, of Elmwood, passed away at 4:44 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024, at Graham Hospital in Canton, surrounded by her loving family.

Phyllis was born May 15, 1952, in Peoria, to Raymond and Gladys (Boggs) Emerick.

Phyllis is survived by two children, Stephen Bennett of Bryant, Ill., and Dustin Emerick of Indianapolis; one brother, Raymond Emerick; three sisters, Linda (Dan) Dray, Barb Bratton and Betty Hall; three grandchildren, Nicholas Hidden, Lindsey Wilson and Jason Brownlee; and six great-grandchildren.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Karen Meyer.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, 2024, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation will be held prior to the service, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. A burial of Phyllis's ashes will be held in Elmwood Township Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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



**Bennett**

**Kacey Jo Fuller**  
BARTONVILLE – Kacey Jo Fuller, 3 months, of Bartonville, passed away on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was born on May 9, 2024, in Peoria, daughter of Kyle and Adriana (Fitzgerald) Fuller.

She is survived by her parents Kyle and Adriana; a sister, Avery Fuller; grandparents, Chad and Marcella Fitzgerald, Julie Davis and Mark Davis and Toby and Lisa Fuller; great-grandparents, Robert and JoAnn Stevens, Dawn Fitzgerald, Diana Ladd and Jerry and Lorraine Ladd; Adriana's brother, Justin Fitzgerald; and Kyle's sisters Kaitlyn Fuller and Rylee Hayworth. She was loved by many great-aunts, uncles and cousins. Kacey was preceded in death by her great-grandfather Roger Fitzgerald and great-grandparents William and Nancy Fuller.

Kacey was a laughing, giggling and smiling baby. She was very happy and had many facial expressions. Her father, Kyle, mentions she had her mother's attitude. She was a happy, cuddly and playful baby. She loved playing with her sister and loved being tickled under her neck. She loved having her mommy sing to her and her daddy play with her. She loved bath time, tummy time and going on walks. She was very loved by her family.



**Fuller**

Funeral services were Aug. 26, 2024, at Davison-Fulton Bartonville Chapel. Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Kacey's name to SIDS Illinois.

Online condolences may be shared with Kacey's family at www.Davison-Fulton-Bartonvillechapel.com.

**Vernon D. Nichols**

FARMINGTON – Vernon D. Nichols, 75, of Farmington, passed away, Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024, at his home in Farmington.

He was born in Dyess, Ark., to Gordon "Dale" and Martha "Betty" (Sornson) Nichols.

They preceded him in death. He is survived by two brothers, Jimmy Nichols and Rodney (Cathy) Nichols; and two sisters, Kay (the late Bob) Faralli and Carol (Terry) Dicks.

Vernon retired from Caterpillar Inc. in 2001. He first worked in East Peoria in the tool room at HH. He later went to Mossville in the tech center. In his younger years, Vernon enjoyed photography when he traveled out west. He also enjoyed playing football and later golfing.

Memorials may be made to the Farmington Rescue Squad or to the Farmington Food Bank.

Cremation rites will be accorded. His ashes will be buried in Trivoli Cemetery at a later date.

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# R-W boys golf wins two; Brimfield tops Elmwood boys

For The Weekly Post

The ROWVA-Williamsfield boys golf team won a pair of matches last week. The Cougars topped Galesburg on Aug. 24 at par-71 Bunker Links, 323-330. Preston Lafary carded a round of 72 and was 2 under on the back nine. Landon Hannam carded a 74 with three birdies, Mason Sornberger shot 84 and Kaden Dewitt was at 93.

"It's great to have this level of play so early," R-W Coach Andy Fritz

said.

On Aug. 21, R-W shot 164 to best Midland (176), Kewanee (187) and Stark County (199) on the front nine at Baker Park. Hannam, Lafary, Sornberger and Dewitt all shot 41.

Also on Aug. 21, the Brimfield boys shot 162 at Maple Lane Country Club to top Elmwood (208) and Canton (212). Senior Nick Hainline and freshman Westin Smith both shot 38 to lead Brimfield, which got rounds of 43 from Dane Fagerburg, Jackson

Kappes and Kaeden Schatsiek.

Kuper Bolton fired a 42 to lead Elmwood's top four, which included Quinton Johns (45), Karsyn Bolton (60) and Gavin Reyling (61).

In girls play on the 21st, Brimfield was second to Canton behind sophomore Nicole Detmers (47), Rachel Fell (52), Kadyne Cochran (55) and Elliott Barnes (62). Elmwood was third on the scoring of Addi Thrasher (52), Addi Powers (52), Emily Anderson (53) and Corinne Colgan (60).

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## AREA CHURCHES

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

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
Father Deogratias Mpewo  
314 W. Clay Brimfield  
(309) 446-3275  
stjosephbrimfield.org  
Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm  
Sat. Mass: 5 p.m.  
Sun. Mass: 10:30 a.m. (starting Sept. 1)

**Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 a.m.**

**Saint Paul Lutheran Church**  
Missouri Synod  
204 W. Clay St. Brimfield, IL  
(309) 446-3233  
Divine Service: **Sunday, 10 a.m.**  
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**Brimfield E-Free Church**  
Pastor Donald Blasing  
11724 Maher Road  
Brimfield IL 61517  
(309) 446-3571  
brimfieldefree.org  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 p.m. ages 3-12

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

**Union Church at Brimfield**  
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Pastor Stephen Barch  
105 W. Clay Street Brimfield

**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Joshua 6, on the seventh day, how many times did the men of war march around Jericho? 1, 3, 5, 7
3. In His first recorded miracle, what did Jesus turn into wine? Goat's milk, Grape juice, Fig cider, Water
4. From 1 Chronicles, what king was buried with his sons under an oak tree? Neco, Jehoash, Saul, Rezin
5. In the story of creation, what did

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brimfieldunionchurch.org  
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm  
• First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten-free communion offered)  
• Grief & Loss Group meets Tuesday afternoons 3-4:30 p.m. until further notice.

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

**DOUGLAS**  
**Douglas United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Kristine McMillan  
484 3rd St.  
Yates City IL 61572  
(NOTE: Church is in Douglas)  
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m.  
(Maqon worship: 11 a.m.)  
Facebook Live is 11 a.m. at Maqon UM Church page

God call the darkness? Blackness, Night, Fourscore, Trinity

6. In Exodus 17:15, who built an altar and called it Jehovah-Nissi? Moses, Abraham, Jacob, Aaron

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Seven, 3) Water, 4) Saul, 5) Night, 6) Moses

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

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

**ELMWOOD**  
**Crossroads Assembly of God**  
Pastor Don Nuttall  
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood  
(309) 742-6409  
crossroadselmwood.org  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**Elmwood Baptist Church**  
Pastor Bill Cole  
701 W. Dearborn St. Elmwood  
(309) 742-7631 642-3278

Sun Worship: 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.

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

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

**United Methodist Church of Elmwood**  
Pastor James Pernelle Sr.  
821 W. Main St. Elmwood  
(309) 742-7221  
elmwoodumc.org  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Youth Sunday School: 10 a.m.

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

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

**First Presbyterian Church of Farmington**  
Pastor Cindy Bean  
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
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Sun. Worship: 10 a.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.

**PRINCEVILLE**  
**Princeville United Methodist Church**  
Pastor David Pyell  
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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 Kregiel  
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

**Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)**  
18015 W. Smithville Rd., Trivoli  
Pastor Mark Schoenhals  
Pastor Jay Johnson  
(309) 696-1300  
zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.  
4th Sunday of month Worship: 8 a.m. with communion

**WILLIAMSFIELD**  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
Father Deogratias Mpewo  
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  
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**FARMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE**

A City of Farmington Planning Commission meeting will be held September 9 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Topics to be discussed:

1. Rezone PIN 05-04-02-304-009 - 736 W. Fort, from Residential (O40-Improved Lots) to Agriculture.
2. Rezone PIN 05-04-12-119-003 - 580 E. Vernon from Commercial (O060-Commercial Business) to Agriculture.
3. Division of properties at 503-525 S. Main.
4. Dissolving part of Adrienne Street.

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

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, Not in its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For RCF2 Acquisition Trust  
**PLAINTIFF**  
 Vs.  
 Steven F. Allender, et. al.  
**DEFENDANTS**  
 No. 2023-FC-0000193  
**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 12/13/2023, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on September 18, 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:

**PART OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 119, PARTLY IN HALL'S AND PARTLY IN RANDALL'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PEORIA, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; RUNNING THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF SAID LOT ON MARY STREET; 110 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH MONROE STREET, 75 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH MARY STREET, 110 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG LINE OF SAID LOTS ON MONROE STREET, 75 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.**

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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).

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

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust  
**PLAINTIFF**  
 Vs.  
 Scott Kelsey; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Georgia G. Kelsey; United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Tony Kelsey; Clyde Kelsey; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants  
**DEFENDANTS**  
 No. 2024-FC-0000157  
**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:**  
 Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Georgia G. Kelsey  
 Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

**COMMONLY KNOWN AS:**  
 1131 N Wildwood Ct  
 Peoria, IL 61604  
 and which said Mortgage was made by:  
 Georgia G. Kelsey  
 Bert E. Kelsey  
 the Mortgagor(s), to Financial Freedom Senior funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 06-21082; 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.

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

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
 PEORIA COUNTY

In Re **ESTATE OF ARLEN V. JOHNSON,** CC 2024-PR-0000217  
**Deceased.**

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **ARLEN V. JOHNSON** on July 11, 2024. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **GARY L. JOHNSON**, of 3201 Johnson Road, Hanna City, Illinois 61536, 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 **28th 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 14th day of August, 2024.  
**GARY L. JOHNSON, Executor of the Estate of ARLEN V. JOHNSON, Deceased.**

ASHLEE E. STABLER, Esq.  
 WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.  
 Attorneys for Executor  
 118 West Main Street  
 P. O. Box 368  
 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368  
 Telephone: (309) 742-3611  
 ashlee@whitneyandpotts.com

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

on or before September 16, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.  
 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF PEORIA PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
**PLAINTIFF**  
 vs.  
 S. LINN PERKINS, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MARY BROWN, DOROTHY ZOLICOFFER, EUGENE BROWN, JR., EVERLINA WINDER, JOHN MCCRAY, LARRY BROWN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARY BROWN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EDWARD BROWN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CHARLES MCCRAY, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ELLA MAE DUNN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
**DEFENDANTS**  
 22 FC 151  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled

cause the Sheriff of Peoria County will on September 23, 2024, at the hour 8:30 a.m., in Room 203 of the Courthouse, 324 Main St., Peoria, IL 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

**THIRTY (30) FEET OF EVEN WIDTH BY FULL DEPTH OF LOT OFF OF THE NORTH SIDE OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 3 IN A. T. CURTENIUS & GRISWOLD'S SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF BLOCK 2 AND ALL OF BLOCK 3 IN CURTENIUS & GRISWOLD'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**  
 P.I.N. 18-17-104-023.  
 Commonly known as 801 South Warren Street, Peoria, IL 61605.  
 The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Marinosci Law Group, PC, 2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512, Westchester, Illinois 60154. (312) 940-8580. 22-01987 SHERIFF 13249999  
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**CLAIM NOTICE**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
 PEORIA COUNTY

In Re **ESTATE OF LARRY L. BOYER,** CC 2024-PR-0000218  
**Deceased.**

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **LARRY L. BOYER** on July 3, 2024. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **LOUISE M. BOYER**, of 207 North Palm 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 **28th 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 7th day of August, 2024.  
**LOUISE M. BOYER, Executor of the Estate of LARRY L. BOYER, Deceased.**

ASHLEE E. STABLER, Esq.  
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**BID INVITATION**

The Board of Education for the Williamsfield School District #210 will receive sealed bids for one Ford transit type "A" 25 passenger bus, and one used diesel powered 71 capacity 2020 or newer model type "C" conventional school bus as described herein and subject to the conditions hereinafter stipulated until 2:00 P.M. C.S.T. on Monday, September 9, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Proposals sent by facsimile or email will not be accepted. The Board of Education does not accept or assume the responsibility for delayed postal deliveries and does not recognize postmarks as representing the fact that a proposal has been received by the District before the deadline. Proposals received after the time specified in this bid invitation will not be considered.

All bids are to be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Sealed Bid: One Ford transit type "A" 25 passenger bus", or "Sealed Bid: One used diesel powered 71 capacity 2020 or newer model type "C" conventional school bus" and should be delivered to:

Attention:  
**Rolf Silvertsen, Interim Superintendent**  
**Williamsfield School District #210**  
**325 Kentucky Avenue**  
**Williamsfield, IL 61489**

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part to accept that which is in the best interest of Williamsfield School District #210.  
 Published 8/29/24

Skylar McKnight; et. al.  
**DEFENDANTS**  
 No. 2023-FC-0000268  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/26/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on October 2, 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 770 IN ROLLING ACRES SECTION 15, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND OF PART OF LOT 542 IN ROLLING ACRES SECTION 14, ALL ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF**

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**LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790**

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RECORDED OCTOBER 13, 1961 IN PLAT BOOK "Y", PAGE 117; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-17-305-018  
Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 6031 N Rosemead Dr Peoria, IL 61614

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

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

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

tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-07635.

I3250055  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,

-v- JOYCE BEST Defendant

2023 FC 0000263

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 17, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 16, 2024, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street (South Door), PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 76 AND THE WEST HALF OF LOT 75 IN BILTMORE HEIGHTS, A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1926 IN PLAT BOOK "M", PAGE 60, EXCEPTING THEREFROM 7 FEET OFF THE SOUTH END THEREOF, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

NOIS. Commonly known as 813 W FOREST HILL AVE, PEORIA, IL 61604 Property Index No. 14-29-482-011 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$36,377.17.

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

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

For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 318032. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

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

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E-Mail: ipleadings@potestivolaw.com Attorney File No. 318032 Case Number: 2023 FC 0000263 TJSC#: 44-1731

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

Case # 2023 FC 0000263 I3250236  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF

vs. Garrett William Slevin Jr a/k/a Garrett William Slevin; Ashley Marie Slevin; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS

No. 2023-FC-0000267  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Garrett William Slevin Jr a/k/a Garrett William Slevin Ashley Marie Slevin



Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3923 North Illinois Avenue Peoria Heights, IL 61616 and which said Mortgage was made by:

Garrett William Slevin Jr a/k/a Garrett William Slevin Ashley Marie Slevin the Mortgagee(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Services III, LLC, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2018007817; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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

By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on 9/27/2024 at 9:30 am at the Peoria County Courthouse located at 324 Main Street, Room 204, Peoria, IL 61602.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person meetings within the courthouse are being limited. Therefore, you are being asked to meet with our mediation coordinator via ZOOM tele-

phone or video conference. To participate by phone, call (312) 626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID 593-480-2333. To participate by video, go to www.zoom.us, select "Join a Meeting" and use the Meeting ID 593-480-2333. The password is "Courthouse". If you have any problems joining the Zoom meeting, please contact Court Administration at (309) 672-6036.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Robert M. Spears Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Room G-22 Peoria, IL 61602

on or before September 23, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-23-07616

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. I3250253

**NOTICE TO PEORIA COUNTY TAXPAYERS**

Valuation date (35 ILCS 200/9-95): January 1, 2024  
Required level of assessment (35 ILCS 200/9-145): 33.33%  
Median level of assessments for the County: 33.33%  
Valuation based on sales from (35 ILCS 200/1-155): 2021, 2022, 2023

Official publication of the general assessments of real property of record as of January 1, 2024, in **Elmwood Township**, Peoria County, Illinois as certified to and equalized by this office. The following listing is in Parcel ID number order.

The Supervisor of Assessments has applied an equalization factor to the below listed classes of property in **Elmwood Township**:

Property Class	Equalization Factor
Residential	1.0600
Commercial	1.0900
Industrial	1.0900
Other Land and Improvements	1.0600
Farm Home site and dwelling	1.0600

All property in Peoria County, other than farmland and coal, is assessed at 33.33% of fair market value. For tax year 2024 (payable in 2025) all farmland soil types in the PI scale from 82 to 130 will receive the same dollar-per-acre increase of \$46.87 per acre for cropped soil. This is a result of Public Act 98-0109 amending the Property Tax Code.

Your property is to be assessed at the above listed median level of assessment for the assessment district. You may check the accuracy of your assessment by dividing your assessment by the median level of assessment. (33.33%) The resulting value should equal the estimated fair cash value of your property. If the resulting value is greater than the estimated fair cash value of your property, you may be over-assessed. If the resulting value is less than the estimated fair cash value of your property, you may be under-assessed. Your assessment, less exemptions will be used to determine your 2024 payable 2025 property tax bill. For example: Final Equalized Assessed Value – Exemptions = Taxable Assessment Taxable Assessment X Current Tax Rate = Total Tax Bill.

Taxpayers who consider their property incorrectly assessed will need to first contact their township assessor. The assessor for **Elmwood Township** is **Mark Ryan, 5524 N Fairmont Dr, Peoria, IL 61614, (309) 370-9070**. If you are not satisfied with the results, you may file an assessment complaint with the Peoria County Board of Review from June 1, 2024, through **September 30, 2024**. YOU MUST FILE AN ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD OF REVIEW TO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO AN APPEAL.

All assessment complaints filed with the Board of Review must be in writing using the forms provided by the Board. Assessment complaint forms and instructions can be acquired from the Peoria County Board of Review, Room 301,

Peoria County Courthouse, or downloaded and printed online from the link at the bottom of the [propertytax.peoria-county.gov](http://propertytax.peoria-county.gov) website. Once on that site you can go to GIS/Property Characteristics to view the residential property characteristics and any sales information. If you have questions about filing a complaint you may contact the Board of Review at (309) 672-6022.

**You may be eligible for one or more of the following homestead exemptions if the property is your primary residence, you are liable for paying the property taxes, and in some instances, meet additional qualifications.** <https://www.peoriacounty.gov/504/Forms-Documents>

**Owner Occupied Exemption** - \$6,000 reduction in EAV  
**Homestead Improvement Exemption** - an additional amount, up to \$25,000 reduction in assessed value for four years, if assessment increases due to a new improvement of an existing structure on homestead property or the rebuilding of residential structures following a catastrophic event.

**Senior Citizen's Homestead Exemption** - \$5,000 reduction in EAV if you are 65 years or older during the tax year.

**Senior Citizen's Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption** - an additional amount that freezes your property's EAV if you are 65 years or older and meet household income requirements.

**Returning Veterans Homestead Exemption** - \$5,000 reduction in EAV the year that you return from an armed conflict and the following year.

**Disabled Persons' Homestead Exemption** - \$2,000 reduction in EAV if you meet disability requirements.

**Disabled Veterans' Homestead Exemption** (specially adapted housing) - up to \$100,000 reduction in EAV if the federal government has approved payment to construct or modify your home if you are a 100% disabled veteran with a service-connected disability.

**Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption** - If the veteran has a service-connected disability of 30% or more but less than 50%, then the annual exemption is \$2,500; if the veteran has a service-connected disability of 50% or more but less than 70%, then the annual exemption is \$5,000; and if the veteran has a service-connected disability of 70% or more, then the residential property is exempt from taxation under this Code.

**DAVID E. RYAN**  
Supervisor of Assessments  
Peoria County, Illinois

ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP		
11-01-400-002 HARTLEY, JUANITA & HARTLE	8,850	
11-01-400-019 STEFFES, ADAM & ADRIENNE	116,280	
11-03-400-007 RAMP, DONALD K & KAREN L	101,110	
11-04-100-010 GENE & DAVE WILSON FAMILY	62,840	
11-04-300-005 GREENE, CHRISTOPHER R	44,140	
11-04-300-009 COULTER, JEFFREY E & SUSA	59,620	
11-05-351-013 HOWARD, CHRISTOPHER L & J	3,740	
11-05-351-029 DWYER, ANTHONY M & ROZANA	115,930	
11-05-351-034 HOWARD, CHRISTOPHER L & B	118,790	

11-05-351-036 MAIER, THOMAS M & WHITNEY	83,520
11-07-252-013 MANESS, EMMA LOU & GLM L	47,910
11-07-254-001 NEWMAN, CHRISTOPHER J	34,230
11-07-263-003 LIVENGOOD, SCOTT & SARAH	6,880
11-07-264-001 COSBY, NICHOLAS S & NATAL	18,310
11-07-286-005 BRANNAN, ANN & JOSEPH	24,930
11-07-288-009 CARDENAS, DANA L	34,760
11-07-376-008 BARTON, FRANCIS L	2,570
11-07-407-001 CLARK, DAVID	35,770
11-07-432-003 C & C JORDAN PROPERTIES LL	3,160
11-07-451-008 NEAL, DAVID S	42,740
11-08-101-016 WAKE, JASON M & MELANIE M	72,710
11-08-158-019 BEARD, EASTON & NICOLE	28,810
11-08-159-003 MOODY, RICKY L & JIMMIE A	51,830
11-08-181-003 KRIDER, BARBARA	50,290
11-08-251-002 JORDAN, ANDREW D	36,530
11-11-300-023 TURNER, JOSHUA D & TURNER	34,170
11-12-200-016 SCHUAB, DOUGLAS J & HARM	5,200
11-13-400-006 WINDISH FARMS LLC	223,880
11-14-100-007 MARTIN, GREGORY L & REBEC	5,510
11-14-100-008 QUINN, RICHARD R & SUSAN	3,090
11-14-200-012 WILLOWVIEW FARMS I LLC	26,100
11-15-100-002 HALL, DAVID W & DIANA L	81,960
11-15-100-006 BEGNER, DEANNA & NYLE K	83,950
11-15-400-011 BEGNER, JOSHUA T & KARLA	112,300
11-18-100-004 LOPEMAN, MARY & LOPEMAN	22,370
11-21-100-002 MALMBERG, DANE T	60,050
11-21-100-005 THOMPSON, DIANE & KENNETH	1,720
11-21-100-006 THOMPSON, DIANE & KENNETH	4,680
11-21-300-002 THOMPSON, DIANE & KENNETH	3,000
11-21-400-001 THOMPSON, DIANE & KENNETH	12,890
11-21-400-003 THOMPSON, DIANE & KENNETH	1,050
11-22-200-002 JEHL, HAROLD J & NANCY L	30,190
11-23-100-007 MUSGRAVE, JENNA C	82,820
11-23-200-011 SCHELKOPF, AMY J & SUSAN	540
11-23-400-006 MALMBERG, THOMAS T & M	79,460
11-23-400-007 MALMBERG, SARA L & SARA	450
11-24-100-008 SCHELKOPF, AMY J & SUSAN	640
11-24-100-009 SCHELKOPF, AMY J & SUSAN	710
11-24-100-010 MUSGRAVE, JENNA C & MUSG	14,380
11-24-200-012 BOULTON PROPERTIES LLC	150
11-24-200-015 BOULTON PROPERTIES LLC	21,520
11-24-200-016 BOULTON PROPERTIES LLC	100,980
11-24-400-006 CHRIST, CONNIE S & KURT W	1,180
11-25-100-012 GREGORY J & PATRICIA G FOO	4,130
11-25-400-005 GREGORY J & PATRICIA G FOO	14,030
11-26-100-007 RAMIGE, MELVIN D & PAUL	23,710
11-26-200-010 MALMBERG, THOMAS T & MA	4,810
11-26-300-003 LJS FARMS LLC	3,290
11-26-300-010 PAUL, BRETT & RAMIGE, M	9,590
11-28-100-002 KETCH'S CORNER LLC	17,920
11-28-200-001 KETCH'S CORNER LLC	11,310
11-31-100-002 IVY LAKE FARMS LLC	37,540
11-31-100-003 IVY LAKE FARMS LLC	40,670
11-31-300-003 MENZ, LINDA L	10,410
11-32-200-001 WINDISH, JAMES G	14,850
11-32-200-007 KORTH, LARRY E & LARRY K	135,950
11-33-200-001 THOMPSON, LOUISE A	14,280
11-34-200-005 LJS FARMS LLC	9,350
11-34-200-008 GEIER, MICHAEL A & LINDA	4,190
11-36-200-006 WAGNER, MARK A	6,000

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# VOLLEYBALL: Princeville wins opener vs. R-B

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Teubel blocked one. Anja Nelson continued volleys with nine digs. Kylie Frail had eight assists and scored on three ace serves and Jovi Chastain also served three aces for

Brimfield.  
Next up for the Lady Indians is a home nonconference match today (Aug. 29) vs. Midwest Central.

• **Princeville** – The Lady Princes (1-0) rallied to top

Roanoke-Benson 25-27, 25-13 and 25-18 on Monday at home in nonconference action.

Harper Francis led Princeville in kills with 10, Claire Sutherland helped to defend with six blocks, Jameson McGinn recorded six digs and Mazie Streitmatter had a huge night in assists with 39.

PHS next take on non-conference opponent Illini

Bluffs on the road today (Aug. 29).


• **Elmwood** – The Lady Trojans were to start their season on Wednesday at East Peoria and then travel to Lewistown on Sept. 3.

• **Farmington** – The Lady Farmers were to open the season Tuesday at home vs. Peoria Christian, then travel to Knoxville today and face North Fulton on Monday at home.

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# X-COUNTRY: 6 of top 7 Princeville runners return

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straight IESA state titles.

After winning the IESA 1A race in 2022 in 11:50.7 and placing third in 2021 in 12:09.6, Mya Hill was ninth last year in 2A (12:22.1). Hill was joined on the all-state team by teammates Bristol Schmidgall (12th, 12:30.3) and Riley Kelly (19th, 12:36.7), like Hill a three-time IESA all-stater. "A key for us will be getting incoming girls used to doing a higher workload," Anderson said. "A big focus is adjusting from a 2-mile race to a 3-mile race. We have been able to start the season with some solid practices mileage-wise."

E-B opens the season at Three Sisters Park in Chillicothe on Friday.

**Princeville** – Six of the top seven are back for the Princes boys team, which graduated top runner Joey Bosch.

Senior Tucker Sennett will lead Princeville after placing 82nd at state last year in 16:14.55. Also back from the top five who placed eighth in the sectional are senior Matthew Bowers, junior Taylor Hess and sophomore Collin Bowers.

Sophomore Jacob Bosch was sixth man and sophomore Elliot Walles

was No. 7 at sectional. "That gives us a strong, pretty tight group to work with. Nearly every one of them had a more consistent summer of training than last summer, so that's exciting," Coach Jeremy Melick said, noting that the group has "a reasonable chance of qualifying for state."

"Their work this summer would indicate many of them understand it won't come easy, so they're trying to do their part," Melick added.

Sophomore Bethany Sennett is the lone girl out for Princeville after plac-

ing 51st at state in a school-record 18:53. Sennett will be busy, as she is also playing volleyball.

**ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Top runners for the Cougars boys team are junior Wyatt Hall, sophomore Jonas Carlson, junior Logan Washburn and sophomore West Manning, according to Coach Chris Campagna.

"The team is looking for improvement and being competitive at the Lincoln Trail Conference meet," Campagna said.

Girls leaders are Emily Hilman and Alyssa Merz, with three newcomers

rounding out a top five that aims to finish in the top half of the Lincoln Trail Conference.

**Farmington** – Junior Dax Ulm leads the three-runner boys team seeking a state berth, along with junior Ryan Helle.

New Coach Katelyn Fischbach said juniors Alina Mowen and Braylee Hammond will lead a five-runner girls team.

Farmington was scheduled to be home Monday, but the meet was moved to Wednesday due to the heat. The Farmers will also run Saturday at Limestone.



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## Hill to climb

### E-B XC boys return 3 of top 5

By JEFF LAMPE  
For The Weekly Post

There is no replacing a runner like Isaiah Hill. That's the hard reality for the Elmwood-Brimfield boys cross country team after seeing Hill graduate last spring.

E-B was a third-place team finisher last fall thanks in large part to Hill's fifth-place finish in the Class 1A state meet – far and away the best placement by a Trojans runner last season.

But all is never lost for E-B, which returns three of its top five and has promising runners poised to move up. The Trojans are ranked fourth in the MileSplit Illinois preseason poll and are rated eighth by Illinois Running News.

E-B's top returnees are junior Aiden Faulkner, who was 40th at state in 15:46.86, and seniors Mika Nelson (42nd, 15:48.51) and Reed Florey (51st, 15:51.08). Also graduated is last year's fifth-man, L.J. Higgs.

For replacements, Coach Gregg Meyers will look to juniors Darwin Herman (154th at state, 16:53.40), Garrett Webster (195th at state, 17:22.58) and Kam Stevenson (personal record of 17:04.7 at Deweiller Park last September).

The challenge for Meyers will be getting that group to run faster and finding a seventh man out of a group of six newcomers.

"If we can continue to keep our mileage up, complete our hard practices, develop a good race mentality and stay healthy, I think we have a chance to win both a regional and sectional championship and we could have ourselves in a good position to take a run at a state trophy," Meyers said.

One rumored change that is not happening is a move of the cross country sectional from Maple Lane Country Club in Elmwood to Farmington. E-B will continue to host the sectional, as it has for the past



Junior Aiden Faulkner (No. 611) is the top state-meet finisher back from Elmwood-Brimfield's Class 1A third-place boys cross country team. To the far right is E-B senior Reed Florey. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

three decades.

E-B's girls team is also ranked in preseason polls, projected at No. 9 by MileSplit and No. 10 by Illinois Running News despite graduating top runner Addie Symonds.

E-B has five returnees from a team that just missed qualifying for state: senior Olivia Stage, juniors Addy Turner and Abby Dawson and sophomores Taylor Forney and Brooke McGinn. All have run 22:00 or faster, with Stage

the fastest, having posted a 19:19 last fall.

Stage, Forney and Turner were on E-B's state-qualifying 4x800-meter relay and Forney ran 5:38.51 in the 1,600 last spring.

By adding seven incoming freshmen, Coach Kyle Anderson will also enjoy rare depth in his girls program. Several of the newcomers have enjoyed an impressive run at the junior-high level, where Brimfield has won three

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**OPENING WEEKEND**  
Friday, August 30th

**Elmwood-Brimfield at Knoxville, 7 pm**  
**Illini West at Farmington, 7 pm**  
**Princeville at Abingdon-Avon 7 pm**  
**Havana at ROWVA-Williamsfield, 7 pm**

## R-W tops Brimfield in volleyball opener

By PHIL JOHNSON  
For The Weekly Post

After a slow start, area high school volleyball teams will get busy in the upcoming weeks. The following is a wrapup of games played through Monday.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – The Lady Cougars defeated Brimfield 25-18, 25-12 in an ICAC road matchup on Monday to open the season for both teams.

Sawyer Secrist helped to continue volleys with 10 digs and blocked two. Addie Byrd had three

blocks. Riley Smith scored three kills for R-W and Tori Trotter assisted on eight scores.

The Lady Cougars (1-0) were to face North Fulton on Wednesday and are at Oneida today (Aug. 29) in a Lincoln Trail Conference matchup against Monmouth United.

• **Brimfield** – The Lady Indians (0-1) dropped their opener to ICAC rival R-W 25-18, 25-12 at home Monday.

Chloe Fabry scored on five kills and aided with three assists. Kennedy

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