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LURED TO YATES CITY

Song of the siren

Group of 6 visits Yates City to hear and record siren

By **MOLLY RICHESON**

For The Weekly Post

YATES CITY – On the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m., the Elba-Salem Fire Department tests its weather-warning system, blaring an alarm to alert citizens in the event of a real emergency.

To the surprise of many, the siren song lured six young people from around the country to gather in Yates City for the Feb. 4 monthly test.

Visitors lured to Yates City (who requested that we not give their last names) were Cooper, Ayden and Vince from the Bloomington area; Drew from Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Holly from South Milwaukee, Wis.; and Will, who drove all the way from New Jersey to hear the call of the Elba-Salem siren.

Some of the group met in high school and some of them online via Discord, a popular chatting app. All of them have the same thing in common: a deep apprecia-



Siren enthusiasts (from left to right) Vince, Will, Holly, Drew, Ayden and Cooper spent Feb. 4 in Yates City to witness the village's weather-warning system in action. Photo by Molly Richeson.

tion for weather-warning systems. "Me personally, I've always been into weather and so I think

weather-warning systems are really fascinating," Cooper said. "It originally started with weather radio collecting, and then I was convinced to try out sirens. And then I realized that there are a lot of really cool sirens around here."

He added, "There's a remnant of Peoria's Civil

Defense System that's actually in Russia."

The Yates City siren is a model

Sentry 5V.

"The reason it is so rare is because it has a 16-port rotor and it is one of four still in existence," Cooper explained. "I know the others are in Inman, South Carolina, New York and Georgia. It's one of four still in existence, and it's only been documented once."

The Sentry 5V is a basic, omnidirectional air-raid siren produced by Sentry Siren from around 1980 to 2000, when it was discontinued and replaced by the Model 7V8 in the Sentry lineup.

The vast majority of these sirens had an eight-port rotor and stator, but a few were made with the 16-port single tone available only by special order (indicating that it can produce 16 different tones or sound variations simultaneously).

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Billtown layoffs?

School board to ponder possible cuts

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – Layoffs might soon be coming to the Williamsfield School District.

As many as two certified staff members, two food-service employees and all teachers' aides would be let go under a proposal Interim Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen presented Monday night to the Williamsfield School Board.

The cuts would save the cash-strapped district between about \$575,000 and \$680,000, depending on how many aides might be recalled.

Job reductions are part of

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Sivertsen's three-pronged plan to return the district to financial health. The district is to receive money this week from the first prong, a \$1.1 million working-cash bond issue the board authorized last month. Adjusting the property-tax levy for the next fiscal year is the third element.

But the proposed move in the middle is proving to

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Homeless 50-year-old arrested in Elmwood

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – As Elmwood Police Chief Aaron Bean was driving Daniel Coons to jail, he knew this criminal suspect had a substance-abuse problem. More accurately, Bean's nose knew.

"He stunk so bad you could tell he was doing some nasty stuff," Bean said. "He was in real bad shape."

Bean recounted the journey and the arrest of Coons, a 50-year-old homeless Peoria man, for

the Elmwood City Council when it met Feb. 4.

Accused initially of stealing a bicycle from a rack at Elmwood Elementary School, Coons also possessed a methamphetamine pipe and a jar that contained a white substance when police apprehended him Jan. 31 in the 200 block of Laurel St., according to a police report. The bike was stolen Jan. 22.

Further investigation revealed Coons was wanted in Tazewell County for

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Coons



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HOMELESS: Staying in a shed, laundromat

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meth possession and retail theft. As of late last week, Coons was being held in the Tazewell County Jail in Pekin, where he was awaiting court hearings on those charges.

Coons had spent time in Elmwood for weeks, Bean said. He said he evicted Coons from a local laundromat, where he planned to spend the night.

“Especially in our ward, he was all over the place,” Alderman Kenny Blum

said.

An Elmwood woman who knows Coons told police he visited her Jan. 28, admitted he stole the black Mongoose bike and left it at her residence. The 53-year-old woman said she had an off-and-on relationship with Coons, the police report stated.

Following Coons’ admission, the woman drove Coons to a Peoria laundromat where he was living.

“He just shacked up on the floor by the dryers and

washers and stayed there,” Bean said. “The female picked him up, brought him out here, and that’s when we started having issues.”

Coons was staying in a shed near Daniels Street in Elmwood when a city employee spotted him walking between yards Jan. 31 and alerted police. Coons matched the description of the suspect who took the bike, as recorded on Elmwood-school security cameras.

“He was very thin,” Bean said. “He had no teeth – part of one in the very front, but you could tell he was on methamphetamines pretty badly.”

In Peoria County, Coons faces charges of theft, criminal trespass to land and possession of drug paraphernalia. The bike was returned to its owner.

Regarding council action, aldermen approved a 3½% increase in water and sewer rates, effective Saturday. The annual hike is smaller in percentage than in recent years, Alderman Nathan Brunnelson said.

The new monthly base rate for water is \$19.37 for up to 1,000 gallons. Additional charges are to range from \$5.04 to \$3.74 per 1,000 gallons, up to 20,000 gallons. Rates decrease as use increases. After the first 20,000 gallons, the additional charge is \$2.41 per 1,000 gallons. Sewer charges are to be \$17.17 per month, plus \$3.15 for each 1,000 gallons of water used.

Councilors also OK’d a \$4,500 deal with Martin Electric to install and remove city holiday lights and decorations. Previous provider East Peoria-based Wilson Services of Central Illinois, Inc., was charging \$8,500, Blum said.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Hot Picks

- **Irish Music** – A free concert of Irish music scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Brimfield Public Library by singer/songwriter Barry Cloyd has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 16, due to the possibility of bad weather.
- **Harvest Home** – The monthly Harvest Home fundraiser dinner is Thursday, Feb. 20, at Yates City Community Center, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Open-face roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Texas toast, dessert and drink. Cost \$13.

This Week's Events

- **Food Pantry** – Christ Alive Church in Kickapoo opens its food pantry the third Monday each month, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Book Signing** – Brimfield author Lauren Noard will hold a question-and-answer session and will sign copies of her book "Firefly Landing" on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library.
- **Food Pantry** – Farmington has a drive-through food pantry the third Wednesday each month, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at New Hope Fellowship Church on Illinois Route 78. Call (309) 231-8076.
- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays, 6 p.m. in Brimfield Public Library community room. \$4. Classes also on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville's Lillie M. Evans Library.

Future Events

- **Meals on Wheels** – Meals on Wheels are delivered in Elmwood and Yates City

on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call (309) 772-9284.

- **MANNA Meal** – The monthly MANNA meal is Feb. 27 at Elmwood United Methodist Church at noon. Cost \$8. Bring table service. Bingo held after meal with chance to win two free meals.
- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.

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- Williamsfield American Legion Post 0371 has bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m.
- **Toy Show** – ROWVA FFA and alumni have their annual toy show March 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Oneida in the ROWVA High School gym. Free-will donation.
- **Art Show** – The 68th Annual Fulton County Town & Country Art Show sponsored by the Canton Park District will be held March 8-9 at the Donaldson Community Center at Wallace Park, 250 S. Ave. D, Canton.

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GUEST VOICES



Of proud parents, pension debt & wellness

Rambling through central Illinois, relieved there was no KC threepeat.

If you sense pride oozing from the pages of this edition, that's due in part to all the local college students making the Dean's list at their respective schools.



Jeff LAMPE

As you may know, we publish names of Dean's-list honorees who are graduates of the high schools we cover. Actually, we publish the names of some local Dean's listers. Since so many proud parents and grandparents have asked about the list in recent weeks, here's how that imperfect process works.

Many schools subscribe to Merit Pages, a service that sends out news about local students to various media members. Dean's-list honorees and college graduates are among those we receive. At some point in the enrollment process, students are asked to provide media outlets to whom they want media releases sent.

Not all schools pay for the service, though. In fact, most Illinois colleges and universities are not subscribers.

That's where parents and even grandparents often step in to let us

know of their family success stories. We're glad to hear from you, too.

The only problem is that honoring just one student from a school means we may miss others from our area who also attend that school. For instance, we recently got a note from a parent of an Illinois State University student who made the Dean's list. Going to the ISU website confirmed the email, but a quick search by county showed there are actually 45 local students who made the ISU Dean's list - and that doesn't count anybody from Chillicothe who attended Princeville High School.

That's one of the headaches that doing our own searches creates. And there are many. Not all colleges provide searchable databases. Some don't include hometowns. Furthermore, we don't know where all our local students are going to school, so the search is nowhere close to exhaustive. Even with all those imperfections, we'll attempt to do our best. And kudos to all the Dean's listers.

State Rep. Travis Weaver attended last week's meeting of the Elmwood Development Association and did a great job depressing everybody with a concise synopsis of our state's budget woes.

Because of our \$178 billion in unfunded pension obligations (some argue it's only \$145 billion), Weaver

said Illinois is currently paying 30% of the state budget to handle those costs (some argue it's only 25%).

Those costs will increase between now and 2045, when the state constitution will require 90% funding of pensions. How we get to that point will no doubt involve tax increases.

Weaver, who sure seems too sharp to be state politics, is working on a bill that could help mitigate some future pension problems. We'll write more about it should his legislation gain real traction in Springfield.

Some good news out of the EDA meeting is from the Elmwood Community Foundation, which has raised nearly \$9 million of the estimated \$12.4 million needed for its proposed Community Wellness Center. Fund-raiser Micki McCarthy said discussions will start soon with businesses about five-year pledges for a donor wall in the facility. That's good news, says McCarthy, who hopes to see ground broken on the facility this summer. ... One business that might not be contributing is the Underground BBQ restaurant in Elmwood, where we had a tasty meal for the EDA meeting. UBQ is closing its Elmwood location after less than six months but will keep its Williamsfield venue open.

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Parent urges Farmington to audit policies

By **MOLLY RICHESON**

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Another parent has stepped forward urging the Farmington School Board to review and/or audit its policies regarding safety and discipline.

Adam Henkhaus of Farmington spoke at the school board’s Monday meeting about an incident involving his son Drew, who was shot in the face with an airsoft gun in the school parking lot on Dec. 16 prior to a band concert.

According to the Farmington Student Handbook, “Law enforcement officials will be notified in any situation that involves drugs, drug paraphernalia, weapons, firearms, arson, bomb threat or any situation deemed necessary by administration.”

Adam Henkhaus claims the school did not contact law enforcement and that his family had to do so instead. He disputed a response given by Farmington Superintendent Zac

Chatterton that the district fulfills its legal obligations.

“That is clearly not the fact,” Henkhaus said. “So now you are not being truthful with parents.”

Adam Henkhaus said this is not the first time his son has been assaulted and that he and his family have voiced concerns and spoken before the board before.

“Yet here we are,” he said.

Jeannette Kurth of Hanna City also addressed the board requesting further transparency regarding safety and discipline. Kurth spoke at the Jan. 13 meeting, voicing concerns about the handling of an incident in which her son, Hunter Kurth, passed out in school after being choked by another student.

School Board President Alex Slack assured Kurth that the issue was discussed in closed session last month and that the board directed a review of the policy for contacting emergency services during a loss of con-

sciousness or head injury.

“We are taking this very seriously,” Slack said.

In other business, the board approved a \$1,000 donation to the Farmington Academic Foundation, granted Chatterton permission to start working on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget and acknowledged students of the month, Orange Frog recipients and the high school cheerleaders.

Personnel items included hiring Nathan Lynch (bus driver) and Lynsey Vermillion (cafe worker); approving Addison Gilstrap (junior high girls track coach), Jessica Kilper (JH assistant track coach), Judd Anderson (high school girls track coach), Deidre Lange (HS assistant track coach) and Mary Plumer (JH assistant scholastic bowl coach); and acknowledging the resignations of Abigail Simaytis (yearbook sponsor), Davee Crowell (bus driver), Holly Troglia (teacher) and Angela Kline (teacher).

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During the monthly test, two of the visitors to Yates City ran toward the village’s weather-warning siren. Photo by Molly Richeson.

SIREN: 2 of the visitors ran toward the siren

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It is possible that only four sirens like the one in Yates City were ever made in the first place.

The siren enthusiasts brought to Yates City video and audio recording equipment, as well as a drone to document the monthly test. In their excitement, two members of the crew ran toward the siren.

“Sometimes, if I get really excited, I’ll run up to it and touch the pole just to feel it shaking,” explained Cooper.

Footage from the visit will be uploaded to the group’s YouTube channel, ILWarnTech. There the sound will be shared with the world and live on through history, much like the mythological sirens of yore.

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LAYOFFS: District faces possible \$400,000 deficit

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be painful.

"This isn't easy for me to stand up here and make these recommendations," Sivertsen told the board. "I met with all the aides and also met with the people in food service, because I felt I owed them an explanation. It was a very uncomfortable position to be in."

"My first comment was 'I'm sorry we're in this position. Nonetheless, I have a responsibility to make recommendations to the board so we can get out of this mess as quickly as possible.' You do not want to bleed this out. That would be a mistake."

The district faces a projected deficit of at least \$400,000. On March 10, board members are expected to consider Sivertsen's staffing suggestions and/or consider some of their own.

Under his plan, Sivertsen said three or four of the district's 10 aides probably would be rehired for the 2025-26 year. The district has 31 teachers and five food-service employees.

Half a teaching position and one custodian job already have been eliminated through attrition. The latter action involves not filling the full-time opening left by the resignation of custodian Hanna Rhodes, which the board accepted Monday. A

part-timer, perhaps a student, is expected to replace Rhodes.

If retiring Technology Director Rick Hartz is not replaced, another \$90,000 might be saved, Sivertsen said. Earlier in the meeting, the board affirmed Hartz's retirement, effective May 30.

Sivertsen said he doesn't know which two teaching positions he'll recommend for elimination. He intends to try to determine which eliminations might affect students the least. April 15 is the state-mandated deadline to dismiss teachers.

Board Member Lisa Hanson asked Sivertsen if other cost-cutting options might be considered.

"I think anything's on the table, but what's your largest overhead? Bodies," Sivertsen said.

Non-personnel cuts Sivertsen offered are tuition for students who take classes through Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg and the Galesburg Area Vocational Center.

Statistics Sivertsen provided indicate Billtown spends significantly more per pupil than nearby districts. Operating expenses in 2023 were \$19,673 per student, compared to \$11,744 in Elmwood, \$14,868 in Princeville and \$16,373 in Brimfield.

"We can throw more taxes at it, but

it doesn't fix our spending problem," Board President Chad Goff said. "We're way too high on per-student costs, and we have to fix that. Regardless of how we do it, we're going to have to fix it. It's been a spending problem for a very long time."

No members of the public attended the meeting, but Hanson read a letter from district resident Tillie Hall that appeared to support the aides.

"Paraprofessionals are indispensable assets to elementary-school classrooms," Hall wrote. "It is essential that we recognize their valuable contributions."

Among other actions, the board:

- Hired Devin Fuqua as an assistant junior-high volleyball coach.
- Approved family/medical leave for two unidentified employees.
- Authorized high school graduation to be held at 2 p.m. May 18.
- OK'd creating a staff-appreciation activity fund, in response to the district eliminating free coffee and breakfast for teachers. Sivertsen said he and Goff contributed \$100 each.

After closed session, the board approved an agreement that allows a student, unidentified publicly, to remain in school instead of being expelled. No details were released.

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

U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Stacy Lynn Spiller, et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2023-FC-0000280

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/26/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on March 12, 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 16-11-154-006
Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 122 N Runkle St Hanna City, IL 61536

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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 14-23-07819. I3259569 Published 1/30, 2/6, 2/13/25

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

HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, an Illinois state bank, Plaintiff,

v.

QUENTIN P. MCCLERNON a/k/a QUENTIN MCCLERNON; NORMA D. MCCLERNON; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; CAV-ALRY SPV I, LLC; "UNKNOWN OWNERS" and "NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS," Defendants.

No. 2024FC0000053

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 124 East Orchard Place Peoria, Illinois 61603

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 25, 2024 as modified by the Order Shortening Redemption Period and Granting Plaintiff Leave to Access and Secure Vacant Property entered on January 22, 2025, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois, will at 1:00 p.m. on March 5, 2025, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Common Address: 124 East Orchard Place Peoria, Illinois 61603

Permanent Index No: 14-28-451-003

The real estate is improved a single-family residence.

The judgment amount was \$97,828.22.

Sale terms: Ten Percent (10%) down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within 24

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, Joy Pinta, JACOBS & PINTA, 77 West Washington Street, Suite 1005, Chicago, Illinois 60602 (telephone: [312] 263-1005). Tina M. Jacobs, Esq. - ARDC 6190255 Joy Pinta, Esq. - ARDC 6278250 JACOBS & PINTA 77 West Washington Street, Suite 1005 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 263-1005 officeadmin@jacobsandpinta.com I3259786 Published 1/30, 2/6, 2/13/25

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

U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Garrett William Slevin Jr a/k/a Garrett William Slevin; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2023-FC-0000267

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/30/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on March 26, 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 14-27-152-044
Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3923 North Illinois Avenue Peoria Heights, IL 61616

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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Princeville solar project to start

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Construction of a solar-energy array proposed for northwest Princeville might begin as soon as March.

The 2-megawatt solar project along West North Street near Princeville Township Cemetery received Village Board approval in January 2024. The developer, Highland Park-based Trajectory Energy Partners, has submitted its construction plans, according to Village President Jeff Troutman.

“As soon as the weather breaks, they’ll probably be starting,” Troutman said following a Village Board meeting Feb. 3. “Our lawyer is reviewing the overall building plans. Once he gives his OK, they’re pretty much ready to go.”

Construction at the 17-acre plot had been expected to begin in late 2024 and finish in early 2025. A state-mandated change in how solar developers secure

funding resulted in a delay of about four or five months, according to Troutman.

Last week, trustees authorized a six-month extension – through July 3 – of the special-use permit that facilitates project development.

The solar project is expected to generate at least \$16,600 in first-year property-tax revenue, an increase of more than \$14,000, according to Trajectory. The company estimated Princeville subscribers might save more than \$40,000 in utility charges annually.

Damage construction equipment might do to Princeville thoroughfares is Trajectory’s responsibility, Troutman said. The project first was proposed in 2018 and revived in late 2023.

The board also affirmed its decision to install stop signs on Walnut Avenue at Evans Street, to create a four-way stop. The new signs were installed Feb. 4, according to village officials.

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Police reports

• **PEORIA** – A Farmington man who was in court recently regarding a 2023 drunken-driving charge was intoxicated during that appearance, authorities stated.

Remington R. Isbell, 21, was accused of contempt of court in connection with the incident, which happened about 1:45 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Peoria County Courthouse. A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy was told someone in Judge Suzanne Patton's courtroom might be drunk, according to a report.

A test revealed Isbell's blood-alcohol level was .205. The legal limit is .08. Isbell said he drank a lot of booze the previous night and finished about 5 a.m., the report stated. After Patton ruled Isbell in contempt, he was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **LAURA** – Following a single-vehicle accident south of Laura, a Brimfield-area woman was accused of drunken driving, among other crimes.

Stacey A. Supan, 42, was arrested about 11:30 p.m. Jan. 29 in the 16200 block of N. Whittaker Rd., where a Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy had been dispatched about two hours earlier. She was driving a 2018 Chevrolet Cruze, according to a heavily redacted sheriff's-office report.

At first, the deputy was on the way to a domestic-battery case at a nearby residence. Other deputies arrived there and were told a female, later identified as Supan, had left. An ambulance transported someone to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria, but it was unclear from the report if it was Supan.

Eventually, Supan was taken to the Peoria County Jail. She was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and with two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol. The vehicle was towed. Supan also was accused Jan. 30 of domestic battery.

• **TRIVOLI** – A barbecue grill apparently ignited a garage door at a residence south of Trivoli, according to authorities.

The fire happened about 6 p.m. Jan. 26 in the 21300 block of W. Smithville Rd. The garage door had a large hole with burn marks on it, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The grill was a couple of feet from the door. The bottom of the grill rusted out, and charcoal dropped from it to the ground.

In search of hotspots, Logan-Trivoli firefighters ripped out two sections of drywall from the ceiling and tore off siding to the left of the garage door. The drywall ceiling was black from smoke, according to the report. No in-

juries were reported.

• **ST. AUGUSTINE** – A Hanna City-area man was accused of driving 32 mph above the speed limit in southwestern Knox County.

Patrick E. Melton, 52, was behind the wheel of an eastbound 2014 Ford clocked at 87 mph in a 55-mph zone about 1:30 p.m. Jan. 25 in the 50 block of Illinois Route 116, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. Melton told a deputy he thought he was driving 70 mph.

Melton had a valid driver's license and no outstanding warrants. He was cited for driving more than 25 mph above the speed limit and received a notice to appear in Knox County Circuit Court in Galesburg.

• **MAPLETON** – A Brimfield-area man was arrested after he threatened a work colleague with a knife, according to authorities.

The incident happened Jan. 21 at the Caterpillar Inc. facility in Mapleton, Peoria County Sheriff's Office reports stated. Edwinn D. Strong Jr., 18, was taken into custody about 8 a.m. Jan. 30. The heavily redacted reports suggested the victim was from West Peoria.

Strong was transported to the Peoria County Jail and accused of aggravated assault with a non-firearm weapon.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Bartonville driver required hospital attention following a single-vehicle accident south of Hanna City.

Kyler D. Hill was behind the wheel of a westbound 2008 Chevrolet Malibu at 2:15 a.m. Jan. 20 in the 9400 block of W. Smithville Rd. when he lost control of the vehicle because of fatigue, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

The vehicle rolled off the pavement and landed on its passenger side in a north-side ditch. Hill was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. The vehicle sustained overall damage and was towed.

• **HANNA CITY** – No injuries were reported following a single-vehicle accident south of Hanna City.

At 8 p.m. Jan. 19, Trayton L. Trueblood of Bartonville was driving a northbound 2007 BMW on Hammerich Road at Riekena Road when he drove through the T-intersection, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle landed in a ditch against a tree about 20 feet off the road.

Trueblood said he wasn't aware Hammerich Road ended at Riekena Road and he was driving too fast to stop. The vehicle, which contained a male passenger, sustained a broken front axle and a destroyed front bumper. It was towed.

• **YATES CITY** – Someone stole the hard drive from a Yates City

man's video-game console, according to authorities.

The hard drive missing from a Microsoft Xbox 360 unit at a residence in the 300 block of W. Fulton St. was reported about 5:45 p.m. Jan. 19, a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated. The 34-year-old victim said his son attempted to use the Xbox, but it would not operate.

The hard drive was valued at \$50. The alleged theft took place between Dec. 16 and Jan. 19.

• **KICKAPOO** – After two vehicles hit the same deer north of Kickapoo, no major injuries were reported.

Heide R. Herrmann of Princeville was driving a northbound 2015 Nissan Altima about 11:15 p.m. Jan. 17 in the 11700 block of N. Princeville-Jubilee Rd. when her vehicle struck the deer. The impact pushed the animal into the southbound lane, where a 2016 Kia Optima struck it.

A Dunlap boy of unspecified age was the other driver, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Neither he nor his female passenger requested medical attention. Neither did Herrmann, who sustained a minor cut to one of her hands.

The boy's vehicle sustained disabling damage to its front driver's-side wheel well and was towed. Herrmann's vehicle sustained minor front-end damage but was drivable.

• **KICKAPOO** – A trucker drove away from a Kickapoo-area gasoline station without paying for about \$200 in diesel fuel. The incident happened shortly after noon Jan. 17 at the Shell station at 7116 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. The suspect was driving a 2016 Freightliner Cascadia with Texas license plates, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Following the incident, the truck headed toward nearby Interstate 74.

• **HANNA CITY** – Todd E. Werneburg, 61, of Hanna City was arrested shortly before 8:45 p.m. Jan. 29 and accused of obstructing justice/destroying evidence and two counts of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **LAURA** – Serenity M. Lopeman, 20, of Laura was arrested at 2 p.m. Jan. 22 and accused of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Jan. 19-25: theft, Yates City; verbal domestic dispute, Yates City; road hazard, Williamsfield; suspicious incident, Yates City; suspicious vehicle, Yates City; fraud, Williamsfield; burglar alarm, Dahinda; burglar alarm, Williamsfield.

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Local banker Beard honored as WIU alum

ELMWOOD – Farmers State Bank President Jennifer Beard was recently recognized by the Western Illinois University School of Agriculture as a Distinguished Agriculture Alumni.

In a recognition program held Feb. 8 in Macomb, Beard was one of five to receive the award. She joins a group of ag alumni recognized for excelling in diverse fields and making significant contributions to the industry.



Beard

A 1992 graduate of WIU, Beard majored in agriculture business and was a founding member of the local chapter of the Sigma Alpha ag sorority. After college, Beard served as the Farm Bureau manager in Boone and Knox counties.

In 2004, Beard joined Farmers State Bank in Elmwood as a teller and quickly evolved into one of the bank's lenders, specializing in ag and commercial lending. In January 2012, Beard was appointed president of the bank.

Active in many organizations, Beard was elected to the WIU Ag Advisory Board of Directors in 2022 and currently serves as the organization's secretary. She serves on the Community Bankers Association of Illinois Board of Directors, as well as the CBAI Community BancService Corp. She received the CBAI CDD Career Banker of the Year Award in 2011/2012.

Brimfield grad Strahm SEC freshman of week

Brimfield High School graduate Mya Strahm is the Southeastern Conference Women's Freshman of the Week after breaking the University of Tennessee school record in women's pole vault.

Competing last Saturday, Strahm vaulted 14 feet, 6 inches to break the Tennessee record. Strahm is tied for second among SEC pole vaulters and ranks 15th in NCAA Division 1 – second among freshmen.

College graduates

• **Abigail Simpson** of Farmington graduated from Iowa State University in December with a bachelor of science in agricultural studies.

• **Kathryn Cruise** of Dahinda graduated from Carl Sandburg College last fall with an associate degree in applied science.

College honors

• Several local students made the Illinois Wesleyan University Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2024 fall semester. Honorees are **Dax Alger** of Elmwood, **Izzy Beoletto** of Farmington, **Eileen Conklin** of Elmwood, **Elizabeth Dale** of Brimfield, **Josh McMillin** of Hanna City, **Sam McMillin** of Hanna City, **Liv Meyers** of Elmwood and **Bri Steil** of Edwards.

• Several local students made the Illinois State University Dean's list (3.65 gpa or better) for the 2024 fall semester. Honorees are:

~ Brimfield – **Grant Donahue**, **Ainsley Faulkner**, **Bailey Center**, **Riley Malone** and **Cassie Lafollett**.

~ Dahinda – **Spencer Brown**, **Camden Schroeder**, **Ryan Sunderland** and **Marin Shane**.

~ Edelstein – **Max Fink**.

~ Edwards – **Molly Malone**, **Jasmine Riley**, **Valerie Jackson**, **Emily Terrian**, **Sammi Cenek**, **Madalyn Clark**, **Regan Duchaine** and **Andrew Espinosa**.

~ Elmwood – **Abigail Anderson**, **Cassidee Doubet**, **Christian Doubet**, **Craig Ramirez**, **Annalise Williams**, **Adam Centers**, **Donna Dull** and **Breanna German**.

~ Farmington – **John Terrell**, **Ty Anderson**, **Amber Stokes** and **Madie Helle**.

~ Hanna City – **Riley Janson**, **Sami Janson**, **Mike Seibert**, **Alisyn Eichorn**, **Brianna Herman** and **Maccrae Barnett**.

~ Princeville – **Brianna Brodie**, **Elizabeth Sutherland**, **Izzy Bird**, **Luisa Horton-Meza** and **Claire Wieland**.

~ Trivoli – **Trinity Mcguire** and **Avery Mowen**.

~ Williamsfield – **Emily Little**.

~ Yates City – **Melody Martin**.

• **Emma Lister** of Edwards and **Alex Feller** of Hanna City were named to the University of Iowa

President's list (4.0 gpa) for the 2024 fall semester.

• Several local students made the University of Iowa Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2024 fall semester. Honorees are **Ethan Barnewolt** of Edwards, **Gabriella DiGiallonardo** of Edwards, **Louis DiGiallonardo** of Edwards, **Ryan DiGiallonardo** of Edwards, **Lauren Feller** of Hanna City, **Nicholas Feller** of Hanna City, **Isaiah Hill** of Brimfield, **Samuel Larson** of Brimfield, **Erica Riccioni** of Farmington, **Adeline Symonds** of Brimfield and **Gianna Vitale** of Edwards.

• **Bailey Grunow** of Brimfield was named to the University of Tennessee Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2024 fall semester.

• Several local students made the St. Ambrose University Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2024 fall semester. Honorees are **Alivia Criso** of Elmwood, **Oliva Kappes** of Brimfield, **Avery Rigg** of Dahinda, **Caitlyn Thole** of Princeville, **Kylee Vaughn** of Brimfield, **Isabella Vitale** of Edwards and **Chase Williams** of Princeville.

Farmington academic foundation seeks funds

FARMINGTON – The Farmington Central Academic Foundation is starting its annual donation drive. Founded in 1989, the foundation has awarded 1,609 scholarships worth \$1.77 million to graduating high school seniors and college and graduate students from Farmington High School.

Last year the foundation granted 85 scholarships: 38 awards worth \$72,000 to graduating seniors, including two \$10,000.00 awards funded by Patricia Polito Miller, and 47 awards worth \$151,000 to current college students, including six \$10,000 awards funded by Miller.

Learn more on Facebook. Donations can also be made through PayPal or mailed to P. O. Box 106, Farmington, IL 61531.

Applications for further education via college or the trades for the graduating class of 2025 are due Feb. 27. Scholarships will be awarded on May 1. Scholarship applications for college and graduate students will be available in March at local banks.

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OBITUARIES

Shirley J. Bigliuzzi
FARMINGTON – Shirley J. Bigliuzzi of Farmington, Ill., passed away on Feb. 10, 2025, at Graham Hospital in Canton, Ill., surrounded by her four children and her daughter-in-law. She was born Jan. 29, 1935, in rural Canton to Donald L. and Lois B. (Downing) Suydam. She first married Lyle Ross in 1953. Shirley then married Frank Bigliuzzi on Jan. 12, 1962. He preceded her in death on June 20, 2006.



Bigliuzzi

She is survived by her four children, Leigh Ann (the late Jerry) Smith of Farmington, Ronald (Linda) Ross of Daytona Beach, Fla., Shelley (Tom) Kelch of Washington, Ill., and Gino Bigliuzzi of Farmington; her grandchildren Jesse, Kelsey, Corey, TJ, Jessica, Chance and Brandy; and great-grandchildren Henry, Levi, Jude, Nolan and Ethan. Shirley is also survived by her sisters Donna (Larry) Wilson, Sharon Mondino and Diana (Danny) Fogg; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Shirley worked at many places over the years from Ben Franklin to CILCO's Farmington office to the Hiram Walker distillery to Kmart (in Arizona and Illinois). She was active in the American Legion Auxiliary, Women of the Moose, United Methodist Church and as an election judge for several years.

She loved her Chicago Cubs, going to spring training in Arizona for many years. If you are ever up to Wrigley Field, look for a sidewalk paver with her name. She also enjoyed penny slots and card club.

Most of all, Shirley's joy was spending time with her family and friends. She especially loved celebrating life. She was recently blessed with a milestone 90th birthday party with family and friends. Her smiles and laughs that day reflected a life well lived.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, at Anderson Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington. A memorial service will be held the same day at noon. A private family ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Farmington Rescue Squad 1100. To view Shirley's DVD or to make an online condolence, go to www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

Kenneth J. Wertz
BRIMFIELD – Kenneth James "Kenny" Wertz, 77, passed away peacefully on Feb. 5, 2025, in Peoria, Ill., surrounded by his loving family.

Kenny was born on June 7, 1947, in Pontiac, Ill., to Noah and Meta (Renken) Wertz. Throughout his life, he was known for his dedication to his family and the many cherished moments he shared with them.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judy Wertz; his son Kevin Wertz and his wife, Collette, of Brimfield; his grandchildren Jamie Garner of Brimfield, Matthew Garner and his partner, Brandon, of Goldsboro, N.C., Emily Garner of Denver, Haiden Wertz of Brimfield and Rylan Wertz of East Peoria; and his great-granddaughter Jennifer Garner of Brimfield.

He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Noah Wertz Jr. of North Carolina, Elizabeth Dyer of Wyanaet, Ill., John Wertz of East Peoria, Frieda Stroyeck of Chillicothe, Carol Delay of Chino Valley, Ariz., and Sarah Wertz of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; and his sister-in-law Sandy Wertz of Peoria.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter Jennifer Garner; his sister Helena Shallean; and two brothers, his twin Charles Wertz and Donald Wertz.

He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

In Ken's early years, he graduated Wyanaet High School and then joined and proudly served in the U.S. Navy.

He married the love of his life, Judy Pitts, on Dec. 5, 1970. He was a longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Peoria.

He was employed by General Telephone and later Verizon and retired after 30 years. He was affectionally known as Kenny "the phone man" in his local community.

His various hobbies included hunting, bowling, golfing and gardening. His greatest passion was his work with the Brimfield American Legion and the Brimfield Area Men's Club.

Kenny's memory will live on in the hearts of all of those who knew and loved him. A private service will be held for immediate family. A celebration of life will be held in June. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Brimfield American Legion Post 452 or the Brimfield Area Men's Club. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.



Wertz

William A. Lenz
DAHINDA – William A. "Bill" Lenz, 59 of Dahinda died on Feb. 5, 2025, at OSF Saint Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington. He was born on Sept. 3, 1965, in Galesburg, the son of William A. and Ruby (Lefler) Hall. He was later adopted and raised by Ruby and LeRoy Lenz.

He married Megan O'Brien in April 1984. They divorced and he later married Jean Marie Hilton on Feb. 27, 1989, in Scott County, Iowa.

Bill is survived by his wife, Jean Lenz of Dahinda; his mother, Ruby Lenz of Dunlap; his children, Matthew (Lauren) Lenz of Peoria, Joshua (Elizabeth) Lenz of Knoxville and Kelsey (Garett) Plue of Knoxville; six grandchildren; and two sisters.

Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Homes & Crematory in Knoxville.

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5 Years Ago

- Farmington cheerleaders placed second at the IHSA cheer-leading state finals.
- The Williamsfield School Board approved a \$1.68 million HVAC project.
- The Princeville Village Board adopted an ordinance to amend local zoning for adult-use recreational marijuana businesses after the Zoning Board approved the measure following a community meeting for public input.

- Farmington softball Coach Jeni Fauser was inducted into the ICA Hall of Fame with 443 wins, five regional titles and two Elite Eight appearances in her 22-year coaching career.

10 Years Ago

- The Elmwood City Council awarded to L&T Painting of Shelby Township, Mich., a \$257,000 contract to sandblast, paint and make necessary repairs to the west water tower.
- Ann Banks, an English teacher, resigned on Jan. 12 in a settlement approved by her, the Williamsfield Education Association labor union and the Board of Education in a split vote.
- The Elmwood poms team placed second at state with its "America" routine.

- Playing for third place in the IESA's 7-3A division, Farmington used an 18-9 run in the third quarter to take control en route to a 48-40 win over St. Joseph.

35 Years Ago

- Lisa Marie Eberle of Princeville was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Illinois Central College.

- Sean Lockard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lockard of Brimfield, was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

40 Years Ago

- Debbie Tucker of Princeville was awarded the Gold Medallion by the Peoria Advertising and Selling Club. She was the youngest recipient to receive the award since the inception of the club in 1972.

45 Years Ago

- Scott Layman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Layman of rural Elmwood, has been appointed second-chair trombonist with the Bloomington-Normal Symphony Orchestra.

55 Years Ago

- Sally Richards and Tom Endress were crowned queen and king of the FHA and FFA Sweet-heart Dance.

65 Years Ago

- Freezing drizzle and high

winds resulted in electrical failure in Farmington. Businesses closed, school let out, Midland Electric Coal Company suspended operations and Farmington came to a standstill.

- Nancy Miles and Tom Reinhart, seniors at Elmwood High School, were named recipients of the Good Citizen Award.

75 Years Ago

- William Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Armstrong of Elmwood, was a mid-year graduate of the University of Illinois, with a degree in liberal arts and sciences.

- Princeville and surrounding areas were hit by a sleet and ice storm causing power and telephone service to be out of order.

85 Years Ago

- Raymond Seltzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Seltzer, was elected treasurer of the agricultural club at the University of Illinois.

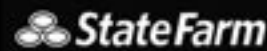
95 Years Ago

- The Crescent Card Club and the Farmington Board of Education purchased two pianos, one of which was placed in the Harris School and the other in the gym at the junior high school.

- Raymond Metz successfully passed his test for a limited commercial pilot license last week at Monmouth field.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Jeremiah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What's the finish to this Proverbs 14:23 verse: "In all labor there is ..."? Profit, Righteousness, Grace, Rewarding
3. At whose well did Jesus meet the Samaritan woman? Joshua's, Jonah's, Jacob's, Judas'
4. From Revelation 21, how

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many gates does the New Jerusalem have? 1, 4, 12, 16
5. Who was king during Zechariah's time of prophecy? David, Daniel, Darius, Saul
6. How long did Aaron's followers mourn him? 3 days, 13 days, 30 days, 3 months
ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Profit, 3) Jacob's, 4) Twelve, 5) Darius, 6) 30 days
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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
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Youth Sunday School: 10 a.m.

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

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

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
Pastor Cindy Bean
83 N. Cone Street Farmington
(309) 245-2914
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
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

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

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

LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: Case No. 2024-GR-0000194 SANTOS HENRIQUEZ, Manuel De Jesus A Minor.

PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MINOR AND MOTION FOR SPECIAL FINDINGS

Petitioner, Jesus Ramon Santos Ortiz states under penalties of perjury:

1. Manuel De Jesus Santos Henriquez (hereinafter "Manuel" or "Minor"), whose date of birth is July 10, 2006, and whose place of residence is 2020 W Howard St, Peoria, Illinois 61605 is a Minor for purposes of 755 ILCS 5/11-5.5(c)(1).

2. Manuel has no real estate, personal estate, or anticipated gross annual income or other receipts.

3. The person having physical custody of the Minor is the Petitioner Jesus Ramon Santos Ortiz who is known to the Minor as his biological father.

4. That the Minor has resided with Petitioner since the Minor was born. Petitioner took custody of the Minor and has been caring for him since

then. Petitioner seeks a court-ordered guardianship to continue advocating and caring for Minor as he heals from the psychological trauma, he experienced traveling to the United States.

5. The name and addresses of the adult relatives of the Minor entitled to notice of these proceedings are set forth in Exhibit A of this Petition.

6. The Minor's mother Maria Elizabeth Henriquez Henriquez has abandoned the Minor pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/11-5.5(a). Before leaving the home the mother has failed to provide meaningful financial and emotional support to the Minor and has failed to maintain a reasonable degree of concern for the welfare of the Minor.

7. The Petitioner is afraid for the safety of the Minor if he was forced to return to Honduras. Minor child is a single young male who is susceptible to violence because of his age. Moreover, he experienced a lot of violence and discrimination against him.

8. Manuel is in need of a guardian due to him being a minor pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/115.5(e)(1). He is dependent upon this Court to make the requisite findings that will provide him with the opportunity to obtain stability and relief from his mother's abandonment and neglect.

A guardianship order will allow Petitioner to continue to advocate for Manuel to receive counseling, educational services, and provide him with the stability to con-

tinue to heal from the effects of his mother's abandonment and neglect.

9. It would not be in the Minor's best interest to return to Honduras, since he fears he will be harmed, and tortured. The Minor's mother is unable to provide adequate protection to the Minor. Furthermore, the Minor would not have access to the medical care and education he is now receiving in the United States.

10. It is in the best interests of the Minor that the Petitioner to be appointed as guardian of his person. The Petitioner is willing to continue caring for the Minor, and to continue providing the Minor with support in his education, food to eat, and a sense of home.

11. The Minor is not involved in any other child custody proceedings pending before this or any other court or administrative body of Illinois or any other state.

12. Petitioner asks that this Court appoint him as the guardian of the person of the Minor and find that the Petitioner is qualified and willing to act in the capacity on the Minor's behalf.

13. Petitioner affirms and states that he has personal knowledge of the matters alleged in the Petition, except where information was obtained from other sources than the Petitioner.

14. Reasonable efforts were made to obtain all information relevant to the matters verified within.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner requests that this Honorable Court

enter an Order appointing the Petitioner as the Guardian of the person of the Minor, and making the following special findings:

A. That the Minor child is dependent on Petitioner, and it is in his best interests to be placed in the care of Petitioner to advocate for all of Minor's health, educational activities and all other activities befitting a minor.

B. That the Minor's reunification with his mother is not viable due to his abandonment and neglect pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/11-5.5(a), as described in more detail above;

C. That this Minor Child is dependent upon the Court to determine Minor's care pursuant to control of the Minor's health, education, and all other activities.

D. That it would not be in the Minor's best interest to return to Honduras, as doing so would place Manuel at imminent risk of serious harm;

E. That the Petitioner be appointed as the Guardian for the Minor child and have control over the Minor's health, education, and all other activities appropriate for Minor Child; and

F. Granting any other relief that this Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted, /s/ Jesus Ramon Santos Ortiz

Petitioner /s/ Isuf Kola

Attorney Law Offices of Kola & Associates, LTD

800 Roosevelt Rd, B120 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF AN ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS WITHDRAWAL OF NAME

On March 13, 2021, an addition of one name to the original certificate of ownership was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Peoria County for CNC FIREWORKS, 4935 N. Glen Elm Dr., Peoria Heights, IL 61616. The original certificate of ownership was filed April 14, 2016.

On January 30, 2025, the following person ceased doing business under the above assumed name and has no further connection with or financial interest in the business carried on under such assumed name: CRISTINA M. SLATER, 4935 N. Glen Elm Dr., Peoria Heights, IL 61616.

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T: 630-790-6100 F: 630-790-61004 Email: Isuf@kolalawgroup.com Attorney's Number: 6211018

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF PEORIA CERTIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by the law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

/s/ Jesus Ramon Santos Ortiz

Petitioner Law Offices of Kola & Associates, LTD

800 Roosevelt Rd, B120 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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Email: Isuf@kolalawgroup.com Attorney's Number: 6211018

EXHIBIT A

1. Jesus Ramon Santos Ortiz, residing in Peoria, Illinois, United States.

2. Maria Elizabeth Henriquez Henriquez, residing in Honduras. Published 2/6, 2/13, 2/20/25

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: Case No. 2024-GR-0000194 SANTOS HENRIQUEZ, Manuel De Jesus A Minor.

SWORN STATEMENT OF MY DILIGENT EFFORTS TO LOCATE RESPONDENT

1. Jesus Ramon Santos Ortiz, the Petitioner in the above entitled case, hereby affirm and attest under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct to the best of my ability:

1. That I understand that I have an obligation to notify the Respondent Maria Elizabeth Henriquez Henriquez that I have filed this case, and that I must notify her in the best possible way.

2. That I have tried extensively to locate the Respondent, but I do not know where she is, and I have no way of locating her.

3. That the last known address for the Respondent was in Honduras.

4. That I have not had any form of contact with the Respondent.

5. That the Respondent has not contacted me nor the child, Manuel De Jesus Santos Henriquez.

6. That the Respondent has not provided any support for her child.

7. That I have lost contact with any friends or family we had in common since that time.

8. That I conducted a Facebook and Google search for Maria Elizabeth Henriquez Henriquez.

9. That each Maria Elizabeth Henriquez Henriquez I found on Facebook and Google was not the Respondent and did not fit her profile.

10. That I believe the Respondent's present location is in Honduras but I have not been able to find an exact address for her.

11. That I have not spoken to her family nor have they reached out to me.

12. That I know nothing about her, and I have no way of locating her.

I hereby affirm that the above is true and correct to the best of my ability.

/s/ Jesus Ramon Santos Ortiz

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: SANTOS HENRIQUEZ, Manuel De Jesus A Minor.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Motion for service by publication has been granted and Petitioner is given leave to serve Respondent Maria Elizabeth Henriquez Henriquez via Publication.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is continued to February 11, at 10:45 am in room 423, for prove up and request for Spanish Interpreter is granted.

ENTERED: Dated: 12/20/2024

/s/ Vincent E. Cail Attorney No.: 6211018 Name: Isuf Kola Atty. for: Petitioner 800 Roosevelt Road, Ste. B120 Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137 Telephone: (630) 790-6100 Published 2/6, 2/13, 2/20/25

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

U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF

Vs. Stacy Lynn Spiller, et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2023-FC-0000280

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/26/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on March 12, 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 10 IN BLOCK 4 IN ORIGINAL TOWN OF HANNA CITY, AS LAID OUT ON THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF 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.)

PIN 16-11-154-006

Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

122 N Runkle St Hanna City, IL 61536

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 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)

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Advertisement for Ed Morse Chrysler, Jeep, Ram, Dodge featuring Presidents' Day Sales Event. Includes a grid of vehicle offers with MSRP, rebates, EMAG, and sale prices. Vehicles include 2024 Jeep Gladiator, 2024 Ram 3500 Crew Cab, 2024 Jeep Wrangler, 2024 Ram 1500, 2024 Ram 2500, 2025 Ram 1500, 2024 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2024 Ram 1500 Warlock, and 2024 Jeep Wagoneer. Includes contact info for Ed Morse Chrysler, Jeep, Ram, Dodge and a 'FREE DELIVERY!' offer with phone number 309-852-2188.

LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Elmwood CUSD 322 is inviting sealed bid proposals from interested and qualified parties for the Elementary School Gym Updates project located at 301 W Butternut St. Elmwood, IL 61529.

This project consists of Interior renovation of existing elementary school gymnasium including flooring, wall paint and acoustic wall panels.

Pre-Bid Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Pre-Bid Time: 3:30 PM

Pre-Bid Location: School District main office; 301 W Butternut St. Elmwood, IL 61529

Bid Date: Thursday, March 13, 2025

Bid Time: 2:00 PM

Bid Location: School District main office; 301 W Butternut St. Elmwood, IL 61529

Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 5% percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

Online procurement and contracting documents: documents will be available on Wednesday, February 18th, online through an electronic bid site managed by Farnsworth Group Inc. Obtain access by visiting www.f-w.com and clicking on the project bid list link at the bottom of the page or by contacting Farnsworth Group Inc. Online access will be provided to all registered bidders during the bidding process.

Successful bidders shall be required to observe the fair employment practices commission rules pertaining to equal employment opportunity and comply with the Illinois prevailing wage act, 820 il cs 130/1 et seq. and use wage determination as determined by the Illinois department of labor, conciliation, and mediation division. These wages will remain in effect until superseded by a new determination.

Correspondence and questions shall be directed to the office of the A/E; Farnsworth Group Inc., 100 Walnut Street., suite 200, Peoria, IL 61602; t: (309)689-9888; attention: Janelle Payne (jpayne@f-w.com) or Kayse Doering (kdoering@f-w.com). Published 2/13/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To Whom it May Concern:

You are hereby notified that on March 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Farmington in the Farmington City Hall, 322 E. Fort Street, Farmington, Illinois, for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony as to an ordinance authorizing the execution of an amendment to an annexation agreement to extend the time thereof regarding the previous annexation of a tract of property comprising approximately 101 acres of land and legally described in Exhibit A.

An accurate map of the subject property annexed to the City and the form of the proposed amendment to an annexation agreement will be on file with the City Clerk.

You are further notified that the proposed amendment of an annexation agreement may be changed, altered, modified, amended, or redrafted in its entirety after the public hearing.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By order of the Corporate Authorities of the City of Farmington, Peoria and Fulton Counties, Illinois.

EXHIBIT A

Owner: Linda A. Peterson-Elliott

Legal Description: A strip of land 300 feet wide (running east and west) by 430 feet long (running north and south) lying north of and adjacent to the North line of Parcel Number One described above and east of and adjacent to the West Line of said Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 8 North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Peoria County, Illinois.

PARCEL NO. ONE

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 8 North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Peoria County, Illinois, being further described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West Line of said Northwest Quarter and being S. 0°34'13" W. 1058.57 feet from the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter; thence S. 89°18'53" E. 2988.35 feet to the East line of said Northwest Quarter marked by an iron pin; thence S. 89°11'52" E. 1487.94 feet to the North R-O-W line of the C. and N.W. Railroad marked by an iron pin; thence N. 89°58'12" W. 3008.42 feet along said R-O-W line to said West line of said Northwest Quarter; thence N. 0°34'13" E. 1521.34 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 103.565 acres.

Property Address: S Lightfoot Road, Trivoli, Illinois 61569

PIN: Part of 15-07-100-018

/s/ Nancy Reed, City Clerk

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF

Vs. Erica Lopez; State of Illinois - Department of Revenue; Illinois Housing Development Authority; City of Peoria; United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; The Greater Peoria Sanitary and Sewage Disposal District; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Vincent Lopez; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Linn Perkins, as Special Representative for Vincent Lopez (deceased) DEFENDANTS

No. 2025-FC-0000002

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Erica Lopez Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Vincent Lopez Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

1618 N Missouri Ave Peoria, IL 61603 and which said Mortgage was made by:

Vincent Lopez the Mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2011026299 modified with 2022002007; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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

on or before March 10, 2025, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-24-07645

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. 13260182 Published 2/6, 2/13, 2/20/25

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

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

In Re ESTATE OF VIRGINIA E. HARPER

CC 2025-PR-0000032

Deceased.

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of VIRGINIA E. HARPER, on January 22, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to CARLA A. CHRISTENSEN, of 3007 Verbena Drive, Franklin, Tennessee 37064, and KIM R. EKENA, of 910 West Weaver Road, Forsyth, Illinois 62535, as Executors, 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 representatives or both on or before the 22nd day of August, 2025 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives 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 representatives 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.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

DATED this 3rd day of February, 2025.

CARLA A. CHRISTENSEN and KIM R. EKENA, Executors of the Estate of VIRGINIA E. HARPER, Deceased.

ROBERT L. POTTS, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executors 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368

Elmwood, IL 61529-0368

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court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaids.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

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. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 24-19843IL-1153132 13260432 Published 2/13, 2/20, 2/27/25

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

U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF

Vs. Garrett William Slevin Jr a/k/a Garrett William Slevin; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2023-FC-0000267

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/30/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on March 26, 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:

A PART OF LOT 31 IN GARDEN HOME ACRES, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE SOUTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 31 IN GARDEN HOME ACRES, AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 31, SAID LINE ALSO BEING THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF NORTH ILLINOIS AVENUE, A DISTANCE 64.32 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE 84.23 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE 25.88 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 70.15 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 31, THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF COX AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF LOT 31, SAID LINE ALSO BEING THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 109.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. PIN 14-27-152-044

Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3923 North Illinois Avenue Peoria Heights, IL 61616

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 Condo-

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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 14-23-07819.

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

Freedom Mortgage Corporation PLAINTIFF

Vs. Jenna Axley; United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS

No. 2024-FC-0000277

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

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Jenna Axley the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2021010236; and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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

on or before March 4, 2025, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-24-07486

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. 13259652 Published 1/30, 2/6, 2/13/25

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

HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, an Illinois state bank, Plaintiff,

v. QUENTIN P. MCCLERNON a/k/a QUENTIN MCCLERNON; NORMA D. MCCLERNON; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; CAVALRY SPV I, LLC; UNKNOWN

OWNERS" and "NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS," Defendants.

No. 2024FC0000053

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

124 East Orchard Place

Peoria, Illinois 61603

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 25, 2024 as modified by the Order Shortening Redemption Period and Granting Plaintiff Leave to Access and Secure Vacant Property entered on January 22, 2025, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois, will at 1:00 p.m. on March 5, 2025, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

TRACT 1:

THE WEST HALF OF LOT 4, AND, THE EAST 40 FEET OF LOT 5 IN ALBERT FULTON'S SUBDIVISION, SECTION TWO, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TRACT 2:

10 FEET OF EVEN WIDTH OFF THE ENTIRE WEST SIDE OF LOT 5 IN ALBERT FULTON'S SUBDIVISION, SECTION TWO, A SUBDIVISION IN RICHWOODS TOWNSHIP, IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TRACT 3:

15 FEET OF EVEN WIDTH OFF THE EAST SIDE OF LOT 6 IN ALBERT FULTON'S SUBDIVISION, SECTION TWO, BEING PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 124 East Orchard Place Peoria, Illinois 61603

Permanent Index No: 14-28-451-003

The real estate is improved a single-family residence.

The judgment amount was \$97,828.22.

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

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, Joy Pinta, JACOBS & PINTA, 77 West Washington Street, Suite 1005, Chicago, Illinois 60602 (telephone: [312] 263-1005).

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 minium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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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: Cordilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-07616. 13260469

BOYS: Princes top Peoria Christian in 20Ts

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points. Elmwood was to play Feb. 5 at Stark County, but that game was moved to Feb. 20 because of bad weather. Elmwood returns home Friday against North Fulton.

• **Princeville** – Tucker Sennett had 26 points, Jake Williams 24 as Princeville beat Peoria Christian 77-69 in double overtime Feb. 8.

The Princes (20-7) trailed 33-26 at halftime. But Williams hit a 3-pointer to force the first overtime, which began with both teams tied at 53. Gavin Walder made a 3 from behind the spike line for Peoria Christian to send the game to the second OT.

Sennett had 10 points in the OTs, including 7-for-8 on free throws. Williams had nine points, all on 3-pointers. According to Princeville Coach Tait Sennett, Jack Lied's defense helped hold Peoria Christian's season-leading scorer, Malachi Persinger, to 14 points. Logan Olshawsky scored 10 for Princeville.

The previous night, Olshawsky also had 10 points and Williams had 18 as Princeville beat Kewanee Wethersfield 69-37. Princeville trailed 18-16 after eight minutes but held Wethersfield to only three points the rest of the half.

The victory made Princeville 6-3 in the Lincoln Trail Conference. It also ended a four-game losing streak Annawan extended Feb. 4, when it beat Princeville 56-43. Tucker Sennett had a team-high 18 points.

"We are finally starting to get healthy," Tait Sennett stated. "Three or four players had sprained ankles during that losing streak. We are playing with more energy and effort, also. It's exciting to see."

Princeville was scheduled to play Tuesday at Stark County. A game that was set for Wednesday at West Central was moved to tonight (Feb. 13) because of a snowy forecast, according to Princeville Athletics Director Jeff Kratzer. That game first was postponed Jan. 21.

The Princes also are host to the Lincoln Trail tournament, which begins Saturday, continues Feb. 17 and ends Feb. 19. The schedule is to be released Friday.

• **Brimfield** – Last week ended with consecutive victories for Brimfield, 43-40 on Feb. 8 at Roanoke-Benson and 55-33 the previous night against Delavan.

Against R-B, Brimfield (18-8) led 21-15 at halftime and by 10 in the fourth quarter but by only one with 1:10 to go. Brady Johnson had 12 points, one more than teammate Connor Doe, whose layup at :38 provided breathing room. R-B turned over the ball with three seconds left. "It was a good, grind-it-out win," Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson said.

Brimfield scored the first 11 of the second half against Delavan to expand a one-point lead. Doe and Johnson evenly split 30 points, and teammate Cleveland Bizoosky scored 13. The Indians improved to 4-1 in the Inter-County conference.

Doe had 30 points Feb. 4 against Aledo Mercer County, but Brimfield lost 55-49. Brimfield allowed only 17 first-half points but 38 in the second. The Indians also turned over the ball six times in the half. Johnson had 10 points overall.

Following its game Tuesday against Elmwood, Brimfield travels Friday to Peoria Heights.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – A come-

back effort Feb. 7 came up just short for the Cougars, who lost an LTC game 49-46 to Monmouth United. R-W (7-19, 3-6) trailed 38-29 after three periods, but Jaxson Strom made two 3-pointers and Jeremiah Johnson and Dawson Traphagan scored five each in the fourth.

Traphagan finished with a game-high 20 points. Strom scored 16. Traphagan had 21 points Feb. 4 in a 54-50 victory over West Central. R-W led by a point after three quarters and survived 9-for-19 free-throw shooting in the fourth. Landon Hannam scored 12 for the Cougars.

R-W was to play Tuesday at Oneida against Ridgewood and Wednesday at Midland, although the latter date was in jeopardy because of predicted bad weather, according to Billtown Athletics Director Jeff Hannam. The Cougars begin LTC tournament play Saturday at Princeville.

• **Farmington** – Boston Smith continued his torrid scoring pace when he had 20 points to lead Farmington (9-16) to a 59-41 victory Feb. 7 at Manito Midwest Central. Landon Crawford scored 18, including eight in the second half to help the Farmers expand a six-point lead.

Smith had 25 points Feb. 4, but Farmington lost to Orion, 72-55. A 25-point third quarter separated Orion from Farmington, which had 11 points from Crawford.

Illini Bluffs was to play Tuesday night at Farmington, which travels Friday to Peoria Christian.

• **State tournament** – Sub-sectional seedings are to be posted about 4 p.m. today on the Illinois High School Association website, ihsa.org. Pairings are to be posted about the same time on Friday.

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the highest mountain in Canada?
- TELEVISION:** Who is the host of the long-running reality series "Survivor"?
- LITERATURE:** Which animals represent the Communist Party in "Animal Farm"?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state is the birthplace of the singer Elvis?
- ASTRONOMY:** How long does it take the moon to orbit the Earth?
- MOVIES:** What is the score Elle receives on her law school admission test in "Legally Blonde"?
- AD SLOGANS:** Which product's slogan is "Is It In You"??
- LANGUAGE:** What is an eraser called in the United Kingdom?
- SCIENCE:** What are the four primary precious metals?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Valentine's Day arose from which Roman ritual?

Answers
 1. Mount Logan.
 2. Jeff Probst.
 3. Pigs.
 4. Mississippi.
 5. 27.3 days.
 6. 179.
 7. Gatorade.
 8. A rubber.
 9. Gold, silver, platinum and palladium.
 10. Lupercalia.
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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Dog Man (PG)
- Companion (R)
- Mufasa: The Lion King (PG)
- One of Them Days (R)
- Flight Risk (R)
- Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (PG)
- Moana 2 (PG)
- A Complete Unknown (R)
- The Brutalist (R)
- Den of Thieves: Pantera (R)

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GIRLS: Princes win 3 of 4 heading to regional

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West Central at No. 5
Brimfield at 1 p.m.

A win for No. 6 seeded
Princeville would put them
in a Monday game vs. A-
Town at 6:30 p.m.

The Brimfield-West Cen-
tral winner meets No. 4
seed Elmwood on Tuesday
at Abingdon at 6:30 p.m.

• **Elmwood** – The Lady
Trojans (18-12) closed
strong, winning six of their
last seven to nab the high-
est seed of any local team.

“We started 4-0 and
we’ve circled back and
come back together,” Elm-
wood Coach Kevin Faulkner
said. “We’re peaking at
the right time.”

Faulkner noted his team
is 15-6 vs. Class 1A teams
but has benefited by play-
ing several larger schools.

“The girls have bought
into the idea of making
your teammate look good,”
he said. “They understand
their roles now.”

Seeded fourth in its
strong subsectional, Elm-
wood closed the regular
season Monday with a 48-
28 win at Midwest Central.
The Lady Trojans jumped
to an 11-1 lead after one
quarter and never looked
back. Eleven players
scored for Elmwood, led
by nine points from
Brooke Allen and eight
apiece from Chloe Howert-
on and Andrea Glenn, the
team leader at 14 ppg.

Elmwood also won at
Lewistown on Feb. 6, 56-
27, again riding a strong
start (19-4 lead after one
quarter) to an easy victory.
Allen (13 ppg average)

scored 24 points, Glenn
added 13 and Howerton
tallied 11.

• **Brimfield** – The Lady
Indians (18-10) dropped a
third straight on Monday at
Midland, 52-40, to end the
regular season. Ava Heinz
scored 23 points and had
nine rebounds and five
blocks for Brimfield,
which also got seven
points from Maddie Rust.

“We were just a little
sloppy with the ball and a
step slow,” Brimfield
Coach Josh McKown said.
“We need to get healthy
and have a few good days
of practice and see if we
can make some noise.”

McKown was happier
with Brimfield’s Feb. 6
home loss to Illini Bluffs, a
53-38 decision he said was
much closer than the score.

“We were down four at
halftime and just 6-7 points
after three,” he said. “We
played them tough.”

Heinz had 19 points,
seven rebounds and seven
blocks vs. IB and Rust
scored 11.

• **Princeville** – The Lady
Princes (17-13) lost to
Ridgewood Monday in the
Lincoln Trail Conference
tournament, 43-39, after
winning three in a row.

“They put a box-and-one
on Sahara (Streitmatter)
and we did not react well,”
Gross said. “We couldn’t
hit a thing. We were 2-for-
8 from the foul line.”

Paisley Schock led
Princeville with 11 points
and Reagan Calder had 10.

Prior to that, Princeville
won at home on Feb. 6
against Lowpoint-Wash-

burn, 56-11. Streitmatter
scored 20 points, Schock
tallied 15 and Princeville
outscored the visitors 20-0
in the second quarter.

The Lady Princes posted
back-to-back wins over
Stark County on Feb. 7
(59-30) and Feb. 8 (52-14).
In the first win, Schock
shot 10-for-15 from the
field for 24 points, Streit-
matter scored 18 and Ad-
dison Buckley tallied eight.
In the second game,
Schock scored 14, Streit-
matter 13 and Buckley 10.

Princeville is at Chill-
icothe IVC today before
hosting an 11 a.m. regional
game vs. Stark County on
Saturday, Feb. 15.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** –
The Lady Cougars (7-20)
lost to Bureau Valley on
Monday 50-41 in their
LTC tourney finale. R-W
beat West Central in an
LTC tourney opener on
Feb. 8, 56-26.

“We played well against
West Central. Against BV
we had a great first half,”
R-W Coach Jeff Hannam
said. “They just came out
and blitzed us in the third
quarter.”

R-W fell to Ridgewood
Feb. 6, 53-43 in overtime.

Seeded 11th in its Class
1A subsectional, R-W
opens regional play Satur-
day in Williamsfield at 1
p.m. vs. Annawan. Semif-
inals are Monday, Feb. 17.

• **Farmington** – The Lady
Farmers (6-23) lost to
Lewistown Monday, 45-
30, and were to close the
regular season Wednesday
at home vs. Illini Bluffs.

“Last night was our first

game where we had every-
body back and we played a
lot better,” said Farmington
Coach Donovan Benson,
whose team has been
shorthanded.

Molly Zaborac led the
Farmers with eight points
vs. Lewistown.

Farmington lost to Rock-
ridge on Feb. 7, 52-20.

Farmington is seeded
12th in its Class 2A sub-
sectional and plays at No.
5 Canton (16-14) on Satur-
day, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m.

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ALL-SPORTS ROUNDUP

Farmington wrestlers advance

PEORIA – Four Farm-
ington wrestlers have ad-
vanced to the IHSA Class
1A sectional this Friday
and Saturday in Clinton.

Farmington placed fifth
as a team last Saturday at
the Peoria Notre Dame Re-
gional. Place winners were
freshman Chase Frye, who
took first in the 138-pound
division; junior Bradlee
Ellis, first in the 144-pound
class; freshman Jayden
Schmider (19-23), who
was third at 106; and soph-
omore Parker Zerfass (24-
21), who was third at 113.

A two-time state qual-
ifier, Ellis (39-3) won his
first two matches in the re-
gional by falls and claimed
the title at 144 in a 19-8
major decision.

Ellis is rated sixth in
Class 1A for his weight
class, according to Illinois
Matmen, and faces a pos-
sible title clash at Clinton
with No. 1 Kaden Inman
of Tolono Unity or No. 7
Mike Minor of Petersburg
PORTA.

Frye (37-11) won by a
fall, then a disqualification

and in the title match at
138 by an 11-10 decision.

• **Cheerleading** – After
placing third to winner
Pontiac and runner-up
Lexington at an IHSA sec-
tional on its home floor on
Feb. 1, Farmington placed
25th among small teams at
the state finals in Bloom-
ington’s Grossinger Mo-

tors Arena on Feb. 8. Co-
lumbia was the winner.

• **IDTA Finals** – The Elm-
wood pom pon team will
compete at the IDTA State
Finals on Saturday, Feb.
15, at the Bank of Spring-
field Center. Pom com-
petes at 11:03 a.m. and
open pom competes at
3:08 p.m.

Brimfield Spelling Bee

Brimfield Grade School's annual School Spelling Bee took place on January 24th. After just over an hour, 7th grader Whit Kuhn emerged as champion, spelling the championship word, gondolas, correctly. The BGS runner up is 6th grader Sammy Eads. Whit will go on to complete a 50-item Spelling and Word Meaning test in the hopes of qualifying for the 2025 SNSB Regional Bee for Illinois and surrounding states. Congratulations to both boys, and best of luck to Whit!

Answers on Page 10
Super Crossword
TYKES IN THE SADDLE

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Milk-Bone products</p> <p>10 Legend-ary masked swordsman</p> <p>15 'Getting out of it is not possible for me'</p> <p>20 Stat for a baseball pitcher</p> <p>21 Mountain nymph of Greek myth</p> <p>22 Can't get out of it</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>25 Santa's little helpers</p> <p>26 "Delicious!"</p> <p>27 Insect snares</p> <p>28 Told fibs</p> <p>29 Attempts to hit, as a fly</p> <p>31 Hair fixative</p> <p>32 Ryder Cup org.</p> <p>33 Manipulator</p> <p>34 Prefix with angle</p> <p>35 Felt concern</p> <p>38 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>43 Supreme Norse deity</p> <p>44 California vineyard valley</p>	<p>45 Joust verbally</p> <p>46 Words before "dream" or "be different"</p> <p>47 Jazz pianist Allison</p> <p>48 Loft</p> <p>50 In a very uncoral way</p> <p>52 City in Iowa</p> <p>53 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>57 Not docile</p> <p>58 Serpentine fish</p> <p>59 Above, in poetry</p> <p>60 Gabrielle of volleyball</p> <p>64 Vietnamese New Year</p> <p>65 Grad's gala</p> <p>68 Flop</p> <p>70 Indian royal</p> <p>72 Camera — (Cannes award)</p> <p>73 Wear down</p> <p>75 Actor DeLuise</p> <p>77 Space</p> <p>79 Big city in Ontario</p> <p>81 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>86 Utah winter vacation spot</p> <p>89 From Tehran or Tabriz</p> <p>90 Ladle, e.g.</p> <p>91 Concerning</p> <p>92 Iris coverer</p>	<p>94 With 108-Down, "Piece of cake!"</p> <p>96 Memorable periods</p> <p>97 Squint</p> <p>98 End of the riddle</p> <p>101 Cottage cheese bits</p> <p>102 Hit the slopes</p> <p>103 Alternatives to coffees</p> <p>104 Part of LAPD</p> <p>105 Peep catcher</p> <p>106 Like fishes without appendages</p> <p>108 Casino fixture</p> <p>110 Holer-than-—</p> <p>112 Rock's Reed</p> <p>115 Make irate</p> <p>116 Riddle's answer</p> <p>120 Crouch down</p> <p>121 Fill with panic</p> <p>122 Vacant elected positions</p> <p>123 1,000-kilo metric unit</p> <p>124 Conical tent</p> <p>125 Analyzed to detect the presence of</p>	<p>3 Protein unit</p> <p>4 Blasting stuff</p> <p>5 Kept in check</p> <p>6 1950s Ford</p> <p>7 'I smell —!'</p> <p>8 Yanks</p> <p>9 — cone</p> <p>10 Astrological diagrams</p> <p>11 Writer Sarah — Jewett</p> <p>12 Scan or skim</p> <p>13 Aries animal</p> <p>14 Ukraine port</p> <p>15 "Tell me about it!"</p> <p>16 Ale grain without</p> <p>17 Generalized rivalry situation</p> <p>18 Zinc — (cosmetics ingredient)</p> <p>19 Brand of tortilla chips</p> <p>24 Gymnast Korbut</p> <p>30 Competitor of McDonald's and Burger King</p> <p>31 Big Swiss city</p> <p>32 Exot</p> <p>33 Toward a stream's source</p> <p>35 Calculate</p> <p>36 Ornament hanger, e.g.</p> <p>37 Italian rice dish</p>	<p>38 Lot in life</p> <p>39 Makes the decision</p> <p>40 Sheriff Andy Taylor's boy</p> <p>41 PC shortcut code</p> <p>42 Barter</p> <p>44 Consumer advocate</p> <p>49 Signaled, as an actor</p> <p>51 Pre-euro</p> <p>52 Italian money</p> <p>54 Bank of China Tower architect</p> <p>55 Power connectors</p> <p>56 One of the Muses</p> <p>61 He played "Santa in 'Elf'"</p> <p>62 Recoiled</p> <p>63 Backboard clearers</p> <p>66 Baltic Sea feeder</p> <p>67 Tile designs</p> <p>69 Blocks up</p> <p>71 — Hopkins University</p> <p>74 Clog-clearing brand</p> <p>76 Year division</p> <p>78 Writing assignments</p> <p>80 Cause to stumble</p>	<p>82 Keaton and Sawyer</p> <p>83 Not yet final, in law</p> <p>84 Folk stories</p> <p>85 Bank offering</p> <p>86 Gets on it right away</p> <p>87 Investigate</p> <p>88 Checking the fit of</p> <p>93 One of the Muses</p> <p>95 1984 comedy starring Steve Martin and Lily Tomlin</p> <p>99 React to with a quick breath</p> <p>100 Inflict upon</p> <p>101 Meal division</p> <p>105 Tally up</p> <p>107 Boxer Spinks</p> <p>108 See 94-Across</p> <p>109 Apollo's instrument</p> <p>110 Variety feeder</p> <p>111 Gardening tools</p> <p>112 Bread unit</p> <p>113 Film director Preminger</p> <p>114 Khrushchev's fed.</p> <p>117 Conda cheer</p> <p>118 Decay</p> <p>119 Actor Danson</p>
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Windish nearing 1,000

Elmwood senior shooting better, scoring more

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

Despite managing only one point in the third quarter of a boys basketball game against Lewistown, Elmwood still managed to win.

Oliver Thornton's basket in the final minute put Elmwood ahead to stay in its 41-38 Prairieland Conference North Division victory Feb. 7.

Elmwood senior Bo Windish finished with a game-high 21 points. He was 6-for-6 on fourth-quarter free throws, including 4-for-4 after Thornton's go-ahead basket.

Headed into a game Tuesday at Brimfield, Windish needed 11 points to reach 1,000 for his career, according to Elmwood Coach Josh Fugitt. Windish probably would be past that mark already if not for a compound leg fracture that caused him to miss part of his freshman season.

Before Tuesday, Windish was aver-

aging 15 points a game this season, a career high.

"I get a lot of comments from coaches feeling like he's been here five or six years," Fugitt said. "It's just really a testament to him and the type of athlete he is that he was able to step in right away and play for us.

"He's definitely been shooting the ball better and better as the season's gone on. We're looking for a strong finish for his high school career here."

Thornton's hoop represented perhaps only the second lead for the Trojans (13-11, 1-1), who trailed by 10 in the third quarter. Defensive pressure in the fourth helped them recover, as did more consistent field shooting, according to Fugitt.

"For all of the open shots that they missed in the third quarter, they didn't let it sway their confidence," he said. "I just felt like as long as we



Elmwood senior Bo Windish is averaging 15 points per game this year and needs 11 more points to top 1,000 for his career.

A-Town ahead

3 local teams in regional with top foe

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

As the girls basketball postseason nears, Brimfield, Elmwood and Princeville all face the unenviable prospect of possibly facing second-ranked Abingdon-Avon.

Those three area teams are assigned to a very strong Class 1A Abingdon Regional along with host A-Town (25-4). A surprise sectional finalist last year before losing to eventual runner-up Illini Bluffs, A-Town has followed through with a strong year.

A-Town is driven by speedy sophomore point guard Kennedy Quinn, a second-team all-stater last year, and senior Hailey

Redding is a good outside shooter and strong rebounder. The team's only losses this year have been to 2A or 3A schools.

"I would put them right up there with the Annawan teams when I first started coaching at Princeville," Coach John Gross said.

That's high praise, since Annawan won a state title in 2016-17, which was Gross' first year.

"They're not a total team like Lewistown," Gross said. "But they've got three key pieces and role players who know what they have to do."

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