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Boden family brings fun to local festivals

By MOLLY RICHESON
For The Weekly Post

If you have attended a festival in central Illinois, you probably know the name Boden Amusements.

Every weekend from May to mid-October, you can find Boden at a show or carnival in a small town near you. That includes a busy slate over the next month, starting with Brimfield's Old Settlers Days today through Saturday, which includes a new expanded setup along U.S. 150.

Boden will also have a small carnival in Maquon this Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 10-11), will be at the Harvest Home Festival in Yates City from Aug. 16-17 and then back to the area for Elmwood's Fall Festival, Sept. 5-7.

Despite the busy slate, Boden



Boden Amusements has been a family-run business for 59 years. Pictured above, left to right, are Sheena Boden, Courtney Boden, Zach Boden and Daryl Boden. Seated on the merry-go-round horse is Zach and Courtney's daughter, Oakley.

manager Zach Boden took some time to answer questions about his family's business.

Boden said the Bushnell-based company got its start with his father's grandfather and his mother's dad. They both worked a carnival in Illinois together and 59

years ago decided to start Boden Amusements.

Zach's parents, Daryl and Sheena, were raised in the carnival and, once they were grown, they married and then bought the show from Zach's great-grandfather

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Williamsfield board eyeing new taxes

By MOLLY RICHESON

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – The Williamsfield Village Board has begun the process of drafting a new local ordinance to keep a 1% grocery tax in place once a similar state tax is repealed.

Illinois is repealing a 1% grocery tax effective Jan. 1, 2026. That tax was collected by the state but paid to municipalities.

Village President Robert Johnson said at Monday's board meeting that Williamsfield needs the funding.

"With a \$60,000 budget deficit, minimum wage increase in January and other unexpected expenses at the water plant, we cannot afford to let this revenue stream slip through our fingers," Johnson said. "The tax is already being

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paid, so to the consumer there will not be any change, only that the state will not be collecting the taxes, the village will."

The village attorney will draft an ordinance for the board's approval at a later meeting. The ordinance will need to be approved by Oct. 1, 2025, in order for it to take effect with no lapse in revenue.

Williamsfield is also considering implementing a non-home-rule local tax beginning at 0.25% and reaching 1% in four years.

"No one wants to impose new taxes. However, we have a budget deficit, wage

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New owner sought for Farmington home

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Like many of its residents, perhaps, Courtyard Estates of Farmington is in transition.

As a result of the bankruptcy proceedings of its parent company, the senior assisted-living facility now is being operated by a court-appointed receiver. Bank of Farmington, the Courtyard Estates mortgage holder, nego-

tiated the temporary move announced Monday.

The plan is for a new owner to take over the Petersen Health Care facility, according to Bank of Farmington President Joseph Higgs. It could take two to three months before enough information is available to determine an asking price, although a sale might happen at any time.

Higgs said he planned to talk this week with Courtyard Estates

staff and residents and their families regarding the ownership situation. Regarding care for the 32 current residents, he and Courtyard Estates Executive Director Lisa Ward suggested the goal is for the status quo to remain in place.

"The bank along with the team we've put together have very good intentions for the property and the community," Higgs told

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A new owner is being sought for the Courtyard Estates assisted living facility in Farmington. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

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COURTYARD ESTATES: New owner sought

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The Weekly Post. “We don’t want folks to worry, because we’re going to do the right thing here with this property.”

The court-appointed receiver is Mike Flanagan of Flanagan & Associates, a law firm based in Overland Park, Kan. The firm specializes in the long-term-care industry. An affiliate of Tuteria Senior Living & Health Care, based in Kansas City, Mo., is to assist Flanagan with day-to-day Courtyard Estates operations.

Petersen filed in March for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Peoria-based Petersen, which operated almost 100 senior-living

facilities in three states, owes creditors about \$295 million.

Last month, a Delaware federal bankruptcy judge authorized the sale of about 80 Petersen properties for more than \$116 million.

Bank of Farmington participated in the bankruptcy auction, according to Higgs. The bank submitted an initial \$2 million credit bid to purchase Courtyard Estates, but subsequent discussions with debtors’ attorneys sparked the receivership plan. The bank did not buy the facility, Higgs said.

Among Flanagan’s responsibilities will be to

manage income and expenses in determining the property’s value.

“We were able to get to know him a little bit during the process and he indicated he would help us,” Higgs said. “Petersen still owns it. They just don’t have control of it anymore.”

“We just didn’t want bad things to happen. We didn’t want it sold to somebody who might close it or put it in bad hands. We kind of did what we had to do to get it in the right hands and get it on the right path.”

Courtyard Estates opened about eight years ago, at a construction cost of about \$3 million. The 34-room facility has a waiting list, according to Higgs and Ward.

Higgs said his bank was

involved in efforts to bring the facility to Farmington, to help fill a community need.

Based on the first few hours after the operational change was announced, Ward suggested the transition to the Flanagan group would be relatively easy for the 35 or so Courtyard Estates employees.

“There has been some uncertainty and a bit of anxiety, but for the most part, we’re just trying to maintain what we’re doing,” Ward said. “We have a very strong team that works together and has a very lengthy tenure. No matter who the ownership is, it will never change how we care for our tenants.”

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- The Brimfield Fire Department did not assist in a search for a man missing in Peoria County, as was reported in the Aug. 1 edition of The Weekly Post. BYE Ambulance staffers did assist in the search effort.

The newspaper was provided incorrect information by the Peoria County Sheriff’s office.

- Also, in an article about the Farmington boys basketball team in the Aug. 1 edition, Kaydon Bolinger was misidentified as Kaden Runyon. The newspaper received incorrect information.

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8 PM **Joe Stamm Band** (F&M Bank Stage)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH

6:30 AM Race Registration (American Legion Hall)
7:00-10:00 Legion Breakfast (American Legion Hall)
8:00 AM Brimfield Old Settlers 5K Walk/Run (Proceeds to benefit people in need of the Brimfield Area)
9:00 AM Arts & Crafts Fair (Located East of F&M Bank)
10:00 AM Kid’s Bicycle Race (West of the stage on Rt. 150)
11:00 AM Men’s Club Food Tent
12:00 PM Beer Tent Opens
5:00-8:00 Fried Chicken Dinner
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This Week's Hot Picks

- **Old Settlers** – Brimfield's Old Settlers Days today through Saturday, Aug. 8-10. Arts and crafts, carnival rides, beer tent, food tent, parade (Saturday at 1 p.m.), 5K run/walk (Saturday at 8 a.m.) and live music all three evenings.
- **TRIAD Fundraiser** – Knox County TRIAD will sell pork chops, ribeye sandwiches, hot dogs and brats Friday, Aug. 9, from 4-7 p.m. in front of the fire house in Yates City. Raffle tickets will also be sold.
- **Breakfast** – All-you-can-eat breakfast Saturday, Aug. 10, 7-10 a.m. at Brimfield American Legion. \$12 adults, \$8 ages 6 and under.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast **BACK TO SCHOOL**

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This Week's Events

- **Puzzle Night** – Morrison and Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood will host a family puzzle night today, Aug. 8, at 6 p.m.
- **Farmer's Markets** – Elmwood's market is Friday in Central Park, 4-6:30 p.m.
- **Maquon Homecoming** – Maquon Homecoming is Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 10-11). Live music, parade (Saturday at 2 p.m.), carnival, food, baking contest, talent show (Sunday at 5 p.m.) and more.
- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays, 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4. Classes also on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville's Lillie M. Evans Library.

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• **Harvest Home** – The annual Harvest Home Festival in Yates City is Aug. 16-17. Theme of the parade and festivities is "Getting Back to Our Roots."

• **Ice Cream Social** – Brimfield American Legion has an ice cream social Sunday, Aug. 18, from 1-3 p.m.

• **Golf Outing** – Elmwood Elementary Parents' Club golf outing fundraiser, dinner and silent auction is Aug. 24 at Maple Lane Country Club. Call (309) 252-1602 or visit elmwood-parents-club.square.site.

• **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.)

• **Gospel Concert** – Southern gospel singer Daphne Anderson and guitarist Dave Salyer will perform at Elmwood Presbyterian Church on Sept. 15 from 3-5 p.m. Food 1-2:30 p.m. Limited seating. Call or text numbers to (309) 264-4294.

Future Events

• **Harvest Home Fundraiser** – Harvest Home dinner is Aug. 15 at the Yates City Community Center, 4:30-7 p.m. Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, roll, dessert and drink. \$13.

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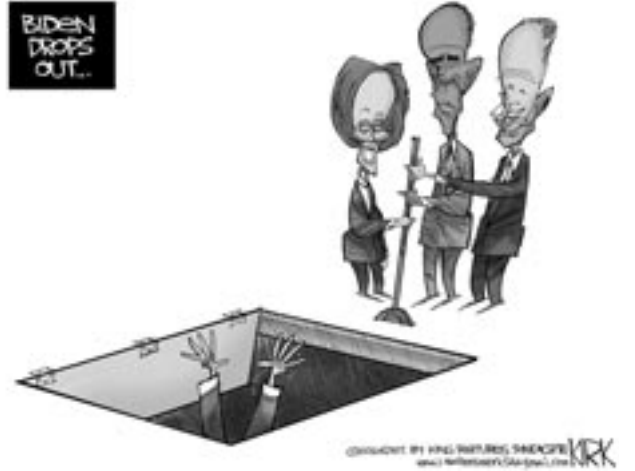
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designed to support local food pantries and to educate and assist senior citizens (age 65 and over) with daily living.

One way TRIAD helps is by alerting seniors to the many scammers trying to steal their money or identity. (On a side note, while it may not be very Christian, I hope there's a very hot place in the afterlife for old-person scammers). Locally, TRIAD members also shop for gifts around Christmas and raise awareness about resources for health and home care.

So here's a plug for a fundraiser on being held on Main Street in Yates City on Friday, Feb. 9, from 4-7 p.m. On sale in front of the firehouse will be pork chops, ribeye sandwiches, brats, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Raffle tickets will also be sold, with prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 to be paid out to lucky winners.

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Speaking of senior citizens, here's a shout out to **Marilyn Goetze**, who

lives in Chillicothe these days but still keeps up with the news from Elmwood. ... For a guy who doesn't give many speeches, **Gordon Inskip** of Elmwood is pretty good at saying things that stick in the mind. His advice "Don't run out of diesel in your tractor" to avoid air in the fuel line makes me get off the Kubota any time it gets low. My favorite, though, is "The best time to plant grass is when the Illinois State Fair is going on." That has nothing to do with the actual fair and everything to do with warm daytime temperatures and cooler evenings being good for germination and abundant morning dew providing moisture for seedlings. Despite never fact-checking those quotes, I've often planted grass during the fair, which runs today, Aug. 8, through Aug. 18. Results have always been good, too. ... A semi-truck loaded with hogs came the back way into town Monday, so I figured the "Viaduct That Cried Wolf" was finally closed. Nope. First billed as closing July 15 - at least according to flashing signs - the Illinois Route 78 railroad viaduct between Elmwood and Farmington was to close Aug. 1, according to an Illinois Department of Transportation press release. But that never happened and the closure is now billed as Aug. 12, again according to flashing signs. Will it close? Won't it? Time will tell. ... **Dr. Mark Baylor's** former office at 120 W. Main St. in Elmwood was recently sold to **Bill Seipel**, who lives just east of town. Seipel hopes to use the space for a coffee shop

and art gallery, but cautioned that the grand opening could be a year away. Talk of expanding The Palace Theatre into that building fizzled because cost of a second screen was prohibitive in this day of fewer moviegoers and fewer movies. That being said, The Palace has had a good run with "Twisters" and some other films this year. Maybe Hollywood has not totally abandoned the big screen.

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This has been a great summer for prairie blooms, what with all the rain in June and July. To see for yourself, plan a visit to Pleasant Prairie Nursery east of Williamsfield, which has a fall native plant sale Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. As added incentive, you can tour their blooming hillside prairie and display gardens. ... According to smilehub.org, the five most religious states in the U.S. are: 1. Alabama, 2. Virginia, 3. Texas, 4. Tennessee and 5. North Carolina. The five least religious states are 50. Maine, 49. New Hampshire, 48. Nevada, 47. Vermont and 46. Alaska. Illinois ranks as 15th-most religious according to smilehub, which compared states across three dimensions: 1. religious interest and places of worship, 2. religious education and careers and 3. religion-affiliated organizations ... Parting shot: The best fried chicken served at an Illinois festival will be devoured Friday and Saturday at Brimfield's Old Settlers Days. Don't miss out.

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Don't take my word for it; just follow the, well, you know.

For example, despite only one mildly competitive race in any party's presidential primaries, all 2024 candidates combined – from Doug Burgum to Marianne Williamson – raised \$692 million for their campaigns, according to OpenSecrets.org, the authoritative, non-partisan group that tracks money in politics.



Alan
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That was just for starters. Outside groups raised another collective \$812 million for the presidential candidates to boost the total take to a pig-choking \$1.5 billion.

Equally remarkable is that more than half of the amount, or \$831 million, was raised by the Trump and Biden campaigns before either party's convention and long before the Nov. 5 general election.

But the Dem money machine kicked into overdrive when Biden chose to exit the race July 21. In less than 24 hours of him yielding to presumptive presidential nominee Kamala Harris, the party was showered with at least \$81 million in campaign money and another \$150 million in campaign pledges.

That small fortune is chicken feed

when compared to what one high-tech billionaire, Elon Musk, reportedly pledged to contribute to the Trump campaign a week earlier: \$45 million per month through Election Day.

Musk has since downplayed the pledge, claiming he will still give millions, just not the \$180 million implied in his week-earlier pledge.

Agribusiness joined the 2024 White House cash dash, too. According to OpenSecrets, Big Ag has given the Trump 2024 presidential campaign \$7.4 million, almost seven times more than it gave Joe Biden, \$1.1 million, and the Dems.

In fact, ag's big political players gave Nikki Haley's not-going-anywhere White House bid \$1.7 million, or almost 50% more than incumbent Joe Biden's didn't-go-anywhere campaign.

Regardless of the candidate, no fat-cat contributor writes five-, six-, seven- and now even eight-figure campaign checks without expecting some candidate love after a hoped-for win.

Musk, say political analysts, is simply making a very public, very big bet that a Trump White House will impose prohibitive tariffs on imported Chinese electric vehicles, a rising competitor to Tesla and Musk's \$73 billion stake in the company.

Likewise, Big Sugar has given \$4.9 million to many Senate and House ag committee members this election cycle. The reason is simple: With the 2024 Farm Bill still hanging fire, the aggressively political American sugar industry wants Congress to keep in place its long-time protective import

tariffs and domestic loan price programs.

Sugar isn't alone. To date, 2024 campaign contributions from "agribusiness" to members of Congress – again according to OpenSecrets – totals \$42.2 million. The split between parties strongly favors Republicans, who were given \$29.4 million while Democratic members pulled in a comparatively small \$12.75 million.

Meanwhile, money spent by agribusiness to lobby Congress in 2023 was a knee-buckling four times greater, or \$178 million, reveals OpenSecrets. Overall, interest groups spent an unfathomable \$4.2 billion lobbying Congress in 2023.

That's \$7,850,500 per senator or congressman.

All that lobbying – meetings, favors, dinners and trips – takes time, of course, which may partially explain why Congressional "lawmakers did not manage to pass much legislation" in 2023, reported NPR late last December. In fact, NPR continued, "Only 27 bills passed through both chambers."

Twenty-seven, barely two per month. That means you wrote more grocery lists last year than Congress wrote necessary and often-overdue legislation like the 2023 – now 2024 and soon to be 2025 – Farm Bill.

But what's never overdue is the river of money flowing through our political process. It's wide, powerful and corrupting.

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Collaboration is key to conservation

Environmental challenges have always driven innovation and advancement in agriculture. From extreme drought leading to enhanced seed genetics and flooding resulting in prescriptive fertilizer applications, farmers have pivoted their practices and adapted their operations to continue producing food, fiber and fuel.

We face another driving force with nutrient runoff and the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico, and producers have responded by deploying a range of conservation practices across their farms. Practices like no-till, strip-till, cover cropping, buffer strips, wood-chip bioreactors and others are all playing a significant role in keeping nitrogen and phosphorus in the soil and out of our freshwater supplies.



Evan
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Environmentally sound practices like these are the foundation of Illinois farmers' continued commitment to implement long-term solutions that protect our nation's water supply and improve soil health.

Illinois Farm Bureau has supported that commitment by distributing more than \$1.17 million for 150 conservation projects in 75 counties through its Nutrient Stewardship Grant Program, which began in 2015.

In fact, farmer conservation efforts in Illinois have led to measurable

progress in reducing total nitrate loss.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Hypoxia Task Force reported last December that Illinois was one of 12 states to meet interim nitrogen goals for 2025 by reducing total nitrogen loss by 20%. The 2023 Illinois Ag Retail Survey also found that in 2022, across 917 Illinois fields, 24% of corn and 44% of soybeans were no-till. Cover crops were found on approximately 9% of fields in fall 2021, and while 49% of respondents reported fall application of anhydrous, 97% of the producers reported use of an inhibitor to reduce the potential for leeching.

These indicators suggest significant progress toward meeting the goals outlined in the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. While the efforts of individual farmers are important, we cannot overlook the value of moving the needle through a collaborative approach.

A leader in this space has been Ohio Farm Bureau, which partnered with the state's environmental community and government agencies in 2019 to launch H2Ohio, a statewide initiative aimed at improving water quality of Lake Erie and the surrounding Western Lake Erie Basin by reducing nitrogen and phosphorus.

Backed by \$270 million in state money, and with the support of groups like the Ohio Environmental Council, one element of H2Ohio is a mix of financial incentives for farmers in the basin to deploy conservation practices that align with specific field conditions. For each

on-farm practice, like planting cover crops and developing a nutrient management plan, farmers earn a per-acre payment that stack together on the same acre. Specific practices, such as strip tilling or applying manure in lieu of chemical fertilizer, can result in higher payments.

Flexibility within H2Ohio led to 2,400 producers enrolling 1.4 million acres in voluntary nutrient management plans in fiscal year 2023, representing about 35% of the basin. Those efforts have resulted in reducing phosphorus loads in Lake Erie by 232,000 pounds in 2022 and by more than 315,000 pounds in 2023.

The willingness and understanding of all parties in Ohio to take ownership and investment in the responsibility and value of clean water and healthy soil leaves some of us green with envy – and not just algae.

A similar opportunity exists in Illinois, where producers have demonstrated their serious commitment to conservation practices and made meaningful investments to protect the environment. The state-level \$5-per-acre crop insurance discount for planting cover crops is an effective first step. Illinois farmers across the program's five years have enrolled nearly half-a-million total cover-cropped acres and annually exceed the program's acreage cap.

Imagine the progress we could make if armed with additional state conservation incentives.

Evan Hultine is Illinois Farm Bureau vice president.

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Farmington OKs more roofing for solar array

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Installation of solar panels on the roof of Farmington's municipal offices can move forward after a vote by the City Council on Monday.

The council approved spending \$18,435 to install additional slip sheeting on the roof, as requested by the solar installers, Legacy Solar of Towanda. Slip sheets are rubber or plastic sheets that help protect a roof from potential damage caused by a solar array.

Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said he believes the additional cost should have been included in Legacy's original bid. And he plans to discuss the matter with Legacy to seek "at worst a split of these fees."

"But I didn't want to hold this roof up or the solar up," Stufflebeam said.

Aside from installing the slip sheeting, the new roof is complete. Alderman Dave Rose said adding

slip sheeting will still allow for the solar system to be on line in 2024.

In other business, City Administrator Bettina Bohanan appointed five people to serve as a board of directors for the Farmington Community Center. The five are Paula Monari, Lorry Monari, Luke Divan, Cassandra Anderson and Justin Rose.

As a fundraiser for the Community Center, the Farmington Betterment Association has donated the lot at 99 E. Vernon St. to the city for sale. The only cost for the city will be an appraisal to determine value of the lot. Stufflebeam said similar appraisals typically cost about \$375. Bids on the lot will be accepted after the appraisal.

The council approved various CEDC recommendations for grant projects. Commercial projects approved were \$19,812,94 for redevelopment on Spoon River Home Health's office at 48 N. East St. and \$7,500 for facade work at Harris

School.

Projects in the TIF district will go to Bob Thompson, \$1,000 for tree removal; Ryan Skaggs, \$937.97 for gravel; Morgan Morrison, \$2,500 for tree removal, roof work and siding; Don Peckham, \$2,500 for siding; the Kemples, \$2,500 for tree removal; and Kurt Daniels, \$2,500 for foundation replacement.

Out-of-TIF projects approved were Jon Kersh, \$2,500 for garage removal; and Bill Balagna, \$1,000 for tree removal.

The council also approved Stufflebeam's recommendation of Dave Giagnoni to fill a vacancy on the CEDC.

Finally, resident Steve Schmidgall complained about issues with broken concrete in various parts of the city. Stufflebeam said he would have city staff repair the issues as soon as possible.

Princeville to replace tank behind Village Hall

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – That big white water tank behind Princeville Village Hall probably will be replaced soon.

The 100,000-gallon glass-lined steel tank is at least 30 years old and in declining condition, according to Chad Gardner, the village public-works superintendent. It holds treated water that's ready to be pumped to village towers.

A replacement tank probably will cost about \$200,000. The village has budgeted for it, according to Gardner. He said replacing the tank won't cost much more than fixing the current one. The new tank is to be made of stainless steel.

"We're always dealing with corrosion, trying to keep it from corroding," Gardner said about the current tank. "With an all-stainless-steel tank, we won't have to worry about any of that."

Gardner spoke Monday night after the Village Board approved a \$10,000 contract with Giffin-Reese Engineering, Inc., of Princeville to perform preparation work regarding the new tank. That involves design, surveying and acquiring necessary government permits.

The usual village engineering firm is Bruner, Cooper & Zuck, Inc., of Galesburg. That company is working on a significant sewer-improvement project in Princeville. Gardner contacted the company recently about prep work for the tank but hadn't received a response.

"They're just overwhelmed with that big

sewer project, and they've got tons of other stuff," Gardner said. "No big deal. In years past, we've used two engineers. We now have a guy whose office is in town."

Time also was a factor. Gardner wants to solicit tank bids sometime this autumn. That would allow the new tank to be installed by this time next year, ready for water needs during canning season at Seneca Foods Corp. in Princeville.

In other business, the board approved three Residential Rehabilitation Program grants: \$2,500 each for window replacements at 206 N. Cottage Grove Ave. and 616 E.

Main St., and \$1,350 to remove a downed tree at 315 W. South St.

The board also granted permission for the owner of a property at 437 N. Walnut Ave. to construct a 10-by-12-foot prefabricated shed. It is to replace an existing shed.

Building permits were issued for a chain-link fence and a carport at 132 E. Main St., a 6-foot privacy fence at 210 E. North St. and a new deck at 105 N. Tremont Ave.

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Police reports

• **EDWARDS** – An Edwards man was accused of criminal damage to property in connection with an apparent domestic dispute.

Christopher E. Schmidt III, 28, was arrested about 3:45 a.m. July 20 at a residence in the 8800 block of Illinois Route 8, according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. A deputy had been dispatched there to check on the welfare of an unidentified female.

The incident involved a firearm and a 2022 Buick Encore sport-utility vehicle, the report indicated. Schmidt received a notice to appear in Peoria County Circuit Court.

• **EDWARDS** – An Edwards man was arrested for his sixth drunken-driving offense, according to authorities.

Illinois State Police stopped Eric C. Cuevas, 50, for a traffic violation as he was driving shortly before 8 p.m. July 19 in the 5000 block of N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. An ensuing investigation led to Cuevas being transported to the Peoria County Jail, according to the state police.

Cuevas was cited for three counts of aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol – sixth violation, license revoked and no insurance. Cuevas also was accused of disobeying a stop sign, driving on a revoked license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol.

• **DAHINDA** – A Dahinda-area man accused a Williamsfield woman of stealing money from him and vandalizing his residence.

The 41-year-old victim summoned a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy about 2:45 p.m. July 18 to the 2000 block of Knox Road 1400 North. The victim said he returned from work to find a damaged entry door, gouges in a family-room hutch and a crack in a bedroom door.

Cough medicine, ketchup and mustard were sprayed all over the floor, cabinets and walls, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. Total amount of damage was estimated at about \$350. Between \$60 and \$70 in cash also was missing. The deputy had not been able to interview the 40-year-old suspect.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington woman was accused of hitting her son in the face while he was washing dishes, according to au-

thorities.

The 17-year-old boy and his 31-year-old stepmother implicated Christina K. Munstedt, 38. The stepmother completed a custody exchange about 3 p.m. July 16 when she noticed a red scratch mark on the boy's left cheek, according to a Farmington police report.

Munstedt admitted she hit her son at a residence in the 100 block of W. Pearl St., but accounts differ as to what precipitated that. Munstedt was charged with domestic battery. Police notified the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A 4-year-old girl escaped serious injury when a vehicle knocked over a wagon in which she was riding at a Princeville intersection.

The accident happened shortly after 2:30 p.m. July 16 at South Street and Tremont Avenue, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Janita M. Robbins of Princeville was driving a 2018 Nissan Rogue west on Tremont Avenue and preparing to turn onto southbound South Street when her vehicle struck a wagon pulled by Bernabe Moran of Princeville. Moran was attempting to cross the street with his daughter in the wagon.

The wagon tipped over and the girl struck her head and face on the curb. Robbins said a trailer parked at the intersection distracted her, the report stated. Her vehicle was traveling about 8 mph at the time.

Medical personnel evaluated the child, who sustained a bump and a scrape on her face. She was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria as a precaution. The vehicle was undamaged. The wagon sustained a small dent.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man was accused of pulling down his pants in front of a doorbell camera at a local residence.

Video footage revealed Jeffrey L. Sale, 53, mooned the Ring camera in the 100 block of W. Pearl St., according to a Farmington Police Department report. The incident happened shortly after 9:30 p.m. July 14.

Sale was cited for disorderly conduct and received a notice to appear in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

• **ELMWOOD** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle accident at an Elmwood intersection.

At 6 p.m. July 12, Clayton M. Moechnig, 20, of Elmwood was driving a 1993 Ford Ranger pickup

truck south on Lilac Street when his vehicle collided with a 2012 Chevrolet Equinox sport-utility vehicle headed west on Hawthorne Street. Margot A. Duval, 64, of rural Elmwood was the other driver.

Duval obeyed a stop sign before she proceeded through the intersection, an Elmwood Police Department report stated. She said she didn't see Moechnig's vehicle because of the sun. There was no stop sign on southbound Lilac Street.

• **HANNA CITY** – A fish feeder apparently was vandalized at a residence north of Hanna City. The incident reported about 3:45 p.m. July 11 in the 3100 block of N. McAlister Rd. resulted in damage to a Texas Hunter feeder valued at \$400, per a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The nature of the vandalism wasn't listed.

• **EDELSTEIN** – At 11:45 p.m. July 20, Michael S. Purdy of Castleton was driving a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck north on Illinois Route 40 near Santa Fe Road when the vehicle struck a deer that emerged from the west. No injuries to Purdy were reported, although the deer was killed, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle sustained driver's-side front quarter-panel and bumper damage.

• **EDWARDS** – George W. Morefield, 55, of Edwards was arrested shortly before 9:45 a.m. July 25 and accused of driving under the influence of alcohol, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **FARMINGTON** – Farmington Police Chief Chris Darsham reported the following activity for the department in July: 355 business checks, 4,800 building checks, three crashes handled, two property crimes, 18 traffic tickets issued, 16 ordinance violations, four crimes against people, 15 miscellaneous, 48 traffic stops, 11 arrests, 391 calls and 18 assists to other police departments.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between July 21-27: Stray dog, La Fayette; two domestic disputes, Yates City; two suspicious incidents, Williamsfield; disturbance, Williamsfield.

Correction

• A 2-year-old girl almost drowned in a pond on private property south of Dahinda. This was misreported in a Public Record item published Aug. 1. The newspaper erred.

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BODEN: Job provides more time with family

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around 1990.

Zach himself has been a part of the lifestyle since he was 4 months old, having been raised within the show. In fact, he specifically remembers riding a Ferris wheel with his grandfather when he was young, the only ride they ever shared together.

He also remembers working the Ferris wheel the day he met his wife, Courtney, who also is in the business now. No wonder that the Ferris wheel is his favorite ride. Now, his 1-year-old daughter gets to watch her family come together for these events as well.

Getting to spend time with his family is what Zach describes as the best part of his job.

“A lot of people go to work and spend 9-10 hours away from their family,” he said. “The people I care most about are out here with me.”

Zach said he always has someone to lean on and can call on his brother, aunts, uncles and even cousins for help should he need it. His family isn't the only group that Zach can count on, though.

When asked about how

he stays motivated during his busiest season, he said it's not about motivation.

“It's about the good crew I have of employees that have stuck with me. They make it a lot easier for us,” he said. “I'm only one person.”

Setting up a carnival is usually spaced out over a few days, because the team is usually able to take its time upon arrival. But, if needed, workers can set up the entire event in one day.

Work schedules vary widely depending on the event and a significant amount of work goes on behind the scenes as well, including moving equipment from site to site and maintenance. Teardown can be finished in three to four hours.

In the off-season, the team works on equipment every day. Tasks include

painting, upgrading lighting, doing safety checks and general maintenance.

The Bodens attend a yearly trade show in Gibsonton, Fla., each February to check out new rides and equipment. They also acquire these items through ride brokers throughout the U.S. and through word of mouth, due to the tight-knit community of show owners.

Boden Amusements prides itself on delivering the cleanest and most family-friendly event possible.

Zach says that the most important qualities for success in this industry are “reputation, employees, cleanliness and safety history.” He stresses safety as the top priority.

The worst part of Zach's job is when it rains, partly due to how seriously safety is taken.

“You have to shut down when it rains and customers are sometimes unhappy you can't open,” he said. “But safety is the most important part.”

Boden's isn't really looking to expand in the future. Zach says that they aren't wanting to get much bigger because then they would have to start leaving Illinois and he's not sure that they are ready for that.

“We're right here in central Illinois and I think that's where we're staying for now,” he said.

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- 1:00 pm Pedal Tractor Pull (Basketball court)
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- 5:00 pm BINGO (North of Main/North Pavilion)
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WILLIAMSFIELD: Additional new tax tabled

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 increases Jan. 1, etc. With no other new revenue streams, our only avenue is new taxes," Johnson said.

Board members voiced concerns about what exactly is being taxed, the impact on local businesses, how much income would a tax generate and the idea that taxes don't just go away. The issue was tabled so board members can research implications of the tax.

Johnson said in order to begin collection of said tax by July 1, 2025, a decision would need to be made by April 1. Alternatively, should a decision be made by Oct. 1, 2025, the tax could be collected beginning Jan. 1, 2026.

The results of Williamsfield's 2022-23 audit report were reviewed during the meeting. West Central CPA of Monmouth performed the audit and reported the following deficiencies: the reliance on the auditor to prepare full disclosure statements for the year-end reporting purposes, inadequate segregation of duties as

the clerk and treasurer are responsible for most accounting functions and fiscal duties, the need for a board member to review and initial the bank statements every month, the need to record and maintain balances for loans, accounts payable and accounts receivable in the accounting system for reporting purposes, the need to review the fixed asset report annually, the need to confirm that water billing is updated to match rate ordinances and consider revising the upward limit of water usage and capped billing, and the external flash drives being used to backup data instead of the cloud as a hardware failure could result in data loss.

The village plans to take action on these deficiencies in the coming months.

A motion was approved for an extra \$1,000 to go toward sealcoating for Williamsfield roads. Unbeknownst to the county or to BCZ Engineering, the company contracted for sealcoating, its oil supplier is now charging a \$1,000 fee for partial

tanks. Williamsfield requires about a half tank of oil for its annual needs, and the oil supplier previously split a full tank between two townships as needed.

Because Motor Fuel Tax requests for Williamsfield were already submitted and approved by the state, MFT funds will not cover the charge. In years coming, the quote can be submitted to the state with the fee included or the village may decide to do more roads to use a full tank of oil and avoid the fee altogether.

In other news, Williamsfield has ATV and UTV registration Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Village Hall for sticker renewal.

Also on Sept. 8 is Ag Day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Doubet-Benjamin Park. The event includes ag-related games for children and a free breakfast.

And an ice cream social will be held Sept. 22 from 5-7 p.m. at Doubet-Benjamin Park.

Local taxes can replace state's 1% grocery tax

By GREG BISHOP

The Center Square

There's a lot more to the newly enacted law eliminating Illinois' grocery tax in 2026. Local governments can now impose their own 1% tax, along with other sales tax increases.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced Monday he signed House Bill 3144, touting relief he said the measure will bring.

"Even with inflation cooling off, every dollar counts, so I'm proud we're doing what we can to make trips to the grocery store a little easier," Pritzker said in a statement.

In 2022, an election year, Pritzker proposed a 12-month reduction of the state's grocery tax from 1% to zero. Funds were increased in the budget for that period to assist local governments impacted by

the lost revenue. The tax kicked back in for fiscal year 2024.

But the elimination of the statewide grocery tax doesn't go into effect until Jan. 1, 2026. The measure does other things, like allowing local governments to impose a grocery tax and increase other sales taxes, not through voter referendum, but through ordinance. That takes effect immediately.

State Sen. Don DeWitte, R-St. Charles, said the legislature had a chance to benefit taxpayers by backfilling the revenue for local governments with other taxes the state already collects for the Local Government Distributive Fund. DeWitte had that idea two years ago. But, he told The Center Square, Monday

the General Assembly decided to shift the tax burden to local governments.

"A tax cut that has a net zero effect is not a tax cut," DeWitte said. "All (Pritzker) did is put the burden on local governments and now they're going to have to deal with that."

DeWitte said he knows some elected officials happy the grocery-tax elimination is put off until 2026 so they can get through next year's municipal elections without tackling the controversial issue.

When the statewide tax is eliminated, that could mean up to \$420 million less from the state to local governments, DeWitte said.



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Princeville Civic Assoc. awards scholarships

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville Civic Association has awarded \$500 scholarships to Tessa Gazza and Toriana Steidinger.

Tessa is attending Illinois Central College in the ultrasound technician program while Toriana has enrolled at ICC to study nursing. She plans to then transfer to OSF Saint Francis Nursing school to complete her degree.

Each scholarship applicant wrote a short essay on ways he or she used high school volunteer hours to make a difference in the Princeville community. A committee of PCA members reviewed the applications and was as-



Gazza



Steidinger

sisted by Princeville High School.

The PCA was organized to promote community and economic development in Princeville. The PCA sponsors local events like Princeville Heritage Days, the Halloween cookout and the Holiday Tree Lighting & Stroll. To join PCA, attend its next meeting Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lillie M. Evans Library or visit princevillecivicassociation.pbworks.com.

Williamsfield school board OKs schedule

WILLIAMSFIELD – The Williamsfield School Board has approved its 2024-25 meeting schedule. Regular meetings will be held in the Kutkat Conference Room at the high school at 7 p.m. on the following dates: Aug. 12, Sept. 16, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9.

College graduate

• Caitlyn Easley of Peoria graduated from OSF Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing with a master of science in nursing and

an emphasis in neonatal nurse practitioner. She received graduate distinction honors. She is the daughter of Gerald and Joyce Easley of Hanna City.

Knox County SWCD meeting Aug. 29

KNOXVILLE – The Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District's 80th annual meeting is Aug. 29 at 3:45 p.m. at the Nayborhood Farm, 1412 Barefoot Road.

Speakers will focus on pollinator habitat, CREP enhancements and beekeeping. Dinner is wood-fired pizza and meatballs and caprese bites for appetizers. Donations will be accepted in lieu of a fee.

RSVP by Aug. 15 by calling (309) 342-5138, Ext. 3, or emailing to knoxcoilswcd@gmail.com.

Et cetera

• ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board has a special meeting Saturday, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m. for an Illinois Association of School Boards training session.

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Lamenting loss of a Kentucky coffee tree

By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

Back in the day when television was worth watching, there was "Hee Haw," a weekly variety show of country music and "down home" humor. One segment of the program featured Archie Campbell and Gordie Tapp singing a sorrowful song called "Gloom, Despair and Agony on Me."

I often recall one particular line in the lyrics, "If it weren't for bad luck I'd have no luck at all," whenever minor trials and tribulations gang up on me.

On one such occasion, a severe windstorm ravaged the landscape surrounding our home. After the storm passed, I went out to survey the damage. To my dismay I observed that, in her fury, Mother Nature had destroyed every tree in the yard that cost more than \$125.

The lyrics of that "Hee Haw" song drifted through my mind as I gazed at the remains of a gorgeous 15-foot purple-leaved weeping beech and a previously statuesque Kentucky coffee tree, both a source of joy to me. These trees, as well as several others, had spent the previous 15 years slowly growing in size and stature. In a blink of an eye I was back to square one. Time and weather are not always a gardener's friends.

You might be interested in a closer look at one of these trees, the Kentucky coffee tree. It is known by the horticultural cognomen as *Gymnocladus dioica*. The genus name means "naked branch" and refers to the tree's tendency to leaf out very late in the spring and drop its foliage very early in the fall.

The tree is actually leafless more than half of the year, giving rise to nicknames like "stump tree" and "dead tree." The species name refers to the fact that the tree is dioecious, meaning there are separate male and female trees. Even though the Midwest is its natural habitat, the coffeetree is a rare find in the wild.

A mature specimen is about 80 feet tall with a trunk 3 feet in diameter. The coffee tree is prized for its tall, statuesque form. Its branches are all thick and stout and grow in a contorted zig-zag pattern to

form an irregular open crown, very similar to that of a black walnut tree. There are no slender twigs or

branchlets.

The scaly, rugged gray-brown bark forms deep fissures or grooves that run up the trunk. The light-brown wood is very resistant to decay and is used for fences and furniture, according to the literature, although I've never seen anything made of coffee-tree wood. Have you?

Botanically speaking, coffee-tree leaves are huge, up to 3 feet long and 2 feet wide. That's a botanist talking. In layman's terms each "leaf" consists of a long stem bearing several pairs of smaller stems each bearing several pairs of almond-shaped blue-green "leaflets," what you and I would call leaves.

The female trees produce fragrant flowers in panicles up to a foot long. Fertilized flowers produce flat 10-inch long dark brown seed pods, similar to those of black locust trees. The seeds and pods are toxic so you and your livestock should not consume them.

According to the Mis-



Mature Kentucky coffee trees typically stand about 80 feet tall, though the one pictured above in New York was 110 feet tall. Seed pods yield round, waxy seeds (above left) and "leaflets" are almond shaped (below).



souri Botanic Garden, Native Americans and early settlers, especially those in the Kentucky territory, would roast and grind the seeds to make coffee. Roasting the beans makes them safely edible. Now you know why the tree is called the Kentucky coffee tree.

If you're interested in having a Kentucky coffee tree and you have an open area of well-drained soil in full sun, there are a few seedless cultivars that might trip your trigger.

The cultivar 'Espresso' is prized for its dark brown bark and is popular with landscapers.

'Prairie Titan' is a variety

with an upright spreading habit. Its leaves are said to be a deeper bluish-green.

A third variety, 'Stately Manor,' is supposed to have an even more narrow upright habit, almost vase-shaped.

Yet another cultivar, 'McKBranded,' with the trademarked name "Decaf," is said to be finer-textured with much better branching than the common species.

I'm suspicious of the supposed differences in these cultivars. Observing specimens planted side by side, would a casual observer notice any distinguishing characteristics? I wonder.

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Pritzker signed over 50 bills in past week

By **HANNAH MEISEL** and **JERRY NOWICKI**

Capitol News Illinois

Illinois' first-in-the-nation law that allows residents to sue companies over the improper collection of their biometric information will be slightly less punitive after Gov. JB Pritzker signed a new law late last week.

Lawmakers this spring amended the Biometric Information Privacy Act in response to an Illinois Supreme Court ruling last year that suggested lawmakers clarify the law. That ruling found fast food chain White Castle violated BIPA each time employees scanned their fingerprints in the course of performing their jobs, as the company never obtained employees' permission to collect their fingerprints.

But under Senate Bill 2979, employees or customers whose fingerprints, retinal scans, voice samples or other unique biometric information were collected by businesses without their permission can only claim one violation of BIPA instead of hundreds. In jobs with fingerprint-enabled time clocks and cash registers or other secure areas that require biometric data scans to access, employees might end up scanning their thumbs or eyes dozens of times per day.

Using the old method of accrual, White Castle's attorneys estimated the company would be on the hook for up to \$17 billion in penalties, as the law provides for \$1,000 in damages for each "negligent" violation or \$5,000 for each "reckless" or "intentional" violation.

Though the eye-popping number made headlines, White Castle earlier this year settled the case for \$9.4 million.

Business groups, however, argue that settlement and others like it represent the obvious outcome of the law unique to Illinois, which they argue has incentivized the creation of a cottage industry for ambitious attorneys.

Though technology took years to catch up with the law's aims, thousands of lawsuits have been filed — especially since they began to take off around 2018 — including a few that have resulted in high-profile settlements, such as a \$650 million class-action payout from Facebook in 2020.

While some business groups were supportive of the reforms, others claimed they did not go far enough.

Chicago-based attorney Danielle Kays of Fisher & Phillips LLP, who represents companies facing BIPA challenges, told Capitol News Illi-

nois that the amendment "can be seen as a step in the right direction" but said it's up to the courts to interpret the update to the law.

"This isn't the full reform that most businesses probably want — or that is warranted, given that still no plaintiff has actually been harmed by BIPA violations," she said.

Because there have been no data breaches that have led to anyone's fingerprints or other biometric information being stolen, Kays and others say lawmakers should further amend BIPA to allow businesses to cure violations before facing a lawsuit. A business is in violation of BIPA if it doesn't have a storage policy in place, doesn't properly protect the data, or if it does not get consent from customers or employees for the data being collected.

The amendment also made it easier for companies to get consent from customers or employees.

While the old law required "informed written consent" for the collection of fingerprints and other biometric data, businesses can now obtain that consent via an electronic signature, which the bill defines as an "electronic sound, symbol, or process."

Kays also noted that there was an uptick in BIPA cases filed between May — when lawmakers passed the amendment — and the end of July.

• **Grocery tax** — As part of state budget negotiations this year, lawmakers approved Pritzker's plan to eliminate the statewide 1% grocery tax beginning in 2026. He signed that provision into law on Monday.

The revenue from the state grocery tax goes to municipal governments, rather than state coffers. To make up for those lost revenues, the law allows counties and municipalities to levy their own 1% grocery taxes by passing an ordinance rather than needing a referendum.

It also gives non-home rule municipalities the authority to impose sales taxes by up to 1% without a referendum.

• **Developmental inspections** — The Illinois Department of Human Services Office of the Inspector General will be allowed to conduct unannounced site visits at state-run facilities serving individuals with developmental or mental disabilities.

Senate Bill 857, signed last Friday, gives the OIG authority to conduct site visits to all community agencies in the state, including Community Integrated Living Arrangements and Community Mental Health Centers. The OIG is also required to issue

written reports and recommendations after reviewing a facility.

The OIG will also have more authority to investigate allegations of material obstruction of an investigation under the law that took effect upon its signature on Friday.

• **Insurance coverage** — Senate Bill 773 requires state-regulated group health insurance policies that cover pregnancy to group health insurance to cover the diagnosis and treatment of infertility starting in 2026, including such options as in vitro fertilization. The measure also requires those plans to cover annual menopause health visits for those age 45 and older.

Senate Bill 2573 requires insurance plans to cover wigs for individuals who are losing their hair for medical reasons, such as alopecia or from undergoing chemotherapy.

• **Mindful classrooms** — Senate Bill 2872 allows educators to provide students with at least 20 minutes of relaxation activities, like yoga and meditation, each week. It would also allow them to partner with an outside institution to provide the activities.

During House debate this spring, supporters of the bill said practicing soothing techniques, like breathing exercises and stretching, helps students manage their mental health. But those opposed expressed concern with potential programming interfering with classroom learning time and religious freedoms.

• **Food grants** — A pilot program that has given nearly \$2 million to local farms will become permanent after Pritzker's signature Friday on Senate Bill 3077. It creates a special fund for the Department of Agriculture to administer the Local Food Infrastructure Grant Program.

Grants would go to select small farms for things like food processing and cold storage. Grant amounts could range from \$1,000 to \$75,000 for individual projects and up to \$250,000 for a collaborative project.

• **Garbage truck coverings** — Garbage trucks that lose trash because they are not properly covered will be subject to fines starting next year. House Bill 4848 creates a specific violation for law enforcement to cite when garbage or other debris falls from a truck and litters highways. Each infraction will result in a \$150 ticket.

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Lee D. Viehweg
FARMINGTON – Lee Dale Viehweg, 92, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at Courtyard Estates in Farmington.

He was born Feb. 21, 1932, in Litchfield, Ill., the son of Arthur and Amelia (Tokarz) Viehweg. He married Patricia Suhling on Nov. 24, 1956, in Mount Olive, Ill., and shared 62 years of marriage before she preceded him in death on April 3, 2018.

Surviving are his five children, Lynn (Martin) Anderson of Madeira Beach, Fla., Mark (Lisa) Viehweg of Sioux Falls, S.D., Lori (Michael) Lally of Lakewood Ranch, Fla., David (Barb) Viehweg of Mankato, Minn., and Dennis (Stacie) Viehweg of Wayne, Ill. Lee was a proud grandfather to 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Lee was a Korean War veteran and served in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Okinawa and proudly played for the U.S. Army base all-star football team. For two years prior to entering the military, Lee was starter on the Eastern Illinois University football team.

Lee received his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Western Illinois University and was employed as a principal and coach at Lewistown Elementary School for 12 years, followed by serving as a principal at Octavia High School in Colfax, Ill., for nine years. He continued in the field of education as an educational consultant with the state of Illinois in 1976 until his retirement in 1987.

Lee enjoyed retirement and spent his days hunting, fishing, gardening and traveling with his wife, Patty. His was a life well lived!

A private family service will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic

Church in Farmington, with a burial of ashes in Foster Cemetery in Fairview. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Costa Catholic School in Galesburg, where Lee's grandchildren and great-grandchildren have attended.

Marlene J. Crandell

HANNA CITY – Marlene J. Crandell, 86, of Hanna City, passed away on July 26, 2024, at a local hospital. She was born in Swindon, Wiltshire, England, on June 25, 1938, to Frank G. LeMaitre and Florence E. Morrish LeMaitre.

On April 27, 1957, she married Frank R. "Dick" Crandell, who preceded her in death on June 16, 2013.

Marlene is survived by her daughter, Lori Winter (Mike) of Hanna City; son, Rick Crandell (Susan) of Bartonville; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gib and Mary Russell.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson.

A funeral service was Aug. 6, 2024.

Condolences can be left online at www.Davison-Fulton.com.

Sandra J. DeWester

CANTON – Sandra Jane DeWester, 80, of Canton, mother of a Yates City man, passed away on Aug. 3, 2024, at Graham Hospital in Canton.

She was born on May 31, 1944, in Peoria, a daughter of Clayton M. and Nancy C. (Gaumer) Young.

Surviving are her children, William DeWester of Yates City, Tammy DeWester of West Burlington, Iowa, Bonnie Croskey of Canton, Terri DeWester of Galesburg and Rebecca DeWester of West Burlington, Iowa; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brothers, Roger Young of Peoria, and Clayton Mac Young of Missouri; and sisters, Cynthia Hamm of Canton and Phyllis Blaylock of Peoria.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, John Young.

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

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

Pamela Jo Hawkins

EDELSTEIN – Pamela Jo Hawkins, 76, of Edelstein, passed away on July 27, 2024, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

Pamela was born on June 20, 1948, in Peoria to John E. and Joann (Herman) Janssen. She married Larry M. Hawkins on Aug. 16, 1969, in Peoria.

Surviving are her husband, Larry; her son, Matthew C. Hawkins of Princeville; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and her siblings, Penny Wiemer of Bonita Springs, Fla., Doug (Julie) Janssen of Fort Myers, Fla., and Jayne (Steve) DeBruyn of Lake Geneva, Wis. She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Michelle C. Hewitson.

Cremation rites were accorded and a memorial Mass will be held on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Peoria Heights, with visitation at 9:30 a.m. Burial of ashes will follow in Mount Hawley Cemetery in Peoria.

Alan J. Mendenall

HANNA CITY – Alan Jay Mendenhall, 61, of Hanna City, died on July 26, 2024, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, with his loving wife of 35 years by his side.

Alan was born on Dec. 6, 1962, to Alfred Jesse Mendenhall and Verna-dean (Clough) Mendenhall. He married Michelle Higgins on Nov. 19, 1988, in Peoria. She survives.

Alan also leaves behind one brother, Stanley D. (Mary) Mendenhall of East Peoria; and one sister, Marilou (Baxter) Fite of Peoria.

Alan was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Danny F Mendenhall and Larry J. Mendenhall; and one sister, Janet L. (Mendenhall) Bortolussi.



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If you wish to heal your sadness or anger, seek to heal the sadness or anger of others.

— Ana Castillo

Weekly SUDOKU

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OBITUARIES

Private inurnment will be at a later date.

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

Harry R. Sherlock

PEORIA – Harry R. Sherlock, 85, of Peoria, passed away July 25, 2024, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born Aug. 13, 1938, in Edwards to Earl and Hazel Slain Sherlock Sr.

His daughter, Kimberly Boers; his parents, and siblings, Jim Sherlock, Russ Sherlock, Bill Kirkman, Earl Sherlock Jr., Blaine Keefer and Pat Keefer preceded him in death.

He married Barbara J. Lee on Sept. 21, 1963; she survives. He is also survived by his children, Debra

(Steve) Belfield, Lisa (Noel) Brooks and Crystal (Coy) Nagel; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and siblings Don Sherlock and Mary Ann Pate.

A celebration of life will be held on Aug. 17, 2024, from 3-8 p.m. at the American Legion 979, 4501 S. Airport Rd., Bartonville, IL 61607. Condolences can be left online at csmico.com.

Jerry D. Sumner

BRIMFIELD – Jerry D. Sumner, 87, of Brimfield, formerly of Peoria, died Aug. 2, 2024, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born June 27, 1937, in Peoria to Frank and Evelyn (Huprich) Sumner. They preceded him in death.

He married Marcia Zweifel on Dec. 30, 1989, in Peoria. She survives along with two daughters, Sally (Phil Jordan) Sumner of East Peoria and Susan Beecher of East Peoria; one stepson, Don Klukan of Murray, Ky.; one brother, Frank (Suzette) Sumner of Brimfield; one grandson; one granddaughter; and two step-grandchildren.

A celebration of Jerry's life was to be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Peoria on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, at 11 a.m. Visitation was to be one hour prior to the services.

Condolences can be left online at www.Woolsey-Wilton.com.

Illinois 4-H grand marshals for fair parade

By HANNAH SPANGLER

FarmWeek

Illinois 4-H will serve as the grand marshals of this year's Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade, celebrating youth involved in the state's No. 1 industry.

"The Twilight Parade is a beloved state fair tradition, and I am grateful to 4-H participants and leaders for accepting the invitation to serve as grand marshals," Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said. "I can't think of a better way to lift up agriculture than by showcasing those next in line to feed Illinois' communities and nourish our shared land."

The 2024 Twilight Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. today, Aug. 8, from Lincoln Park in Springfield and will head east down Sangamon Avenue before turning into the Main Gate on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. The parade will follow Main Street then turn left onto Illinois Avenue, marching past the Grandstand and exiting into Lot 21.

The 2024 grand marshals' an-

nouncement came July 29 during media preview day. Officials also announced new features and food, along with the theme for the 11-day fair, "It's Showtime."

More than \$85 million has been recently invested in the fairgrounds to address deferred maintenance.

The coliseum will be used this year, but renovations are not fully finished. However, updates to other structures across the fair are complete.

Todd Stroll, assistant director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, announced what's new at Conservation World this year:

- Sensory-friendly hours from 9 to 10 a.m. Aug. 13 and Aug. 17.

- Smokey Bear's 80 birthday celebration Aug. 9.

- An art show will feature award-winning cicada artwork from Illinois artists.

Midwest Dairy at the Dairy Barn Raspberry crunch is this year's featured flavor of ice cream, complete with fresh raspberries and granola

on top.

The butter cow will be back this year, but the design remains top secret for now.

The state fair will also be home to 14 entertainment stages – from the grandstand to the Village of Cultures.

Free entertainment is planned during the fair, starting with a performance by the Gin Blossoms today, Aug. 8, on the Grand Central Stage.

The grandstand features nine headline artists with tickets available through Ticketmaster:

- Keith Urban, Aug. 9
- Mötley Crüe, Aug. 10
- Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit, Aug. 11

- Jordan Davis, Aug. 12
- Lil Wayne, Aug. 14

- Jonas Brothers, Aug. 15
- Smashing Pumpkins, Aug. 16
- Miranda Lambert, Aug. 17
- Shaboozey, Aug. 18.

For more information, visit state-fair.illinois.gov.

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. (10 a.m. in the summer)

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Philemon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Luke 22, what "Mount of" did Jesus go to that His disciples also followed? Carmel, Zion, Olives, Pisgah
3. What future Israelite leader as a baby was described as "exceedingly fair"? Solomon, David, Herod, Moses
4. From Judges 16, how many times did Delilah say Samson mocked her? 2, 3, 7, 10
5. According to Ecclesiastes 6, what

has already been named? Everything, Stars, Fishes, Great Sea
6. The name Lucifer means what kind of "bearer" in Latin? Gifts, False, Light, Demonic
ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Olives, 3) Moses, 4) Three, 5) Everything, 6) Light
Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com. FREE TRIAL!
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United Church of Christ

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

DAHINDA

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

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.
(Maquon worship: 11 a.m.)
Facebook Live is 11 a.m. at Maquon UM Church page

EDWARDS

Bethany Baptist Church
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bethanycentral.org
Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 a.m.
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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.
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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.
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Pastor Terry England
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
(309) 403-4626

WILLIAMSFIELD

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

Williamsfield United Methodist Church

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

YATES CITY

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

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

Citizens Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF Vs. Brandy M. Roberts; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2024-FC-0000013 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 04/17/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on September 4, 2024 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT 4 IN BLOCK 1 OF PHELPS SUBDIVISION OF OUTLOTS NUMBERED 7 TO 17 BOTH INCLUSIVE, IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW CITY OF ELMWOOD, SITUATED IN

PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN 11-07-426-004 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 310 West Main Street Elmwood, IL 61529 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 Mortgagor, 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 14-24-00030. I3248456 Published 7/25, 8/1, 8/8/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A KICKEN LOANS, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. JAMIE CARROLL A/K/A JAMIE E DISTLER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 0000245 1427 WEST SHENANDOAH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61614 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 6, 2024, will on 09/09/2024, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: THE EAST 85 FEET OF LOT 11 IN MCCOY PLACE, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 14-20-126-007 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1427 West Shenandoah Drive Peoria, IL 61614 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is gray. The

gas is on. The water is on. The property has a fence. The vacancy is unknown for this residency. The Judgment amount was \$117,757.94. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals. Continued on Page 17

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1 BUDGET AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 WHEREAS, the Trustees of the BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois have prepared in tentative form a Budget and Annual Appropriation Ordinance and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Annual Appropriation Ordinance on the 2nd day of August, 2024, notice of which hearing was given at least 30 days prior thereto by publication in The Weekly Post, a newspaper having general circulation within the BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT. NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Trustees of the BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria County, Illinois: SECTION 1: That the fiscal year of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois be and the same is hereby fixed and declared to be from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. SECTION 2: That the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, or as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, Peoria County, Illinois, be and the same are hereby appropriated and budgeted for the corporate and specific purposes and obligations of said BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT as hereinafter specified, for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025: 1. For premium on bond of Treasurer \$150 2. For upkeep of fire trucks: (a) for gas, oil and grease \$16,000 (b) for repairs 25,000 TOTAL UPKEEP OF FIRE TRUCKS \$41,000 3. For publication costs \$1,200 4. For salaries: (a) for salary and expenses of trustees \$600 (b) for attorneys fees 4,000 (c) for compensation of fire chief 1,200 (d) for bookkeeping services 2,400 TOTAL SALARIES \$8,200 5. For reimbursement of volunteer firemen's expenses \$85,000 6. For insurance:

Table with 4 columns: Description, Amount, Total, and another Amount. Rows include workmen's compensation insurance, fire trucks insurance, public liability insurance, telephone, electricity and gas, water and sewer, supplies, repairs to fire houses, firemen's training, radio equipment, accounting services, public education, corporate expenses, fire fighting equipment, travel expenses, EMS training, loan interest, principal expense/refinance, real estate purchase, repairs to fire house, real estate taxes, replacement of firetrucks, dues, miscellaneous matters, ambulance service, and appropriated total.

Estimated Illinois Replacement Tax 10,000 Estimated receipts from Village of Brimfield (Foreign Fire Insurance Tax) 11,500 Estimated collection of back taxes, Mobile Home Tax, and interest thereon 100 Estimated interest income 2,000 Estimated Loan Proceeds (including renewals) 600,000 Estimated Service Fees and Contributions 1,800 Estimated Receipt from Sale or Trade of Equipment -0- GRAND TOTAL - ESTIMATED RECEIPTS \$1,806,400 Expenses as per budget (1,687,050) Estimated balance (deficit) at end of fiscal year \$119,350 SECTION 5: That the amounts herein specified shall be deemed to be the limit of the amounts to be expended, except by transfer authorized by the Board of Trustees; but any unexpended balance of any item may be expended in making up deficiencies in any item in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose or in like appropriations made by this ordinance. SECTION 6: The appropriation herein of the amounts to defray the expense of any project or purpose shall not be construed as an approval by this Board of any of said bills or contract liabilities of any project or purpose mentioned herein, but shall be regarded only as the provision of a fund or funds for the payment thereof when such bills or contract liabilities have been found to be valid and legal obligations against the District, and when properly vouchered, audited and approved by this Board of Trustees, or when any project or purpose is approved and authorized by the Board of Trustees of said District, as the case may be. SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage, posting and publication as provided by law. PASSED this 2nd day of August, 2024 /s/ Ralph E. Peters President and Trustee of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ATTEST: /s/ Merle Turner Secretary and Trustee of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT /s/ Jerry Weaver Treasurer and Trustee of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT YEA: Weaver, Turner, Peters NAY: None ABSENT: None Passed: August 2, 2024 Approved: August 2, 2024 Recorded: August 2, 2024 Published: 8/8/24

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-2 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS: SECTION 1: That this ordinance be, and the same is hereby termed the "Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. SECTION 2: That the sum of \$445,000 be and the same is hereby levied by BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, on all property subject to taxation within the territorial limits of said BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT as a general tax for the corporate purposes and uses and for the following specific purposes mentioned in said Budget and Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the District in the respective sum as follows, to-wit: ITEMS OF APPROPRIATION AND LEVY:

Table with 4 columns: Description, Amount, Total, and another Amount. Rows include contingent corporate expenses, fire fighting equipment, reimbursement of travel expenses, EMS training, loan interest, principal expense/refinance, real estate purchase, repairs to fire house, real estate taxes, replacement of firetrucks, dues, ambulance service, and totals.

For ambulance service, the sum of 219,000 AMOUNTING IN ALL TO THE SUM OF \$664,000 as a tax upon all the taxable property within the corporate limits of the said BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, County of Peoria, in the State of Illinois, as a municipal tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. SECTION 6: That the Secretary of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois, as required by law. SECTION 7: That warrants against any anticipation of the above levied taxes for the payment of the ordinary and necessary expenses of said BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the current fiscal year are hereby authorized to be drawn by the President or Vice President, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of said BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, and countersigned by the Treasurer of said District, to the extent, when, as, and in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided. Likewise, said officers of said District are hereby authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for the payment of the ordinary and necessary expenses, including the purchase of new or used equipment, of said District up to a total of \$700,000.00, to execute renewal or extension notes on current borrowings, and any and all such other documents as may be necessary in connection with such borrowings in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided. SECTION 8: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, publication and posting in accordance with the law. PASSED this 2nd day of August, 2024. /s/ Ralph E. Peters President and Trustee of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ATTEST: /s/ Merle Turner Secretary and Trustee of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT /s/ Jerry Weaver Treasurer and Trustee of BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT YEA: Weaver, Turner, Peters NAY: None ABSENT: None Passed: August 2, 2024 Approved: August 2, 2024 Recorded: August 2, 2024

LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790

PRINCEVILLE ZONING BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The Village of Princeville Zoning board will meet on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Princeville Village Hall, 206 N. Walnut Ave., Princeville, IL 61559 to: Discuss and vote on a variance request, to permit a section of privacy fence in front yard at 332 S. Santa Fe Avenue. Dated this 2nd day of August 2024, Dan Huss, Zoning Board Chairman Published 8/8, 8/15, 8/22/24

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viduals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-166581L PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3247501 Published 8/1, 8/8, 8/15/24

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

PNC Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF Vs. Nancy A. Franklin f/k/a Nancy A. Pierce; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2023-FC-0000277

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 04/17/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on September 4, 2024 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 50 IN THE MEADOWS, A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF AND THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. PIN 14-32-479-026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, in Knox County, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection during regular library hours, at the SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, located at 102 North Burson Street, Yates City, Illinois, from and after the 15th day of August, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:30 P. M., on the 16th day of September, 2024 at the Library located at 102 North Burson Street, Yates City, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Library Trustees at a Public Meeting to be held following the Hearing.

DATED this 25th day of July, 2024. DIXIE MARSH, Salem Township Public Library District Secretary. Published 8/8/24

Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 817 W Meadows Pl Peoria, IL 61604

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

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

605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

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

CLAIM NOTICE

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

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

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

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DATED this 24th day of July, 2024. JASON SHERMAN, Executor of the Estate of RUSSELL L. WATKINS, Deceased.

ROBERT L. POTTS, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.

Attorneys for Executor 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 becky@whitneyandpotts.com Published 8/1, 8/8, 8/15/24

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 14-23-07847. I3248719 Published 8/1, 8/8, 8/15/24

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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN & BEAR IT



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 7, 3, 8, 9, 8, 2, 5, 6, 4, 1, 8, 6, 3, 9, 1, 5, 2, 3, 8, 5, 9, 2, 4, 7, 4, 6, 7

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14

CryptoQuote

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

OM KXG AODN JX NTES KXGV DECZTDD XV EZQTV, DTTH JX NTES JNT DECZTDD XV EZQTV XM XJNTVD. - EZE BEDJOSSX

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- 1. MUSIC: Which folk-rock group produced many of the songs in the movie 'The Graduate'? 2. GEOGRAPHY: Which European capital is known as 'The Eternal City'? 3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin prefix 'acri-' mean in English? 4. TELEVISION: Lenny and Squiggy are the annoying neighbors in which TV comedy? 5. MONEY: What is the basic currency in Guatemala? 6. CARS: What animal is found on the Porsche car logo? 7. FOOD & DRINK: Which country is associated with the soup dish pho? 8. LITERATURE: In which U.S. state is the novel 'Their Eyes Were Watching God' set? 9. MYTHOLOGY: What is the home of the Greek gods called? 10. AD SLOGANS: What product is advertised with the slogan, 'You're not you when you're hungry'?

- Answers 1. Simon & Garfunkel. 2. Rome, Italy. 3. 'Sharp' (e.g. 'acrimonious'). 4. 'Laverne & Shirley.' 5. Quetzal. 6. A horse. 7. Vietnam. 8. Florida. 9. Mount Olympus. 10. Snickers candy bars. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 2. Twisters (PG-13) 3. Despicable Me 4 (PG) 4. Inside Out 2 (PG) 5. Longlegs (R) 6. A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13) 7. Bad Boys: Ride or Die (R) 8. The Fabulous Four 9. Fly Me to the Moon, (PG-13) 10. Raayan (NR) (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the Board of Education of School District #265 in the Counties of Fulton, Knox, and Peoria, State of Illinois that a tentative budget for 2024-2025 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Farmington Central CUSD #265 District Office, 212 N. Lightfoot Road, Farmington, IL 61531 from and after 7:30 a.m. on the 9th day of August through the 9th day of September 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held on said Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 at 6:30 p.m. on the 9th day of September, 2024 at Farmington Central High School Research Center, 310 N. Lightfoot Road, Farmington, IL 61531.

DATED this 7th day of August, 2024, Board of Education of School District #265 in the Counties of Fulton, Knox, and Peoria, State of Illinois.

Dr. Zac Chatterton, Superintendent Farmington Central CUSD #265

Published 8/8/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON ELBA-SALEM PARK DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the ELBA-SALEM PARK DISTRICT, in Knox County, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Yates City Community Center, 102 West Main Street, Yates City, Illinois, from and after the 8th day of August, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P. M., the 9th day of September, 2024, at the YATES CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, located at 102 West Main Street, Yates City, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Park Commissioners at a Public Meeting to be held following the Hearing.

DATED this 1st day of August, 2024.

DEBRA NEWELL, ELBA-SALEM PARK DISTRICT, Secretary.

Published 8/8/24

CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF JOHNATHON L. TOMLINSON, who is also known as JOHNATHAN L. TOMLINSON, CC 2024-PR-0000197 Deceased.

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of JOHNATHON L. TOMLINSON, who is also known as JOHNATHAN L. TOMLINSON, on July 3, 2024. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to STEPHANIE D. BOWHAY, of 803 West Main Street, Elmwood, Illinois 61529, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 7th day of February, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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DATED this 16th day of July, 2024.

STEPHANIE D. BOWHAY, Executor of the Estate of JOHNATHON L. TOMLINSON, who is also known as JOHNATHAN L. TOMLINSON, Deceased.

STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executor 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 stephanie@whitneyandpotts.com Published 8/1, 8/8, 8/15/24

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U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Treehouse Series V Trust PLAINTIFF

vs. KENNETH H KARPULEON; MARIA KARPULEON; CAMELOT ROUND TABLE ASSOCIATION, INC; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE MORTGAGE VENTURES, LLC DBA PARAGON FINANCIAL MORTGAGE DEFENDANTS 17 CH 330

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 11, 2024, at the hour 1:00 p.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:

REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF MAPLETON, COUNTY OF PEORIA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE WEST 1/2 OF EVEN WIDTH OF LOT 840 AND ALL LOT 841 IN LAKE CAMELOT, SECTION SIX, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7, EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT DATED AUGUST 29, 1972,

AND RECORDED JANUARY 9, 1973, AS DOCUMENT NO. 73-00525, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 34 AND 35, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.

P.I.N. 17-31-330-018. Commonly known as 9720 West Lake Lancelot Drive, Mapleton, IL 61547-9423.

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, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130. (440) 572-1511. ILF2308006 SHERIFF 13249114 Published 8/8, 8/15, 8/22/24

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2017-RPL1, Plaintiff(s), vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WALLACE KLEE A/K/A WALLACE O. KLEE A/K/A WALLACE ORVILLE KLEE, KIM KLEE, ARTHUR KLEE, MARK KLEE, LORI KLEE, MICHELE GREULICH, LINN PERKINS AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

Case No. 24 FC 118

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WALLACE KLEE A/K/A WALLACE O. KLEE A/K/A WALLACE ORVILLE KLEE, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Peoria County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

THE NORTHWESTERLY 100 FEET OF LOT 8 AND PART OF LOT 7 IN STARR TERRACE, A SUBDIVISION OF ALL THAT PART OF LOT 8 OF WILLIAM A. HALL'S SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 7 AND RUNNING THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 7, 100 FEET; THENCE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 30 FEET; THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 100 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT; THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 30 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN PEORIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of School District No. 322 in the Counties of Peoria and Knox, State of Illinois, that a budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 301 W. Butternut St., Elmwood, IL, in this School District office from and after 8 A.M. until 4 P.M., on the 26th day of August, 2024.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be September 23, 2024, at 6:00 P.M., at 301 W. Butternut St., Elmwood IL.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2024.

Board of Education School District No. 322 Counties of Peoria & Knox State of Illinois

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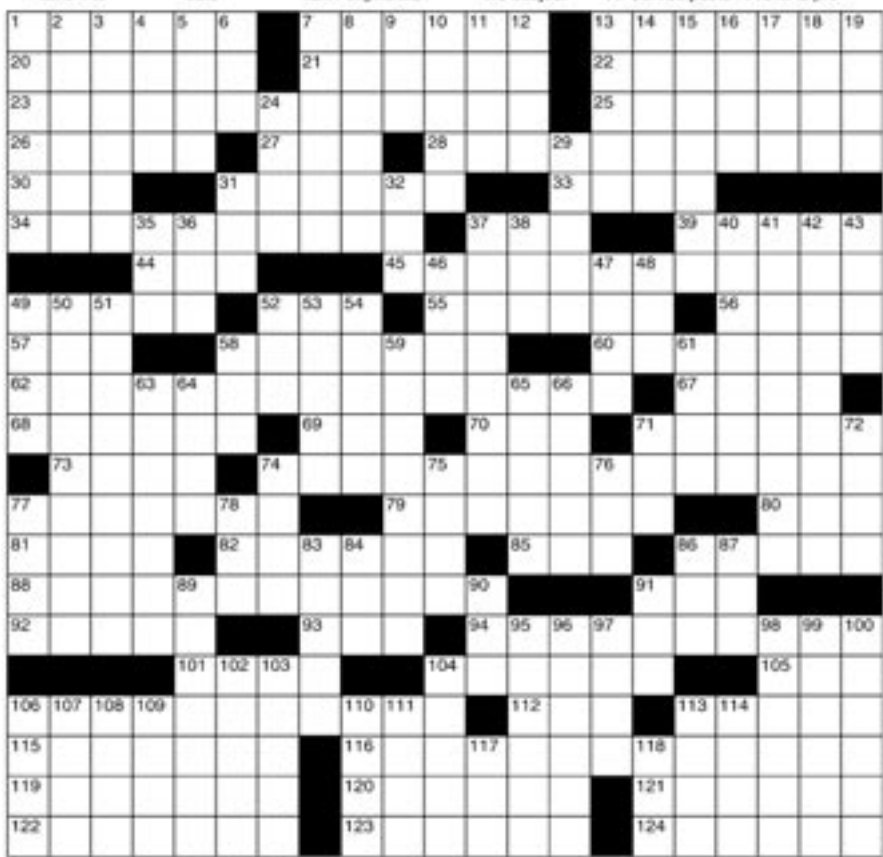
September 9, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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BASKETBALL: Gross in 10th year at Princeville

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Elmwood played at Galesburg and ICC this summer and went 3-1 at an Illinois Wesleyan team camp.

Glenn and junior Natalie Babcock have shown growth this summer, Faulkner said.

Other expected top contributors are sophomores Kenzie Caulkins, Brooke Allen, Corinne Colgan, Gianna Ramirez and junior Courtney Head.

"They have played really, really well," Faulkner said.

• **Princeville** – Entering his 41st season as a head coach, John Gross is far and away the dean of area girls hoops coaches.

His challenge this season will be to find a way to replace Brianna Brodie's inside game.

"We don't have much size, so we're probably going to have to change what we do," Gross said. "We're not going to be able to slow it down like we did last year."

Senior Paisley Schock and sophomore Sahara Streitmatter handled most of the scoring this summer, while Gross said sophomore Addie Buckley and junior Reagan Walsh have stepped up defensively. He said Buckley could emerge as a post player.

"We're going to be very young, but we had 12 to 16

or 17 girls at every open gym this summer," Gross said. "There's a lot of freshmen and sophomores, but (numbers) are better than we've had in a long time."

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – When James Sams was hired to coach baseball at Brimfield, Jeff Hannam earned a hasty promotion for R-W. Originally a varsity assistant, Hannam was named interim head coach partway through the team's summer camp.

"I basically had them for six hours of camp," Hannam said. "We never had our anticipated full squad for any of the nights of camp and three open gyms. We tried to cram as much as possible in our limited time together."

Given that, Hannam was pleased with his team's progress this summer.

"We implemented a whole new system, so the girls were learning on the fly," he said. "I was very impressed by how well

they grasped some new concepts and how eager they were to learn."

A boys basketball coach since 1996, Hannam will have experience to build on during his first foray into girls basketball. Starters back are seniors Erin Welch and Addysen Link and junior Megyn Erbacher. Juniors Riley Smith, Ella Rigg, Ella Erbacher and Lauren Johnson also saw plenty of varsity action last year.

"We have some sophomores that I think will contribute to the varsity team, as well," Hannam said.

R-W also hosted an eight-team shootout in June and played in the Galesburg summer league.

• **Farmington** – Donovan Benson, a former Williamsfield basketball player, will take over the girls program from Brad Whitcomb, who resigned in the off season.

While the summer has been hectic, Benson said things have gone

smoothly.

The Lady Farmers played in Galesburg this summer and Benson said standouts included sophomore Lynsey Shriber and senior Averie Gilstrap, who returns after taking a year off.

"We lost our main ball-handler and a good shooter from last year's squad, but returning is our leading scorer, (senior) Abbie Ackers, and top rebounder, (senior) Molly Zaborac," Benson said.

Another player he expects to contribute is senior Paige Stevens, who he said "can cause problems defensively."

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Weekly Post Sports

Girls hoops changes

New coaches, new players abound in girls basketball

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

Summer offers a more relaxed time for basketball players and coaches to come together.

This year, that meant a much-needed chance for local girls basketball programs to gain familiarity, what with a mix of three new head coaches and numerous players stepping into more prominent roles due to graduations. Here's a quick look at what local teams experienced this summer.

• **Brimfield** – There's stability atop the Lady Indians program, with Josh McKown back to coach his third season.

But four starters have graduated and McKown spent this summer looking for players who will step up to play alongside Ava Heinz, back for a fourth season of varsity play with more than 1,000 points already in her career.

Brimfield spent June playing games in Galesburg on Tuesdays and at Illinois Central College on Wednesdays.

McKown said summer is a tough time to evaluate teams due to players being pulled so many different directions.

"I did definitely see some spots over the course of four weeks where we



Senior Ava Heinz is the lone starter returning this year for the Brimfield girls basketball team.

got a lot better," McKown said.

Seniors Maddie Rust and Kennedy Hoerr are expected to be contributors, as are juniors Josie Wiewe, Landrie Quiram and Schyer Meinders, who is back out for basketball after focusing on softball the past two seasons.

McKown was impressed with sophomore Layni Linthicum this summer and said incoming freshman Katie Doe will likely see time.

Aside from Heinz and Meinders, the lineup is mostly guards, McKown said.

"I'd like to run a bit, but we have to be cognizant of our numbers," McKown

said. "We're not going to be very deep."

McKown expects to have only 12-13 girls in the entire high school program – with turnout a growing issue for many girls programs.

• **Elmwood** – Kevin Faulkner is one of three new coaches in the area and takes over for Gregg Meyers, whose teams won 75 games and two regional titles in the past three seasons.

"That's some shoes to fill," Faulkner said. "It's going to be weird without Gregg. He and I worked really well together. But I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Faulkner inherits a young team that graduated three starters and may have lost senior guard Tinley Lemmerman for the season to a knee injury. Lemmerman is one of three seniors on the roster, along with Chloe Howerton and Kady Head, reserves last year.

"We're going to be a young team that has a lot of potential," he said. "We will probably be more up-tempo on offense because of the athletes we have."

The top scorer back is junior Andrea Glenn, who headlines what Faulkner calls strong junior and sophomore classes.

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