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## GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT

### Reindeer cheer

Whispering Pines offers family holiday experience

By CELESTE HUTTES

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SHABBONA – Every morning, Randy and Beth Espe watch reindeer frolic outside their kitchen window as they sip their morning coffee – a delightful daily ritual they have fondly dubbed “the rodeo.”

Santa himself would envy their view.

“When they go out into the pasture, they get giddy because it’s cool, and that’s their playtime,” Randy says of the reindeer. “They run, they jump, they kick, they spin. It’s pretty amazing to see.”

And so the day begins at Whispering Pines Reindeer Ranch & Tree Farm in Shabbona, where the Espe family’s labor of love grew into a beloved holiday tradition for countless families.

#### Reining in holiday cheer

What might seem an unlikely retirement gig comes as a slight surprise to those who know Randy well.



Whispering Pines Reindeer Ranch & Tree Farm owner Randy Espe brings holiday glee to seasonal events with his reindeer. Photo by Nathan Lambrecht.

“People would bring me abandoned and orphaned animals when I was young,” Randy says. “We raised a lot of raccoons, a pet fox, a little bit of everything. I always dreamed about raising whitetail deer at some point. But reindeer

turned out to be a better choice because they are domesticated. You can snap a halter on them and walk them around on a lead rope – and you can just sit and love on them.”

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### ‘Upset folks’

Princeville administrators discuss IHSA classifications

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Some Princeville School District administrators and board members don’t appear thrilled with how the Illinois High School Association is classifying its non-boundary members.

The current statewide controversy regarding the frequency of private schools winning IHSA championships was a topic of conversation when the Princeville board met Dec. 10. Superintendent Tony Shinall said it was the dominant discourse on a recent conference call with counterparts.

“There are lots of upset folks around the state talking about (it). It’s not a secret,” Shinall told the board.

Private schools won seven of the eight football state titles decided Thanksgiving weekend. In response to that and recent private-school state-trophy hauls in other sports, the IHSA announced it is abandoning its two-year enrollment-classification cycle in favor of a one-year cycle.

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## Farmington lowers city tax levy for 2024

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Farmington City Council on Monday approved a 2024-25 tax levy that is \$26,000 lower than last year.

“At this point, we feel the city is operating within its constraints and we would like to give as much relief as we can,” Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said.

The city’s total levy is \$323,580, with \$2.772 million coming from other sources to fund the entire budget of \$3.096 million.

The council also passed an

amended budget for Fiscal Year 2024 after learning that it had not allocated enough money for workers’ compensation and liability insurance in the budget it passed earlier this year.

The board also approved two CEDC recommendations for TIF grants: \$2,500 to Mark Gilstrap for a window-replacement project and \$5,317.50 to the Farmington Moose Lodge for a new front door.

Dan Kiesewetter of Kiesewetter Insurance Agency discussed the city insurance policy, which increased by 3.5%. Kiesewetter said

that is far lower than most commercial policies, which he said have increased by an average of 10-15%. Farmington benefited from a 12% reduction in its workers’ compensation policy, Kiesetter said.

The council also started preliminary discussion of a possible city ordinance that would require permits for residents who install solar panels. The subject will be revisited at the next council meeting. Stufflebeam said one reason for permitting is to be able to share the location of solar panels with firefighters in case of a fire.

## MI CASA OPENS



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# PRINCEVILLE: District levy rises by 4.99%

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In theory, that move would mitigate larger schools competing against significantly smaller ones in state tournaments. But Princeville board Vice President Michael Harmon appears to believe the classification change alone isn't sufficient. He referred to the private-school issue as a debacle.

"I think the shift everyone wants is for them to be in their own conference," Harmon said.

In a statement issued last

week, the IHSA said additional policy adjustments and/or by-law proposals might be forthcoming next year. Each IHSA member school has a vote regarding by-law proposals.

Shinall said he, High School Principal Rich Thole and Athletics Director Jeff Kratzer signed a letter to the IHSA that expressed their views.

"It's not like we have some huge voice, but I think we should do whatever it is we can to apply whatever pressure is ap-

propriate for us to apply," Harmon said.

Earlier, the board approved the district's new property-tax levy, which is \$5,988,850. It's an increase of 4.99% from the previous year, just under the 5% threshold that obligates the district to conduct a truth-in-taxation public hearing.

Avoiding a hearing might not be possible every year, Shinall suggested. Increased expenses is one reason. Another, according to the superintendent, is the proliferation of tax-increment-financing districts in Princeville. That restricts the school district's share of growth in the assessed value of property.

"We're doing our best to keep it in line," Shinall said about the levy.

The board decided to continue to abate the district's share of Peoria County Facility Sales Tax

revenue, about \$111,000. But Board President Darwin Stahl and Secretary Sue Hefler suggested the district review that policy, probably early next year.

Also approved was a \$10,959 deal with Smith & Potter Equipment of Princeville for a Kawasaki Cheetah II lawnmower to be used at the high school.

Following closed session, the board authorized hiring Maggie Dwyer as high school sophomore volleyball coach. She had been freshman coach. Dwyer replaces Tracy Thole, who resigned.

Shinall announced another resignation, that of Kamryn Rahn as a daycare worker. Paraprofessional Yolanda Rodriguez is taking unpaid time off, and daycare worker Melinda Shimmin is taking a Family and Medical Leave of Absence.

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• **Harvest Home** – Harvest Home fundraiser dinner is today, Dec. 19, at Yates City Community Center, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert and drink. \$13.

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**The Weekly Post Merry Christmas**

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We also want to thank those that came out and supported our pancake breakfast during Spoon River Drive, and the Monari Chilli Dog luncheon. Your generosity has truly made a difference. We sincerely apologize if we have inadvertently omitted anyone from this list. This spring, we invite you to join us for an open house to see how your contributions have helped better our rescue squad and community.

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The Village ordinances can be found at [www.princeville.org](http://www.princeville.org)

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## SCATTERSHOTS



"Name another president with this legacy of bipartisan unity..."

## Of a new columnist, seed spread & funky flags

Rambling through central Illinois, hoping for more snow.

ritz has to say, even though I don't always agree with him.

In our pursuit of providing reasons to read this paper, we have added another writer to the mix. Printed below is a column by Richard Koritz, a former DeWitt County state's attorney.



Jeff LAMPE

Koritz writes regularly for The Clinton Journal, one of several newspapers sent my way each week. Over the past few years, I've started looking forward to seeing The Journal in the mail - mainly so I can read what Ko-

ritz has to say, even though I don't always agree with him. Seems to me being challenged by someone whose views don't always mirror your own is a good thing, even though that has become an unpopular view.

Despite freezing rain and generally nasty conditions, last Saturday's seed extravaganza in Yates City was well attended. Thanks to all who came out, some from as far as Toulon. For those who stayed home due to the nasty weather, stay tuned, as a similar event may be held at the Maquon Public Library later this winter. ... Highlight of the seed exchange for me was the number of people seeking to plant prairie in places where there is currently none.

Well, you obviously don't need much formal training to design state flags. What else can be concluded from the 10 potential state flag designs chosen out of 5,000 submitted to the Illinois Flag Commission? Voting is to be conducted in 2025 and the commission plans to release a non-binding recommendation in the spring. The Illinois General Assembly has the final say. Here's hoping they keep the old flag or a slightly modified version with vertical red and blue bars on either side. ... Parting shot: This from the Mayor of Oak Hill, in between sips, "Have a cool Yule and a frantic first and may your prayers be answered."

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## Presidents exercise power, move on

Pardons. Just say the term and people will give you an opinion. The offender got out of his sentence unjustly. The offender was unjustly convicted and a wrong has been righted.

The offender has redeemed himself and is worthy of grace. The opinions are there and they certainly are not exclusive of each other.

Recently, the country has been somewhat animated about President Biden's pardon of his son, Hunter Biden, on gun and tax evasion charges. Both Democrats and Republicans have taken to the airwaves to voice their disapproval, especially as President Biden had explicitly told the public that he would not pardon his son. My read on the issue may annoy or anger some and it may amuse others.

The power to pardon is given exclusively to the President by the Constitution for federal crimes. Most state constitutions also give a similar power to governors for state crimes.

There is no appeal from the president's choice to pardon. It is his power absolutely. Most people that I have spoken to are upset Biden issued the pardon for his son. President Trump incurred a lot of anger when he granted a pardon to former Gov. Rod Blagojevich who was convicted of corruption charges. President Clinton

also incurred public displeasure when he pardoned his half-brother on drug charges.

Presidential pardons tend to be given at the end of the president's term because there may be political difficulties for the president should he be facing election. And that is the key. The only recourse the public has for a pardon the public views as wrong is to impeach the president or to vote him out of office.

The ballot means nothing if the president is not running for office. Impeachment has a similar limitation and Congress is simply not inclined to take up an impeachment over a pardon. Neither course of action will take the pardon away. The individual's pardon is irrevocable.

Biden, Trump and Clinton all made decisions to pardon, as have other presidents. Those decisions are beyond the public's purview. The only person with the authority and power to pardon is the president, and there is no appeal. Trump will regain the presidency in January and his pardon of Blagojevich received minimal, commentary, if that, during the campaign. There are simply some things that happen in government that are above the pay grade of us regular folks.

Biden exercised his power and authority. It is simply time to move on.

**Penny-Neely** - This is the case of the subway incident where a man,

Neely, suffering from mental illness and perhaps drug abuse, boarded a New York subway train and was threatening other riders.

Penny is the individual who placed Neely in a choke hold. Neely would die in the incident and Penny was charged with what amounts to manslaughter. This case caught national attention as Neely was black and Penny was white, with the addition of Prosecutor Bragg, who is also prosecuting Trump.

A New York jury acquitted Penny last week. This case begs the question of why was it even charged. Penny remained at the scene until the police arrived. He voluntarily gave an in-depth interview with detectives.

What is most telling is that the police did not detain Penny. They released him after they interviewed him and other passengers on the subway. Police officers are trained to detain any individual they believed they have probable cause to believe committed a serious felony. Death is a serious felony. It is clear the officers involved did not believe they had probable cause to detain Penny.

It took the prosecutor 10 days to actually file charges against Penny. The taxpayers of New York paid a fortune for an acquittal of a Good Samaritan. The nation needs to get back to a common-sense justice system.

Richard Koritz is an Illinois native and former DeWitt County State's Attorney.



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# REINDEER: A boost to Christmas-tree operation

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His dream of deer became a reality after Beth retired from Northern Illinois University and Randy wrapped up a 40-year career in the seed business. As they started a second act in life, the couple set aside 18 acres to grow the small Christmas-tree operation they began years earlier on the family farm.

As Randy researched ways to promote Christmas trees, he discovered Hardy's Reindeer Ranch in Rantoul. He visited owner Mark Hardy for some tips and promptly fell in love with reindeer.

"In hindsight, I wish I had listened better to Mark," Randy says. "He told me to take all the money I was going to

spend on Christmas trees and buy another reindeer or two. Reindeer have turned into our major focus, and they are actually less work than the Christmas trees."

Before buying any reindeer of their own, the Espes joined the Reindeer Owners and Breeders Association and the Reindeer Farmers Association to learn how to responsibly breed and care for reindeer. By 2018, they felt ready to welcome their first four reindeer from Alaska. Today, their herd numbers more than a dozen.

Far from their native lands in the Arctic and mountainous regions of eastern Europe, Siberia and Scandinavia, reindeer living in Illinois require spe-

cial care. According to Randy, ticks and heat present the biggest challenges.

Reindeer prefer frigid winter weather. During warmer months, the reindeer typically stay in the barn all day, emerging at dawn and dusk to graze in cooler temperatures.

Those amazing antlers – grown by both males and females – also present a serious safety hazard for

reindeer. Sprawling like a tree canopy, the antlers can easily become wedged in a fence or gate.

The Espes have also learned reindeer have a magic all their own.

"The reindeer always create a lot of excitement," Randy says. "Kids just get giddy, and their eyes light up. It's heartwarming to see how much happiness they bring."



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# Yates City ups garbage, water rates

By MOLLY RICHESON

For The Weekly Post

**YATES CITY** – The Yates City Village Board on Dec. 11 passed an ordinance raising the garbage rate 30 cents for the year as well as increasing the water rate by 3%.

As a result of the ordinance, 2025 garbage rates will be \$15.83 in town and \$22.83 out of town.

The in-town water rate will rise from \$52.33 for the first 1,000 gallons to \$53.90, and the out-of-town water rate for the first

1,000 gallons will increase from \$60.66 to \$62.48.

In lieu of drafting another ordinance, the Village Board also created a new policy stating that snow removal at businesses – including the sidewalks and entryways – is the responsibility of the businesses themselves.

The village is willing to serve as backup for snow removal, but the focus for village workers will be on getting the roads done.

After the roads are plowed, the village is willing to

come around to help local businesses clear snow.

The board approved the purchase of a 72-inch skeleton grapple bucket for the skid steer for \$1,639.95 from All SkidSteers Inc. The new attachment will be used to assist in clearing brush and moving heavy objects.

The board also approved two donations: \$300 to the Elba-Salem Fire Department's Santa Breakfast event and \$300 to the Harvest Home Committee to be put toward new stoves. The stoves are 36-inch residential grade with six burner tops and are deeper and wider than the current stoves being used.

Holiday bonuses for city employees were approved in the amount of \$100 each, with the exception of Village Clerk Neely Carr, for whom the board approved a bonus of \$275 for going above and beyond.

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Karen Megan 309-446-3619

**The Weekly Post**  
will not publish on December 26<sup>th</sup>.  
The ad deadline for the January 2<sup>nd</sup> edition will be Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, at noon.  
Merry Christmas!

## AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
MEGAN R KNOX A/K/A MEGAN RENEE KNOX A/K/A MEGAN KNOX; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 24 FC 0000117  
1001 DESOTO DRIVE BARTONVILLE, IL 61607  
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 August 22, 2024, will on January 13, 2025, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:  
TAX NO. 17-26-202-016  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1001 Desoto Drive Bartonville, IL 61607

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is wood siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied.

The Judgment amount was \$118,259.57.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the sub-

ject 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.mrpilc.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# 24-184501L

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing PLAINTIFF

Vs. Jeffrey Clarke; et al. DEFENDANTS  
No. 2024-FC-0000145  
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 11/13/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on January 8, 2025 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
PIN 14-19-403-008  
Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4721 N Westbrook Dr Peoria, IL 61614  
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Coddilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-24-04190. I3255985  
Published 12/5, 12/12, 12/19/24

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

Mortgage Assets Management, LLC PLAINTIFF

Vs. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Larry A. Ulrich; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2024-FC-0000088  
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 09/18/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on January 8, 2025 at the hour of 1:00 PM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
PIN 13-13-177-004  
Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3934 W Creighton Ter Peoria, IL 61615

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.

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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.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Coddilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-24-02427. I3256125  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Peoria PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Brackenridge Mortgage Trust Plaintiff

Vs. Douglas E. Schermer; Lynn K. Schermer; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Defendant

19 CH 170 CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on January 8, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
P.I.N. 14-29-254-012.  
Commonly known as 1108 West Northcrest Ave., Peoria, Illinois 61614.

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, Soittile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130. (440) 572-1511. ILF2406013 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Peoria PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F Plaintiff

Vs. JOSE MENDEZ; ADELA MENDEZ; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

23 FC 133 CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on January 8, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
P.I.N. 14-33-158-005.

Commonly known as 510 W. Gift Ave., Peoria, IL 61604.

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, Lender Legal PLLC, 1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 250, Orlando, Florida 32810. 407-730-4644. LLS10722-JM IJSC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
intercountyjudicialsales.com  
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# Elmwood will repost principal job

By MOLLY RICHESON

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Hopes of hiring a new principal for Elmwood Junior-Senior School were not met Monday night during the monthly School Board meeting.

The board had expected to approve a three-year contract for Brock Zinke but pulled the item from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Superintendent Joel Schmieg issued the following statement: "One item was removed from the agenda due to unforeseen circumstances. Although very early in this process, we were hopeful to recommend a ... principal candidate after conducting a first round of interviews. We do not yet have a candidate at this time. Our interview team did a terrific job of representing our staff and now believe the best decision is to exercise patience and repost the position to give additional candidates time to apply. We will repost before winter break."

The board did recognize five seniors as Illinois State Scholars: Bernie Cantorna, Sawyer Jansen, Caleb Livengood, Riley McElroy and Kaylin Wil-

liams. State scholars are chosen based on their ACT or SAT test scores and sixth-semester class rank. They rank in approximately the top 10% of graduates from Illinois high schools.

The Class of 2025 recognized other award winners. Kaylee LaFollett was recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution award and Williams received the Lincoln Award. Both awards are determined by academic excellence.

Results of an annual audit conducted by Gorenz and Associates, Ltd., of Peoria resulted in the hiring of a treasurer for the board. Sherry Swindler will take on the role. Her

hiring will address the audit item concerning internal controls and the segregation of duties for those handling money. Swindler will work closely alongside the bookkeeper.

A \$753,314 deficit was found during the audit and was explained by Board President Mark Davis as stemming from construction of the Industrial Arts Building. Davis said it was a planned deficit.

Auditors said the district ended Fiscal Year 2024 with \$4,415,128 in operating funds, or about six months of reserves.

Tom Meyers was honored as November Community Member of the Month.



**Blue Christmas Service**  
 Christmas may be a sad time for some who have recently lost someone.  
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**Dec 23** Tenderloin 5-7pm  
Bingo 6:30 (Doors open at 4:30)

**Dec 25** Tom & Jerries 8am-Noon  
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**Happy New Year!**

**PUBLIC RECORD**

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

**Police reports**

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Princeville man was accused of sexually assaulting girls aged 14 and 15, according to authorities.

Jordan W. Gibson, 20, was implicated initially regarding an incident that happened about 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at a residence in the 100 block of W. Spring St. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was notified. Peoria County Sheriff's Office reports about the incident were redacted almost entirely.

Gibson is an uncle of one of the victims, according to Sheriff Chris Watkins. Gibson was arrested Dec. 11 and charged with criminal sexual assault and aggravated criminal sexual abuse. He was transported to the Peoria County Jail and is to remain there until trial, per the state's attorney's office.

• **BRIMFIELD** – A Kewanee woman was cited following a hit-and-run accident west of Brimfield.

Molly S. Horsley was driving a 2022 Dodge Durango that rear-ended a 2018 Nissan Rogue shortly after 4:30 p.m. Dec. 6 on westbound U.S. Route 150 at Bell School Road, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Taylor L. Siedel of Abingdon was the other driver.

Siedel said her vehicle was stopped at the intersection when Horsley's vehicle struck it, then passed it on the left and headed north. A license plate on Horsley's vehicle fell off in the process. A witness corroborated Siedel's account and provided the license-plate number.

When a deputy contacted Horsley later, she said she left the scene because she had to get to work. Horsley was accused of failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and of leaving the scene of an accident. Both vehicles sustained minor damage.

• **HANNA CITY** – A handgun apparently was stolen from a vehicle in Hanna City, although details about the crime are scarce. The apparent burglary in the 400 block of N. Lakeshore Drive was reported about 7:30 a.m. Dec. 10, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **BRIMFIELD** – No injuries were reported as the result of a two-vehicle crash east of Brimfield.

Shortly after 2:15 p.m. Dec. 6, Eric D. Scheffert of Dunlap was driving a 2019 Nissan east on Brimfield-Jubilee Road near Kelstadt Road when the rear of his vehicle clipped the front of a U.S. Postal Service mail truck driven by Denver A. Weedman of Maquon.

Scheffert said he was attempting to pass the mail truck, which he believed was not moving, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The truck's hazard lights were on, and Weedman said he was driving slowly after making a delivery.

Neither vehicle was towed.

• **FARMINGTON** – A traffic-assistance stop in Farmington resulted in a local woman being found to have two outstanding arrest warrants.

Kouri L. Fox, 48, was driving a 2012 Chevrolet Traverse that was against a guardrail about 9:15 p.m. Dec. 5 on East Pearl Street near North First Avenue, according to a Farmington police report. An officer helped Fox push the vehicle off the roadway. Afterward, a search revealed Fox was wanted in Fulton County regarding a retail-theft charge and in Tazewell County on a contempt-of-court charge. After Fox paid bond and fees, she was given new court dates and released.

• **DUNLAP** – Old ordnance, some of it perhaps dating to the World War II era, was discovered on a property north of Dunlap.

Law-enforcement authorities were summoned about 1 p.m. Dec. 4 to the 3800 block of W. Hicks Hollow Rd. A heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report listed ammunition, landmines, a grenade, blasting caps and what appeared to be three shoulder-launched rockets.

A Peoria Police Department unit conducted an on-site counterblast to destroy the blasting caps, the hand grenade and a detonating cord. Other items were inert and removed.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Glasford man whose vehicle was parked on a Hanna City thoroughfare had expired license plates and an invalid driver's license. About 3:45 p.m. Dec. 3, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy noticed expired plates on a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck parked in the 100 block of S. Pekin Lane. An additional check revealed the revoked license of the driver, 63-year-old Michael E. Learned.

The vehicle was towed. Learned received two citations and a court date, a sheriff's-office report stated.

• **ELMWOOD** – A vehicle caught fire after it apparently crashed into fences southeast of Elmwood. A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy found a 2005 Buick sport-utility vehicle aflame shortly after 3 a.m. Dec. 2 at the northeast corner of Graham Chapel and Stone School roads.

Based on skid marks, the SUV appeared to have headed north on Stone School Road before it left the pavement to the east, crossed Graham Chapel Road and struck the fences. Broken and burned fencing was found lying next to the SUV.

The driver was not present. Elmwood firefighters also responded.

• **KICKAPOO** – A damaged vehicle was found along the side of a road west of Kickapoo, the result of an apparent single-vehicle accident.

A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy responded shortly before 10 p.m. Dec. 1 to the 11500 block of U.S. Route 150. There the deputy found a Ram 1500 pickup truck in the ditch on the north side of the pavement, its hood facing west. The

vehicle was unoccupied.

No driver was listed on the sheriff's-office report, although a vehicle owner was. The vehicle was towed. Brimfield firefighters also responded.

• **KICKAPOO** – An Elmwood driver reported no injuries following a single-vehicle crash west of Kickapoo. Shortly before 2:30 a.m. Dec. 1, Corey J. Geeseman was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Malibu west in the 13900 block of W. Schlink Rd. when he swerved to avoid a deer. The vehicle struck a guardrail on the north side of the road, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

• **EDWARDS** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle wreck northeast of Edwards.

At 7 p.m. Nov. 29, Daniel T. Lattimore of Edwards was backing a 2013 IC shuttle bus out of a driveway in the 6400 block of N. Koerner Rd. when it collided with a southbound U.S. Postal Service mail truck. Laura K. Demuth of Williamsfield was the other driver, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Demuth did not see Lattimore's vehicle, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. Her vehicle sustained damage to the front driver's-side bumper and hood. Lattimore's vehicle sustained minor driver's-side damage. Both vehicles were drivable.

• **BRIMFIELD** – A Brimfield-area man was arrested after he apparently used a gun to threaten someone, according to authorities.

The incident that involved 71-year-old Steven L. Hankins happened about 9:45 a.m. Nov. 26 at a residence in the 12000 block of W. DuBois Rd., according to Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Hankins was transported to the Peoria County Jail. He was accused of aggravated assault/use of a deadly weapon and aggravated assault against community-policing volunteers, private-security officers or utility workers. Ameren Illinois and Wright Tree Service of Bartonville were mentioned in the report.

• **PEORIA** – Shortly before 11 a.m. Dec. 5, Justin A. Donath of Elmwood was driving a westbound 2017 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck on Illinois Route 8 near Richwoods Boulevard west of Peoria when his vehicle struck a deer. The pickup truck had disabling damage to its front end and was towed.

• **MONICA** – Shortly after 5:15 p.m. Dec. 2, Cheryl L. Walsh of Princeville was driving a 2008 Chevrolet sedan west on Parks School Road near Savage Road when the vehicle struck a deer. Walsh was able to drive her vehicle.

• **EDWARDS** – Shortly before 5:30 p.m. Nov. 28, Barbara R. Fechter of Hanna City was driving a southbound 2024 Honda sport-utility vehicle in the 3800 block of N. Taylor Rd. when the SUV struck a deer. The vehicle sustained substantial damage but was drivable.

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#### Brimfield's Kress earns honor from architects

SPRINGFIELD – Rita Kress of Brimfield was honored as Citizen of the Year on Dec. 12 by the Prairie Illinois chapter of the American Institute of Architects during the group's annual meeting at Venue 1929.

Kress was honored for her work on restoring Brimfield's Zion Episcopal Church, which has been added to the the National Register of Historic Places.

Kress was also praised for her many other civic endeavors, according to Ed Barry of the Farnsworth Group.

#### Package-delivery scam reported in Peoria Co.

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood Police Department is cautioning area residents about a package-delivery

scam being reported in Peoria County.

It's called "brushing" – when someone receives an unexpected, un-ordered item from Amazon or another company. The package lists the recipient's address but not the sender's. The package includes a QR code that is to reveal who sent it.

Once the code is scanned, information from that cellphone is sent to scammers who receive the recipient's personal and financial information. The contents of the package can be kept or thrown away, but recipients never should scan unknown QR codes, according to police.

#### Knox County deputy McGrew receives award

FARMINGTON – The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police recently gave its lifesaving award to a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy.

Austin McGrew received the award Dec. 6 in Farmington during a FOP Spoon River Valley Lodge 427 meeting. Chapter President Ike Hackett and Sheriff Jack Harlan presented it.

On Oct. 4, McGrew helped search for a 16-year-old girl who was in a vehicle accident and was missing for several hours. McGrew found her about 30 yards from a roadway, with the vehicle atop her. She had been outdoors about six hours and wouldn't have survived much longer, according to the sheriff's office.

#### Et cetera

PEORIA – Peoria County will celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2025. To commemorate the day the county was officially formed, a kick-off event will be held at the Peoria Riverfront Museum on Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. As part of the event, organizers will unveil a unique art project that will commemorate the anniversary.



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#### 5 Years Ago

• It its search for a new home for its municipal offices, the City of Farmington approved purchasing the Farmington Township building at 141 E. Vernon St. for \$70,000.

#### 10 Years Ago

• The Farmington Planning Commission asked for more time to decide whether to rezone a residential area to allow for construction of a Dollar General store.

• The Yates City Village Board raised the fee for garbage service by 30 cents a month for 2015.

• Elmwood's Scholastic Bowl team won the Peoria County meet. Team members were Ian Armbruster, Ian Davison, Gabe Inskip, Taylor Armbruster, Lauren Stuffle-

beam, Deanna Cantu and Abby Althiser.

• Princeville's seventh grade girls basketball team placed fourth at the IESA 7-2A tournament. Team members included Jordan Gehrig, Emily Down, Elle Schupbach, Brinlee Bauman, Morissa Martin, Ashleigh Brawley, Megan Ptak, Jessie Galindo, Claire Wieland, Ellie Ferretti, Jenna Wade, Taylor Catton, Carrie Gill, Libby Martin and Emma Lane. Coaches were Jessica Nichols and Dave Ptak.

#### 50 Years Ago

• Coal miners at Mecca mine were on strike from Nov. 12 to Dec. 5, but when they met to ratify a contract, they rejected the deal, 118-29.

#### 65 Years Ago

• Illinois produced 673 million bushels of corn, at the time the largest crop on record for the state.

#### 85 Years Ago

• Charles Coulter opened a cream station and feed store in the Venn Building on Main Street in Elmwood.

#### 90 Years Ago

• Gasoline increased from 13.7 cents to 16.7 cents per gallon.

#### 95 Years Ago

• Winter weather persisted in Williamsfield this past week, with temperatures 5 degrees below zero and 10 inches of snow on the ground.

#### 130 Years Ago

• It was reported that Knoxville was to have a system of water works in the city.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Janice L. Vandercar**  
DECATUR, Ill. – Janice Louise (Jurgens) Vandercar, 91, of Decatur, died on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024, at Carriage Crossing of Decatur, with members of her family at her side.

Jan was born on Jan. 20, 1933, in Minneapolis, one of six children of Nicolay B. Jurgens and Anna M. (Bigler) Jurgens. She grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor of arts degree. She married Girard "Bud" Vandercar in Minneapolis on July 12, 1958, after first meeting him in a class at the University of Minnesota. He preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1997.



**Vandercar**

Jan is survived by six children, Mary (Phil) Jacobs of Ellsworth, Wis., Matthew (Leicia) Vandercar of Westmont, Ill., Anthony Vandercar of LaFayette, Ill., Theodore (Elizabeth) Vandercar of Decatur, Nicolay (Theresa) Vandercar of Flint, Mich., and Monica (Jeffrey) Lampe of Elmwood, Ill.

She was also blessed to have 19 grandchildren as survivors, Anna Jacobs, Becky Jacobs, Peter (Monique) Jacobs, Sarah Jacobs, Dane Vandercar, Nate (Molly) Vandercar, Alayna Vandercar, Emma (Michael) Kaschke, Claire (Kevin) Wood, Gretchen Vandercar, Audrey Vandercar, Mitchell Vandercar, Bradley Vandercar, Marie (Gabe) Kadoo, Monique Vandercar, David Vandercar, Henry Lampe, Victor Lampe and Walter Lampe; and four great-grandchildren, Stephen and Jack Kaschke,

Dakota Wood and Jude Jacobs.

Other family members surviving include her siblings Jerry (Marie) Jurgens of Burnsville, Minn., Judy Hogan of Hillsboro, Mo., and John (Lisa) Jurgens of Rathdrum, Idaho.

Jan was preceded in death by her husband, Bud, and her siblings Joan Seeler and Jane Jurgens.

Known to be a bit of a free spirit, Jan spent two summers waitressing at Old Faithful Lodge in Yellowstone National Park. She also spent a summer hitchhiking across Europe, where she also met up with Bud while he was in the military.

Jan and Bud were married in 1958 in Minneapolis and, after some time in Chicago, moved to Little Rock, Ark., where three of their children were born. They returned to Illinois in 1963, moving to Decatur, where Jan lived for 61 years while birthing three more children, raising a family, making lifelong friends and growing her Catholic faith.

A homemaker for much of her married life, Jan also taught art, sold investments and worked at The Wash Depot Antique Centre.

A longtime supporter of Decatur's Barn Colony Artists, Jan enjoyed anything artistic. She could turn an old milk can into a collector's piece, piano innards into a backyard sculpture, driftwood into a fence, chicken wire and plywood into a Christmas tree and a piece of newsprint into a painting. She also enjoyed swimming in Lake Decatur well into her 80s.

She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic churches.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Thomas on Friday, Dec. 20, at 11 a.m. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in

Graceland-Fairlawn Cemetery in Decatur, where she will be interred next to Bud.

Memorials can be made to St. Thomas Catholic Church, 2160 N. Edwards St., Decatur, IL 62526; or to the Decatur Area Arts Council (www.decaturarts.org), 125 N. Water St., No. 100, Decatur, IL 62523.

Friends and family members are encouraged to post condolences and remembrances of Jan online at www.moranandgoebel.com.

**Sally J. Brown**

WILLIAMSFIELD – Sally J. Brown, 62, of Williamsfield, died at 11:55 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, at her home.

She was born Dec. 8, 1961, in Galesburg, the daughter of Clifford and Emma Jean (Lum-berry) Sexton. She married David L. Brown on July 11, 1981, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 23, 2024. Survivors include her two sons, Douglas Brown (Rexanna Munson) of Monmouth and Alan (Tierney) Brown of Williamsfield; her twin brothers Kenny and Joey German; two sisters, Mick Mosher and Betty Wilson; and five grandchildren, Josh Brown, Becca Brown, Emma Johnson, Victoria Brown and Ozzie Kimler. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother David Sexton; and her son Dale.



**Brown**

Sally graduated from Williamsfield High School in 1980. She worked as a cook at the Watering Hole and had also worked at the Squirrel Cage and Neighbors Tap. She enjoyed cooking and mowing and caring for her yard. She loved her family and cherished

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## OBITUARIES

the time spent with them.

Cremation will be accorded and graveside services were to be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Williamsfield Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the family. Rux Funeral Home in Williamsfield is assisting the family with arrangements.

### Fred A. Deckard

PRINCEVILLE – Fred A. Deckard, 84, of Princeville, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024, at his residence. Fred was born on Dec. 4, 1940, in Decatur, to Fred and Norma (Redding) Deckard. He married Dorcas “Jean” Bandy on May 29, 1965; she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Mark A. Deckard of Princeville; one daughter, Kathleen (Marty) Whittaker of Laura; four grandchildren, Michael (Jessica) Whittaker, Scott Whittaker, Mark (Makayla) Deckard II and Maggie Deckard; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Roger (Sheri) Deckard of Tennessee; two sisters, Linda Bentz and Twilla Jacobs, both of Decatur; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Wiley Deckard; and one sister, Ann Jones.



Deckard

Fred graduated from Lakeview High School in Decatur, received an associate degree from Illinois Central College and served in the U.S. Navy from 1959-61 on the USS Forrestal.

He was a sergeant in the Illinois State Police in Metamora District 8 from February 1964 until his retirement in June 1991. Fred also worked for 45 years in HVAC and plumbing with Harv Stahl Plumbing and Heating Co. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

There will be no public services at this time. A private burial will be in Princeville Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron-Princeville Ambulance Service, Akron-Princeville Fire Department or the American Cancer Society. To leave condolences for Fred's family, please visit [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Jarred E. Kosowski

YATES CITY – Jarred E. “Oger” Kosowski, 46, of Yates City, Ill., passed away at 7:23 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024, at Carle Health Pekin Hospital. He was born on Sept. 29, 1978, in Peoria, Ill., to Richard and Vicki (Mayne) Kosowski. He married Sheri Stanley on May 28, 2006, at Farmington United Methodist Church in Farmington, Ill. She sur-

vives.

He is also survived by his parents; two sons, Lucas and Lee Kosowski; one brother, Chris (Katie Mottaz) Kosowski; nephew Wyatt Kosowski; two stepdaughters, Nicole (Ryan) Cremeens and Ashley Fromm; and three grandchildren, Christian, Rhys and Elliott.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Waldylsaw “Walter” and Janina Kosowski, and maternal grandparents Paul and Hazel Mayne.

Jarred worked as an insurance salesman for Tom Conklin-State Farm Insurance. He was also an auxiliary police officer in Farmington. He was a member of the Rotary Club. Jarred was a very passionate hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed teaching hunting-safety courses. He was also a treasurer for Elmwood Trap Club.

Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, from 4-8 p.m. at Sedgwick Funeral Homes & Crematory in Canton, Ill. Celebration of life will be at a later date. Cremation rites will be accorded after services. Memorials may be made to an education fund for Lucas and Lee. To view Jarred's DVD or to make online condolences, visit [www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com).



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2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah
3. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were? Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers.
4. In Luke 2:8-11, how did the shepherds learn of Christ's birth? Magi informed, Joseph

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School during worship Church: (309) 639-2768  
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389  
Email: [williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com](mailto:williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com)

**DOUGLAS**  
**Douglas United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Kristine McMillan  
484 3rd St.  
Yates City IL 61572  
(NOTE: Church is in Douglas)  
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m.

announcement, Mighty wind, Angel appearance.  
5. Where did the wise men go first when they arrived in the Holy Land? Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron.  
6. What does the Bible record as to when Jesus was born? Late September, Dec. 25, March 17, Does not.

**ANSWERS:** 1) Neither, 2) Isaiah, 3) Engaged, 4) Angel appearance, 5) Jerusalem, 6) Does not.  
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(Maquon worship: 11 a.m.)  
*Facebook Live is 11 a.m. at Maquon UM Church page*

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

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

**ELMWOOD**  
**Crossroads Assembly of God**  
Pastor Don Nuttall  
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood  
(309) 742-6409  
[crossroadselmwood.org](http://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](http://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**  
821 W. Main St. Elmwood  
(309) 742-7221  
[elmwoodumc.org](http://elmwoodumc.org)  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Youth Sunday School: 10 a.m.

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

**Farmington Methodist Church**  
Pastor Rick Atchley  
187 W. Fulton St.  
Farmington  
(309) 245-4310  
[farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com](mailto:farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com)

gmail.com  
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

**St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church**  
Father Corey Krengiel  
119 Saint Mary St. Princeville  
(309) 385-2578  
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.  
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.  
Sun. Confession: 8-8:45 a.m.  
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.  
Tues. Thurs. Sat. daily Mass: 8 a.m.

**TRIVOLI**  
**Brunswick Community Church**  
4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli  
Pastor Terry England

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.  
(309) 403-4626

**Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)**  
18015 W. Smithville Rd., Trivoli  
Pastor Mark Schoenhals  
Pastor Jay Johnson  
(309) 696-1300  
[zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com)

Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.  
4th Sunday of month Worship: 8 a.m. with communion

**WILLIAMSFIELD**  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
Father Deogratias Mpewo  
Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N  
Williamsfield  
(309) 446-3275  
[stjameswilliamsfield.org](mailto:stjameswilliamsfield.org)  
Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 a.m.  
Sun. Mass: 8:30 a.m., Still Open!

**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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Dr. Sarah Douglas  
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## OBITUARIES

### Pamela F. Lehmann

PEORIA – Pamela F. Lehmann, 76, of Peoria, passed away at 11:05 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, at Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. She was born on July 25, 1948, in Cheyenne, Wyo., to the late Gerald Russel and Eva Mae (Barr) Bryant. On Jan. 20, 1970, she married Milan S. Lehmann. He preceded her in death on June 29, 2010.

Surviving is a son, Steven (Lynn) Lehmann of Edelstein; three grandsons, Brayden, Ryan, and Nickolas Lehmann; and a sister, Sheila (Tom) Westerfield of Aurora. She is further survived by nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Pam was a dedicated homemaker who loved caring for her family and was an avid craft-maker, especially enjoying card making.

She was an active member at Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Peoria.

Cremation has been accorded. Funeral services will be Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Princeville Presbyterian Church. Pastor Nate Riese is officiating. Memorials can be made to Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 908 W. Hanssler Place, Peoria IL 61604.

Burial will take place in Greenlawn Cemetery in Berthoud, Colo., on a family plot at a later date. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

To leave condolences for Pam's family, please visit [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).



Lehmann

### Johanna J. West

GALESBURG – Johanna J. West, age 90, of Galesburg, Ill., (formerly of Williamsfield) died at 5:08 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, 2024, at Seminary Manor, Galesburg.

She was born on July 22, 1934, in Trivoli, Ill., the daughter of Phillip and Grace Mae (French) Knussman. She attended and graduated from Yates City High School. She married John L. West on March 1, 1953, in Galesburg. He preceded her in death on Oct. 25, 2020.

Surviving are two sons, Greg (Lynne) West of Brimfield and Kevin (Marla) West of Williamsfield; granddaughters, Emily West Amanda (Nathan Pilon) West, Andrea West and Amy (Ty) Landon; and great-grandsons, Preston, Dash, Kanan and Maxwell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three sisters, Arlene Hartman, Phyllis Bridenstien and Dorothy Elliott.

She assisted her husband on their farm and raising their family.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Williamsfield.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A celebration of life will be held a later date. Memorials may be made to the Williamsfield United Methodist Church. Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Homes & Crematory is assisting the family with their wishes. Online condolences and/or expressions of sympathy may be sent through [hurd-hendricksfuneralhome.com](http://hurd-hendricksfuneralhome.com).

### Patricia K. Doubet

WILLIAMSFIELD – Patricia K. Doubet, 77, of Williamsfield, died



West

Dec. 12, 2024 at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

She was born on Oct. 31, 1947, in Canton, the daughter of Benjamin and Shirley B. (Wheeler) Murphy. She graduated from Knoxville High School. She married David Doubet on Oct. 9, 1971.

Surviving is her husband, David, of Williamsfield; a son, Patrick (Teri) Doubet of Williamsfield; a daughter, Beth Anne (Scott Haggard) Thomas of Williamsfield; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one son Benjamin Murphy.

Funeral service was Dec. 17. She was buried next to her son in the Williamsfield Cemetery.

### Alice C. Parker

MAQUON – Alice C. "Dizzy" Parker, 87, of Maquon, died Dec. 7, 2024, at Graham Hospital in Canton, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Oct. 18, 1937, in Farmington, the daughter of Waldo and Mildred (VanHoose) Ray. She married Dennis Parker on Dec. 16, 1977. He survives in Maquon.

Also surviving Alice are four children, Jimmie (Rick) Moody of Elmwood, Jodie (Kevin) Wyant of Farmington, Judi Tilghman of Chicago and Tony (Reagan) Tilghman of Charleston; two stepchildren, Stephanie (Walt) Knox of Maquon and Stacy Dikeman of Peoria Heights; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Donald (Mary Jo) Ray of Maquon.

Services were Dec. 14.

### Sharon K. Schrodt

TRIVOLI – Sharon K. Schrodt, 81, of Trivoli, died on Dec. 9, 2024. She was born on Sept. 19, 1943.

Arrangements are pending with Oaks-Hines Funeral Home.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
MEGAN R. KNOX A/K/A MEGAN RENEE KNOX A/K/A MEGAN KNOX; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 24 FC 0000117  
1001 DESOTO DRIVE BARTONVILLE, IL 61607  
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 August 22, 2024, will on January 13, 2025, 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:  
LOT TWENTY-TWO (22) IN BEVERLY HILLS A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-SIX (26), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH, RANGE SEVEN (7) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT ALL COAL AND MINERAL RIGHTS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.  
TAX NO. 17-26-202-016  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1001 Desoto Drive Bartonville, IL 61607  
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is wood siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied.  
The Judgment amount was \$118,259.57.  
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.  
The subject property is subject to

general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For Information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.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# 24-18450IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY

PEORIA, ILLINOIS  
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Jeffrey Clarke; et. al. DEFENDANTS  
No. 2024-FC-0000145

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 11/13/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on January 8, 2025 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 36 IN WESTWOOD SUBDIVISION 1ST EXTENSION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 8 OF WESTWOOD SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF RICHWOODS TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, RUNNING THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT, A DISTANCE OF 14.2 FEET; RUNNING THENCE NORTH 17.9 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE STREET KNOWN AS WESTBROOK DRIVE; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID WESTBROOK DRIVE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-19-403-008  
Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4721 N Westbrook Dr Peoria, IL 61614

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the

rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT

TAKE NOTICE that the Library Board of Trustees of the Brimfield Public Library District, Peoria County, Illinois as of December 16, 2024, will have available a copy of its audit report for the period of July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. The audit was conducted by the firm of Ginoli & Company LTD and may be publicly inspected at the main office of the Library District at 111. S. Galena Ave. Brimfield, Illinois during normal business hours, Monday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm

By: /s/ George Stenger

Secretary  
Library Board of Trustees  
Brimfield Public Library District

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Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876.  
Please refer to file number 14-24-04190.  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Mortgage Assets Management, LLC PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Larry A. Ulrich; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2024-FC-0000088

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 09/18/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on January 8, 2025 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 118, PARK EAST, SECTION ONE (1), A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, IN THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 14, 1971, IN PLAT BOOK Z-2, PAGE 99, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 13-13-177-004  
Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3934 W Creighton Ter Peoria, IL 61615

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

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entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee...

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 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: Cordis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-24-02427.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Peoria Peoria, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Brackenridge Mortgage Trust Plaintiff

vs. Douglas E. Schermer; Lynn K. Schermer; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Defendant 19 CH 170 CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on January 8, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT 69 IN STRATFORD AIRE EXTENDED, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOTS 10, 11, 12, 13, AND 14 IN L.J.C. BRATTON'S SUBDIVISION OF

Peoria FLEA MARKET Exposition Gardens (Peoria) December 22nd 7:30am - 3pm For info call Aaron (309) 825-1223

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N. 14-29-254-012. Commonly known as 1108 West Northcrest Ave., Peoria, Illinois 61614.

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. ILF2406013 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3256367 Published 12/5, 12/12, 12/19/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Peoria Peoria, ILLINOIS

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F Plaintiff

vs. JOSE MENDEZ; ADELA MENDEZ; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 23 FC 133 CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on January 8, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT SEVEN (7) AND THE WEST HALF OF LOT SIX (6) IN NORTHOLM, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN AS FILED IN BOOK "I" OF PLATS, PAGE 75; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N. 14-33-158-005. Commonly known as 510 W. Gift Ave., Peoria, IL 61604.

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.

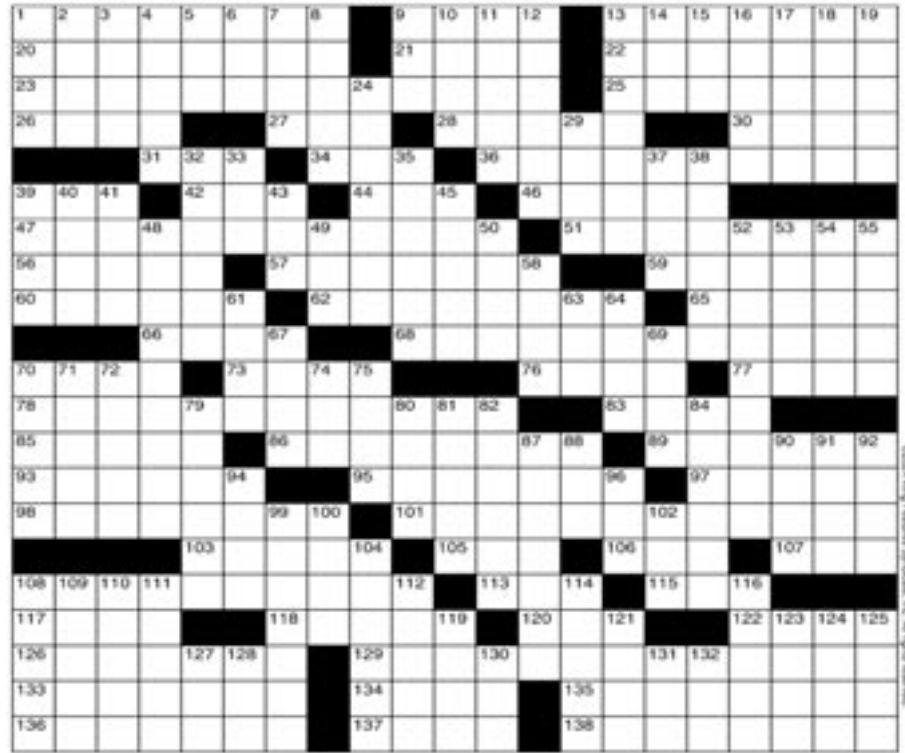
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Lender Legal PLLC, 1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 250, Orlando, Florida 32810. 407-730-4644. LLS10722-JM IJSC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3256416 Published 12/5, 12/12, 12/19/24

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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# BOYS HOOPS: Gronewold back for Farmington

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Sennett also praised his senior son, Tucker Sennett, and junior Brady Day, who had 19 points against L-W. But the Princeville offense still appears to have room to improve.

“If we can get any kind of offense, we should be pretty good,” Coach Sennett said. “Our defense right now is what’s carrying us.”

Against Elmwood, Williams scored seven in the fourth quarter to help the Princes erase a three-point deficit. Also in the fourth, Day had five of his eight points and Collin Lowery had four of his six.

Those victories sandwiched a 57-35 loss Dec. 13 to Illini Bluffs. Logan Olshawsky had 11 points

to lead Princeville.

The Princes were to play three home games this week – Tuesday against Midland, tonight (Dec. 19) against Henry and Saturday against Delavan.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Dawson Traphagan had 21 points, including a total of 11 in both overtimes Dec. 13 as R-W (2-7) beat Ke-wanee Wethersfield 71-65 in a Lincoln Trail Conference game.

A Wethersfield layup at the end of regulation tied it at 55. Mason Empson had three free throws and a short jumper in the last minute of the second OT. Jaxson Strom had 20 points for the winners.

On Dec. 10, R-W lost 63-30 at Brimfield as Traphagan scored seven. The

Cougars’ game scheduled for Dec. 14 at Midland was postponed because of bad weather. As of early this week, no makeup date had been announced.

R-W was to play Tuesday at Williamsfield against North Fulton, then travels Friday to Peoria Heights and Saturday to Annawan before a break until Jan. 3.

• **Brimfield** – Connor Doe had 20 points Dec. 13, including 10 in the second quarter, as Brimfield won 65-35 at Havana. The Indians led 43-21 at halftime.

Jackson Kappes finished with 15 points. Freshman Griffin Hougham had two first-period 3-pointers on his way to 12 points. Brady Johnson scored 11, with eight in the first quarter.

In a 63-30 victory Dec. 10 over visiting R-W, Johnson had 19 points and Doe scored 13. Again, Johnson had eight first-quarter points.

Brimfield had one game scheduled this week, Tuesday at home against Wethersfield.

• **Elmwood** – Bo Windish had 17 points Dec. 14 in the host team’s 49-45 loss to Princeville. Bryson Shadley (nine points) hit two 3s in the third quarter to help Elmwood lead headed to the fourth.

Three nights earlier at Bushnell-Prairie City, Elmwood was working for a final shot to break a tie when the hosts stole the

ball and scored to win 48-46. The Trojans missed two late shots. Windish and Garrett Webster evenly split 24 points. Webster had nine third-period points, all on treys.

Elmwood was host Tuesday to Abingdon-Avon, then plays Friday at Havana and home Saturday against Galva.

• **Farmington** – Abingdon-Avon defeated Farmington 50-42 on Dec. 13. On Dec. 10, Macomb defeated Farmington 46-33. In that game, Boston Smith had 12 points and Jack Gronewold scored 11 in his first action following a football injury.

“It was like ‘Hoosiers’ when Jimmy Chitwood showed up,” Farmington Coach Marty Lozier stated about Gronewold’s return. “(He) only had one practice. Boston Smith has been a ton.”

Following a home game Tuesday against Monmouth-Roseville, Farmington (2-5) will travel Saturday to Abingdon for the Great Western Shoot-out. The Farmers face Augusta Southeastern at 10:30 a.m.

The Farmers open Macomb-Western Holiday Tournament play at noon Dec. 26 at Western Hall against second-seeded Peoria Christian. The tournament continues Dec. 27 and 28. West Hancock is the top seed.

# Ellis wins at PORTA for Farmington wrestling

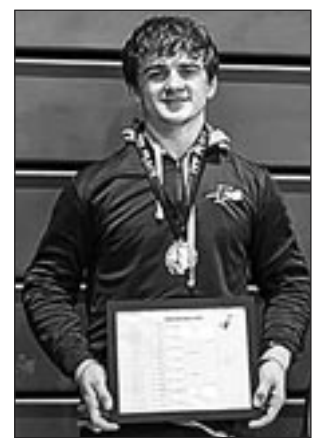
Farmington junior Bradley Ellis did not yield a point in winning first place at the Petersburg PORTA 32-team wrestling tournament last weekend.

“He went on a terror at the PORTA 32-team tournament, technical falling and pinning his way through the tournament without giving up a single point,” Farmington Coach Jacob Durbin said.

Wrestling at 144 pounds, Ellis (12-1) continued a strong season that has seen him win first at PORTA and at the Illini Bluffs Invitational on Dec. 1. A state qualifier last year at 138 pounds, Ellis is ranked 11th at 144 pounds for Class 1A by IllinoisMatmen.com.

Ellis’ only loss came while wrestling up two weight classes.

Other strong finishes for Farmington on Saturday were freshman Chase Frye placing fifth at 138 pounds and freshmen Jordan Jones (126 pounds) and Jayden Schmider (106 pounds), both placing eighth.



Farmington junior Bradley Ellis was first at 144 pounds last weekend at the Petersburg PORTA tournament.

Sophomore Parker Zerfass was third at Illini Bluffs at 113 pounds and according to Durbin “has been competing well and showing a lot of improvement from last season.”

At Illini Bluffs, Farmington was eighth out of 20 teams as, Frye took fourth and Jones placed fifth.

“We have a young team with only two seniors and one junior,” Durbin said. “These kids like to get after it in the room and all have a strong desire to improve. I’m excited to see what the season has in store for us.”

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# GIRLS: Elmwood wins 2

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 reddy Hoerr scored nine.

Brimfield has won four of its last five heading into a game vs. Paxton-Buckley-Loda on Wednesday. The lone loss came Dec. 11 vs. Monmouth United, 59-45.

Hoerr and Layni Linthicum scored 12 points to lead Brimfield, which also got nine from Maddie Rust and seven points and 10 assists from Heinz.

Brimfield was within six with 50 seconds left to a United team it beat on a buzzer-beating shot in last year's regionals. McKown said United was 6-for-7 on 3-point shots in the third quarter.

Even so, he's happy with his team's play so far.

"Obviously we have Ava, and she is having a monster season," McKown said. "If we keep getting contributions from other people, I like where we're at and maybe we can do some damage down the stretch."

Brimfield opens play in the Heyworth Tournament starting Wednesday with a 5:30 p.m. against Paxton-Buckley-Loda. That tournament continues Dec. 20 and 21. Brimfield then starts play in the St. Bede tourney against Putnam County on Dec. 26 at 10 a.m.

Brimfield opted not to return to the State Farm Classic in Bloomington-Normal after playing there last year as the lone Class 1A team in the field.

• **Elmwood** – The Lady Trojans (7-3) were to play United on Tuesday at the United Holiday Tournament. The event wraps up today, Dec. 19, with foe and time based on pool play. Elmwood won its first two tournament games on Saturday, topping Payson Seymour (51-22) and Farmington (55-41).

Andrea Glenn scored 18 points to lead the Lady Trojans against Farmington, while Gianna Ramirez added 13 and Mackenzie Caulkins scored nine.

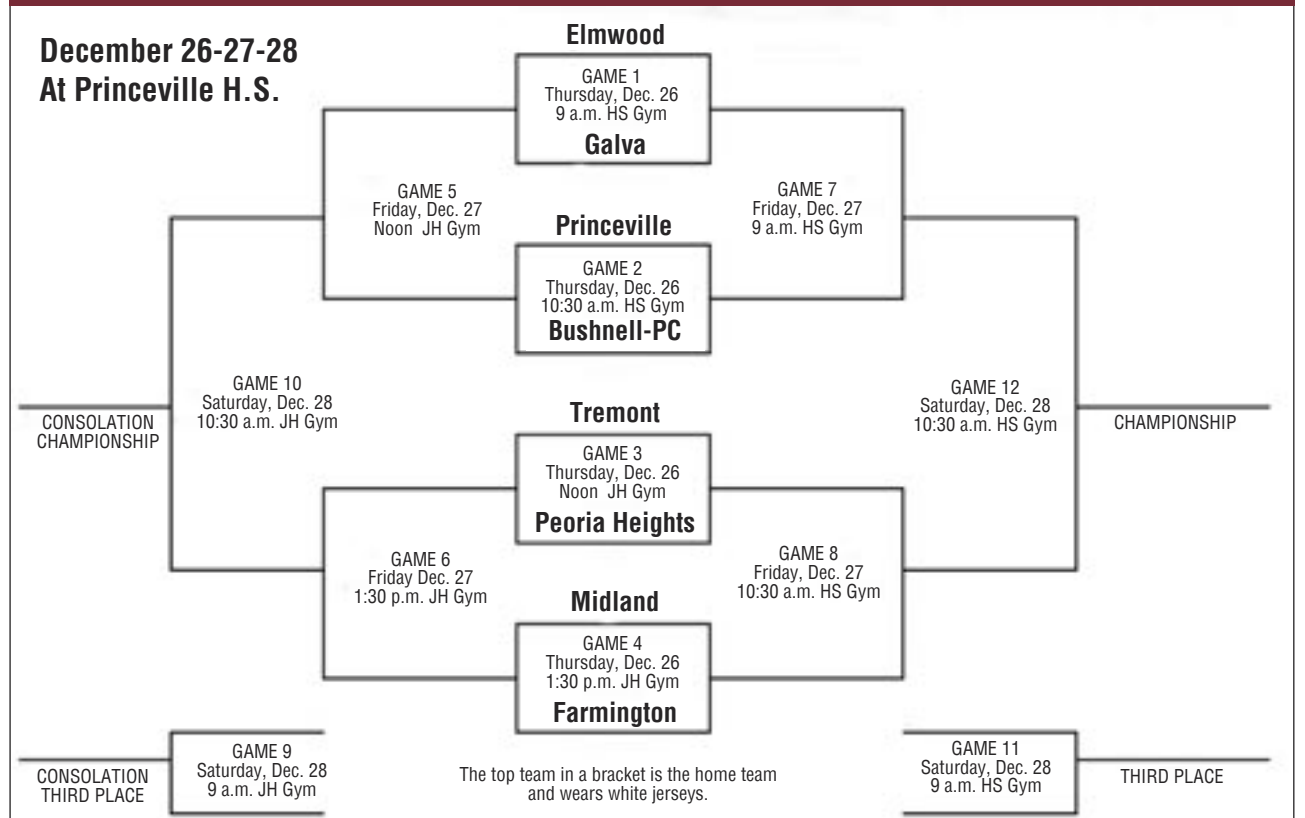
Glenn scored 12 points against Payson Seymour, Chloe Howerton tallied 10, Brooke Allen put up eight and Caulkins and Natalie Babcock scored six apiece.

Elmwood returns to action on Dec. 26 at 9 a.m. vs. Galva in the 13th annual Lee Westerman Tournament at Princeville. The first game is in the high school gym.

• **Princeville** – After winning three straight, the Lady Princes (4-7) dropped a 57-45 home double-overtime decision to Knoxville.

The teams battled to a 40-40 tie in regulation, then

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were knotted 45-45 after one extra period before Knoxville went on a 12-0 run. Knoxville was 6-for-7 on free throws in overtime.

"We missed some free throws in regulation that could have won it and then we just ran out of gas," Princeville Coach John Gross said.

Sahara Streitmatter tallied 22 points for Princeville and was 8-for-17 from the field. Princeville also got 14 points from Paisley Schock and seven from Reagan Calder.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** –

The Lady Cougars (3-7) lost Monday at Orion, 60-33. R-W was to play at Mercer County today (Dec. 19) and then has a break until a Jan. 4 game at Kewanee Wethersfield.

• **Farmington** – The Lady Farmers (3-8) topped Peoria Heights 64-41 on Dec. 11 and then lost to United (58-30) and Elmwood (53-37) on Saturday at the United tment. In the victory, Lynsey Shriber scored 15 points to lead Farmington, while Audrina Wieland tallied 11 points and Abbie Ackers scored 10.

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## Elite company

### Brimfield girls among 13 with 1,000 wins

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
*For The Weekly Post*

The Brimfield girls basketball team joined an elite group of Illinois programs earlier this month by posting the school's 1,000th victory.

"It's a testament to all the players and coaches before us," Lady Indians Coach Josh McKown said. "We're the fortunate ones to happen to be coaching and in uniform for win 1,000."

McKown said Brimfield is planning a celebration of the milestone during its Jan. 23 home game against Lewistown. He said the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association will make a presentation and former coaches and players will be welcomed back.

"Anybody that's put on the uniform or who has coached is a part of it,"

McKown said. "It's a pretty storied program, if you think about it."

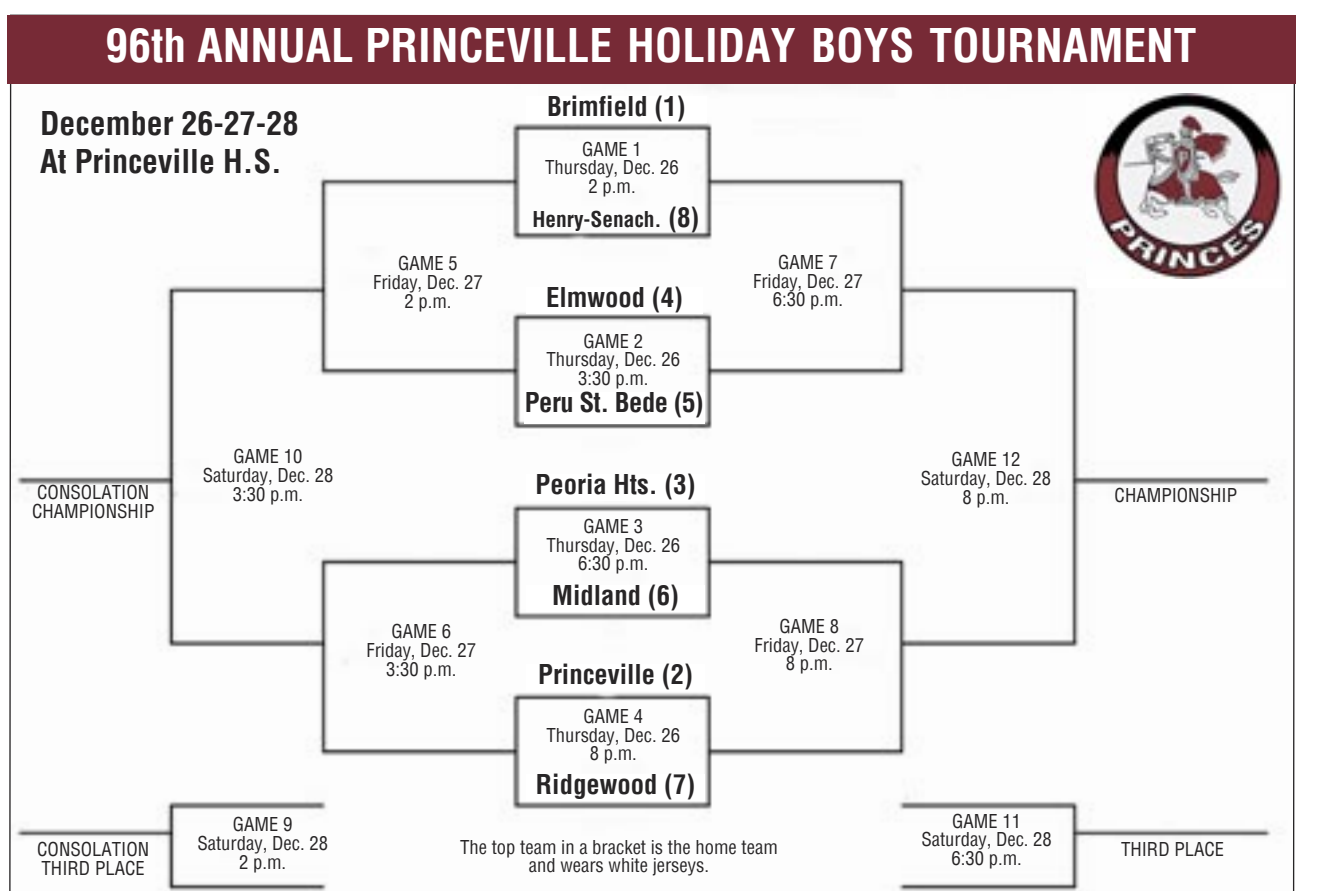
McKown said only 13 Illinois girls programs have reached 1,000 wins. He is the 10th girls coach at Brimfield, according to Illinois High School Association records. Those same records show just three losing records since the program started in 1974 under Terry Hart.

And this year's team looks determined to keep the winning ways going.

The Lady Indians (7-3) bounced back from a loss earlier in the week by beating Midwest Central-Delavan 54-27 on Dec. 12.

Ava Heinz scored 20 points to go with eight rebounds, six blocks and three steals. Maddie Rust added 15 points and Ken-coached is a part of it,"

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## Princeville defense faring better in the zone

**By NICK VLAHOS**  
*For The Weekly Post*

PRINCEVILLE – A defensive change early this season has done Princeville boys basketball some good.

The Princes won two of their three games last week and are 5-2 since they switched from man-to-man to zone defense. According to Princeville Coach Tait Sennett, the need for change became apparent in the second game of the season, against Varna Midland at the Peoria Heights Thanksgiving tournament.

"Midland was going to blow us out of the water," Sennett said. "We changed and the roles reversed. Our footspeed from last year to this year just isn't the same. We had some crazy athletes last year. We could get

up into people's chests. So now we're doing it differently.

"We're still getting after it and making you turn the ball over, but it's a little different. It's way different."

It's different for Sennett foremostly. He said he coached zone defense early in his career but later switched to man-to-man to put more pressure on opposing ballhandlers.

Man-to-man worked well last season for the Princes (5-3), who won 28 games and advanced to a Class 1A regional final. This year, zone defense helped Princeville hold Midland to 38 points, Manito Midwest Central to 29 and injury-hobbled Peoria Heights to 21.

"It's kind of an oddball zone," Sennett said. "We just kind of let you make a mistake, and we take advan-

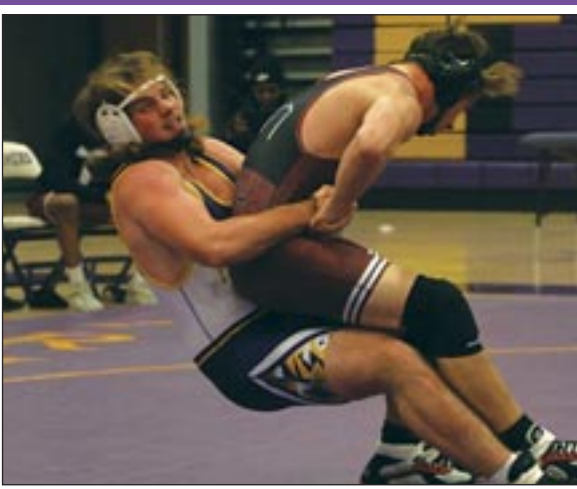
tage of it. We teach what to do on where the ball is at, not basically on positions. If everybody does their job, it works really well."

It's worked well enough for Princeville to earn the second seed in its own holiday tournament, which runs Dec. 26-28. Brimfield (6-3), which beat Princeville in the season opener, is seeded first. Heights (3-4) is seeded third and Elmwood (5-4) is fourth.

Jake Williams has been the main cog for Princeville so far, according to Sennett. The senior guard had 21 points Dec. 14 in a 49-45 victory at Elmwood. Williams had 20 points, six assists and six steals in a 53-37 victory Dec. 10 over Lowpoint-Washburn.

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## TIGHT GRIP



Farmington's Ethan Shields grapples with a Peoria Central wrestler during a Dec. 10 home match. Details on Page 14. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.



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