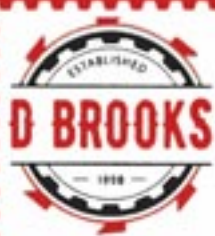




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Six seeking three spots on Farmington School Board

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – A crowded field of six is vying for three four-year positions on the Farmington CUSD 265 School Board.

Based on responses from some who attended a March 12 Meet the Candidates forum, choosing among the six may not be an easy choice when the April 1 election arrives.

Kent Kowal, moderator of the candidate forum attended by a crowd of about 45, said afterward he was so impressed with the

candidates it will be difficult to decide how to cast his votes.

The field includes three incumbents – Dustin Blunier, Keith Deppermann and Daniel Gorsuch – and three newcomers, Chris Darsham, Ann Riccioni and Allison Smith.

Blunier, 44, is a field agronomy manager for Heliae Development and was appointed to the board seven months prior to his election in April 2021. He and his wife, Julie, moved into the district 11 years ago with their three children who attend Farmington

Salem Township

Incumbent Chris Bewley and Ken Vallas are both running for the Salem Township supervisor position. **Page 7**

schools.

Darsham, 41, is chief of police in Farmington and has lived in the district for 17 years. He and his wife, Mandy, have four children, two who have graduated and two who are still in Farmington schools.

Deppermann, 41, is a firefighter

and EMT for the City of Canton and has lived in the Farmington district his entire life. He and his wife, Marte, have two children in Farmington schools.

Gorsuch, 46, is owner/operator of Gorsuch Appliance Sales and Service and has lived in the Farmington district for 17 years. He and his wife Leslie, a Farmington native, have one child still in the Farmington schools and two Farmington graduates.

Riccioni, 57, taught in the Farmington district for 29 years before retiring in 2023. She now

teaches at Christ Lutheran School in Peoria. She and husband Rick live in Farmington and are parents to three Farmington High School graduates.

Smith, 31, is a Farmington native and Farmington graduate who met her husband, Alex, in the district. She taught music at Farmington from 2020-23 but now stays home to care for three children under the age of 5.

Here are the six candidates' answers (edited for space) to several questions.

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INDIANS ENDANGERED?

Legislators considering mascot bill

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield Indians are being threatened again.

A bill making its way through the Illinois House of Representatives would prohibit school districts from using Native American mascots for their sports teams. That includes Brimfield, where the Indians nickname has been in place for at least 100 years.

Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones said his district is preparing for a ban but prefers the status quo.

“We try to be proactive in the fact that we’re proud of our mascot, but if it’s something the lawmakers in Springfield



An Illinois House bill being considered this year would make this scene at Brimfield’s high school baseball diamond a thing of the past. House Bill 1237 would prohibit Illinois school districts from using Native American mascots for their sports teams. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

take from us, we’ll make accommodations for it,” Jones said Monday. “But I think most people in Brimfield will tell you we enjoy being the Indians.”

In an online message to the Brimfield community, Jones encouraged those who enjoy the nickname – and those who

want to change it – to notify state legislators.

Jones’ message was posted Monday on the district website and Facebook page. It included a link to a state form that registered opinions regarding the bill, HB 1237, in advance of a House Education Policy Com-

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Super renewed

Princeville gives Shinall new 4-year contract

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Tony Shinall is in line to remain Princeville School District superintendent until at least the late spring of 2029.

The Princeville School Board voted March 11 to extend Shinall’s contract by three years. It was set to elapse in June 2026. “The last two school years have flown by, yet it is remarkable to see the growth and improvements we have continued to make in teaching and learning, as well as in school safety,” stated Shinall, who began work in Princeville in July 2023.

Shinall cited new mathematics and English-Language Arts curricula, among other things. He and the board also are working on a strategic plan for the next three to five years. The district has received academic recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education and U.S.

News and World Report.

“This does not happen without the support of the community,” Shinall stated. “We are all working toward the common goal of providing an education that is powerful and purposeful.”

According to the new four-year contract, which takes effect July 1, Shinall’s base salary for the 2025-26 academic year is to be \$147,141.36. Annual raises are to be based percentage-wise on what Princeville teachers-union members receive. Shinall’s first-year base salary was \$135,000.

Shinall also is to receive a \$5,000 one-time pay boost the year he completes doctoral studies, which he is undertaking

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PRINCEVILLE: Security film for windows

Continued from Page 1 through Aurora University. Shinall isn't sure when he'll be finished. The contract can be extended for up to five years by mutual agreement.

In Princeville, Shinall replaced Shannon Duling, who was superintendent for 12 years before he and the board were unable to agree on a contract extension. Duling now leads the Petersburg-based PORTA district.

Before he came to

Princeville, the 45-year-old Shinall spent three years as superintendent at Brimfield. Before that, he was principal at Brimfield High School and an assistant principal and teacher at Richwoods High School in Peoria.

Shinall's contract extension was among eight personnel moves board members approved following closed session.

The board authorized hiring William Casey as a junior-senior-high part-

time custodian, Lee Taylor as junior-high assistant track coach, Stephanie Younglove as a paraprofessional and Anne Bosch, Jada Crose and Hilary Mellick as summer tutors. Also authorized was the dismissal of translator Yolanda Rodriguez.

During open session, the board approved a \$9,215 agreement with National Glazing Solutions of Chicago to provide security film for lowest-level windows at the junior high school and for windows in the athletics-department weightroom.

Last month, board members OK'd a deal with the same company to provide security film for exterior doors on all district buildings, among other places. The film is designed to impede anybody who attempts to enter a building forcibly and/or

without consent.

According to Shinall, windows more than 6 feet above the ground probably are too high to necessitate security film. In theory, those windows would be too high for a potential intruder to smash.


"If we're going to do the entrances and everything, we're going to need to do that first row, because that is a lot of windows," Board President Darwin Stahl said.

Like the window work approved in February, a state grant is to cover half the expense.

The board also approved the district calendar for the 2025-26 academic year. The first day of classes is to be Aug. 13 and the last day is to be May 22, although snow days might alter that.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Hot Picks

- **Fish Fries** – Kickapoo Sportsman’s Club fish fry is Friday, March 21, 4:30-7 p.m. Other dates April 4, 18. – Brimfield Area Men’s Club has a fish fry March 28 and April 11, 5-7 p.m. at Brimfield American Legion. \$13 shrimp, \$15 catfish, \$4 kids hot dogs, fries. – St. Mary of the Woods fish fry Friday, March 21, 5-7 p.m. at Soseman Parish Hall in Princeville. \$14 shrimp, \$16 catfish.
- **Early Voting** – Early voting in Peoria County is Friday, March 21, at Elmwood United Methodist Church and Monday, March 24, at Kickapoo Township Hall.

This Week’s Events

- **Harvest Home** – Harvest Home fundraiser dinner is today, March 20, at the Yates City Community Center, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, roll, dessert and drink. \$13.
- **Ladies’ Night** – Women are invited to bring their projects to Ladies’ Night Out today, March 20, at Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood.
- **Floating Gardens** – Illinois State University Professor Eric W. Peterson will discuss an assessment of floating gardens to improve water quality of the Chicago River on Monday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library. No registration required for the free program.
- **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

- **Bingo** – Salem Township Library in Yates City has bingo the second and

fourth Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. – Williamsfield American Legion Post 0371 has bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m.

- **MANNA Meal** – A MANNA Meal is held the last Thursday of each month, including March 27, at Elmwood United Methodist Church. \$8. Doors open 11 a.m., food served at noon. Bingo after meal for two free meals.
- **Spring Suite** – Elmwood High School’s Spring Suite is March 27 at 6:30 p.m. \$4 adults, \$2 students, seniors 62 and over free. Refreshments at intermission for free-will donation.
- **Meals on Wheels** – Meals on Wheels are delivered in Elmwood and Yates City on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call (309) 772-9284.
- **Lebanese Food** – St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church’s Lebanese Food Festival is 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 6 at the parish hall, 2920 W. Scenic Drive in Peoria. Meals are \$18 for adults, \$12 for children. Dine in or carry out. Bake sale, cash raffle and 50-50 drawings all day. Call (309) 688-0398 or visit stsharbelchurch.org.

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Hollywood paid a visit to Elmwood's Palace Theatre last Saturday and the result was interesting, to say the least.

No question if Elmwood had paid for a movie to be filmed in town, it would not have included cursing, a sex scene, nudity and a grisly murder.

But the city did not pay to be the setting for director **David Ferino's** first full-length narrative feature "Wardcliffe," which packed a lot into its 75-minute run time.



Jeff LAMPE

And while Saturday's showing no doubt ruffled some feathers in the crowd of 177 that showed up for the local premiere, I enjoyed the experience. Cursing doesn't bother me much, as priests can confirm from my confessions. Neither does nudity - especially when I see an R rating ahead of time.

What struck me more about "Wardcliffe" was how much it looked like a real movie. This was a polished, professional presentation. The acting

was very good, better than much of the ham-handed awkwardness you often see on streaming these days. Hey, even Elmwood Police Chief **Aaron Bean** knocked out his lines in one take.

Best of all was seeing the scenes of Elmwood on the big screen: homes, trees, the school, Elmwood Township Cemetery and even people, though many were wearing masks.

Worst of all was seeing those masks and flashing back to bitter memories of COVID, a time most would rather forget. To me, that's part of the message of "Wardcliffe," the first pandemic film I've seen.

For those who missed the showing, you will likely have another chance.

For starters, The Palace Theatre may show the film again if scheduling works out.

If not, "Wardcliffe" producer **Roger Mayer** - who enjoyed being called a colorful Hollywood lifer in this paper and lived up to the moniker during his impromptu standup act in town - said he is close to signing a streaming agreement with Anchor Bay.

That's because Mayer and Peorianative Ferino are combining on another film this year, a fifth installment of the "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" franchise. Apparently Anchor Bay is really excited about that big-budget movie and was interested in streaming both films.

For those of you who aren't aware, the last Killer Tomatoes movie was the 1992 direct-to-video release "Killer Tomatoes Eat France!" Unfortunately, Mayer squashed any hopes this latest version will be filmed locally.

But during a Q-and-A after "Wardcliffe," both the producer and director praised Elmwood for its hospitality - all of which stemmed from finding a house that had a certain feel (and was built by Elmwood resident **Dick Schrimp**).

"We found the house and it was perfect," Ferino recalled. "Roger said, 'I think everything here is perfect.' And he was right."

Ferino also said filming his first narrative so close to his hometown of Peoria was "incredibly meaningful."

Added Mayer, "Thank you to Elmwood and its wonderful people."

Then, to prove they readily did enjoy their time here, the two of them walked to the Middle Tap, where they spent the rest of the day.

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There is no truth to the rumor that Brimfield is changing its mascot from Indians to White People. ... Parting shot: Stop burning your prairies and ditches when the winds are high and the weather folks are calling for a red-flag day.

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Police reports

• **TRIVOLI** – A Hanna City woman was accused of drunken driving following a two-vehicle crash west of Trivoli.

Jenni M. Nagel, 44, was driving a northbound 2006 Chevrolet Astro about 11:15 p.m. Feb. 28 on Stone School Road when the vehicle did not stop at an intersection with Illinois Route 116, per a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The front passenger-side bumper of the Astro struck the rear of an eastbound 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt driven by Jeremy S. Kling of Farmington. The Astro continued through the intersection, left the pavement, rolled multiple times and stopped in a ditch about 150 feet north of Route 116.

Kling's vehicle spun across Route 116 and stopped on the westbound shoulder, facing west. Kling and two passengers were transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria with unspecified injuries. So were Nagel, who was bleeding from her face, and her passenger.

Nagel was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol and for disregarding a traffic-control device. The Astro sustained extensive damage and was towed, as was the Cobalt.

• **OAK HILL** – A fire on a property west of Oak Hill destroyed a barn and its contents, all worth about \$22,000. A passerby noticed the barn at 19001 W. Illinois Route 8 ablaze about 2:15 p.m. March 4 and notified one of the residents, who wasn't home at the time. Another resident was home but taking a nap and unaware of the fire, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Inside the barn were a pontoon boat and lumber. No injuries were reported, and the cause was not deemed suspicious. Akron-Princeville, Brimfield, Elmwood and Logan-Trivoli firefighters responded, as did BYE Ambulance.

• **FARMINGTON** – A traffic stop resulted in a Farmington woman being arrested for multiple crimes, including illegal possession of cannabis.

Tamara K. Pinkerton, 61, was driving a 2009 Chevrolet Impala when a Farmington police officer pulled it over about 4 p.m. Feb. 27 on Pearl Street near West Street. The vehicle's license plates were suspended and expired, according to a police report.

Further investigation revealed Pinkerton was wanted in Fulton County for failure to appear in court on a suspended-registration charge.

Including the cannabis charge, Pinkerton was accused of possession of drug paraphernalia, operating an un-

insured vehicle and operating a vehicle with suspended registration. She was transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – A tandem-axle vehicle trailer was reported stolen from a Williamsfield-area property.

The owner of the property in the 2300 block of Illinois Route 180, a Peoria Heights man, notified the Knox County Sheriff's Office about 3:15 p.m. Feb. 27. The 16-foot 1987 Samson trailer had wooden side rails three boards high.

According to a sheriff's-office report, the owner last saw the trailer on the property about two weeks earlier.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A delivery truck damaged a Peoria County Highway Department salt shed south of Princeville.

The incident at 15017 N. Evans Mill Rd. was reported at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 26. The facility supervisor said the bed of the truck struck the shed ceiling while unloading salt, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The supervisor said he would handle the situation.

• **KICKAPOO** – About \$3,000 in tools, batteries and other items were reported stolen from storage units south of Kickapoo.

The apparent burglary was reported about 5:45 p.m. Feb. 25 at Kickapoo Storage, 7405 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. Damage to a padlock and a metal door also were reported, according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

• **KICKAPOO** – A Tennessee man was cited for multiple violations following a traffic stop north of Kickapoo.

Brendan A. Dieken, 19, of Lenoir City was driving a southbound 2019 Nissan Rogue about 7:45 a.m. Feb. 25 on Princeville-Jubilee Road when a Peoria County Sheriff's office deputy pulled it over near Legion Hall Road. Dieken's vehicle was traveling 71 mph in a 55-mph zone, a sheriff's-office report stated.

A check revealed Dieken's driver's license was suspended. He received a citation for that, as well as one for speeding. The vehicle was impounded.

• **TRIVOLI** – An aggravated-domestic-battery incident was alleged to have happened at a Trivoli residence, although no arrests were made immediately.

The incident in the 18800 block of Illinois Route 116 was reported at 7:45 p.m. Feb. 23, according to a redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The alleged victim, a 43-year-old woman, and the suspect, a 32-year-old man, were from Canton. A 44-year-old Farmington woman was a witness.

A deputy alerted the Illinois Department of Children and Family

Services, because a child had been present.

• **LAURA** – No injuries were reported after one vehicle backed into another in the parking lot of the Millbrook Township Community Center.

Steven R. West of Oneida was driving a 2003 Dodge 1500 pickup truck when it struck a parked 2024 Chevrolet Equinox about 11:45 a.m. Feb. 23 in the lot at 20923 W. Cedar St., according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

West said he didn't realize he backed into the Equinox, owned by Alyssa E. Donsbach of Abingdon. The Equinox sustained damage to its grille and hood. The pickup truck sustained minor scratches to its rear bumper. Both vehicles were drivable.

• **EDWARDS** – Shortly before 6:15 p.m. Feb. 22, Dianna L. Hillebrand of Farmington was driving a 2017 Lexus RX350 south in the 1800 block of N. Taylor Rd. when the vehicle struck a deer that emerged from the east. Hillebrand and her female passenger didn't require medical treatment, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle was towed after it sustained damage to its windshield and driver's-side headlight. Its driver's-side mirror was missing.

• **ELMWOOD** – Chief Aaron Bean reported the following Elmwood Police Department activity for February: seven traffic stops, eight warnings, 13 reports and one notice to appear in court.

• **FARMINGTON** – Chief Chris Darsham reported the following Farmington Police Department activity for February: 190 business checks, 3,015 building checks, two crashes, two property crimes, 16 traffic tickets, six ordinance violations, two crimes against people, 20 traffic stops, 10 arrests, 26 reports, 261 total calls, 11 calls to assist other departments and 15 miscellaneous.

• **YATES CITY** – Chief Randy Benson reported the following Yates City Police Department activity for February: 14 reports, eight traffic stops, seven warnings and three citations.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – Chief James Robertson reported the following Williamsfield Police Department activity for February: One 9-1-1 hangup, one juvenile complaint, one suspicious person and one harassment complaint.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Feb. 23-March 1: theft, Dahinda; harassment, Williamsfield; two verbal domestic disputes, Dahinda; burglary, Galva; battery, Yates City.

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**Elmwood Elementary School
Media Center Room #117**

In order for your child to register for next year's class they must be 5 years of age on or before September 1st, 2025.



We are asking parents to bring the following:

- Copy of your child's birth certificate
- Physical/Dental/Vision/Immunizations records, if they are complete
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MASCOTS: Grace period would end in 2028

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mittee meeting scheduled earlier this week.

According to Jones, the bill specifies "Indians" as one of the nicknames that would be prohibited.

The bill gives school districts a grace period in which they could use Native American-related uniforms and other materials if they were purchased before the law takes effect. The grace period would end in September 2028.

Rep. Maurice West of Rockford is the lead sponsor of the bill. Other sponsors are Reps. Laura Faver Dias of Grayslake, Nicolle Grasse of Arlington Heights and Bob Morgan of Deerfield. All are Democrats.

"There are indigenous young people who look at these Native American mascots and imagery and feel some type of way about it," West told WCIA-TV in Champaign. "It makes them feel objectified."

West also sponsored a bill about

five years ago that would have required schools with Native American mascots to obtain renewable written consent from any tribe within 500 miles. That bill went nowhere, but administrators at affected schools took note, according to Jones.

"It's kind of always been on our radar for anybody who has a Native American mascot at their school," he told The Weekly Post.

"It's become a real thing now and we're going to have to make our voice known, but if they say we can't use it anymore, we're kind of stuck."

Some school districts might have to spend at least \$250,000 to comply, according to Jones. But he suggested his district has been foresighted about modifying its mascot approach as Native American names and images have come under more scrutiny.

A student dressed in Native American regalia at Brimfield games was

common years ago. But the current athletics logo is a capital-letter B, accompanied by a depiction of a feather. If the district had to change to a more anodyne nickname – Redhawks, for example – the logo still could fit, according to Jones.

One of the few prominent places where "Indians" is emblazoned at Brimfield is on high school baseball uniforms. Those wouldn't be cheap to replace but probably could be done within the grace period, according to Jones.

Still, he plans to recommend the School Board retain the current mascot, in part as a tribute to those who first inhabited the Brimfield area thousands of years ago.

"I would say most people who have lived here most of their life say, 'Hey, we're the Brimfield Indians,'" Jones said. "Our history is our history. We had Native Americans who lived here, and it goes back a long, long time."

AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS.

JAMES J EUSTICE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 23 FC 0000233
5914 MADISON STREET BARTONVILLE, IL 61607

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2024, will on April 14, 2025, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 17-25-129-008
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 5914 Madison Street Bartonville, IL 61607

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has no garage. The exterior is brick. The color is tan. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied.

The Judgment amount was \$117,445.73.

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

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

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

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

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

the subject premises.

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

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

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-166011L

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

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF, VS.

LUKE COULTER; COUNTY OF PEORIA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2024-FC-0000170

3647 WEST SOUTHPORT ROAD PEORIA, IL 61615

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2025, will on 04/14/2025, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

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Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is yellow. I am unable to verify that the gas is on or off. I am unable to verify that the water is on or off. The property has a fence. The property is vacant. Soft damage The Judgment amount was \$58,699.63.

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

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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assess-

ments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Truist Bank, successor by merger to SunTrust Bank PLAINTIFF

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PIN 13-12-478-010
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COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3202 W. Birkshire Drive Peoria, IL 61614

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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 14-23-03821. I3262141
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Two running for Salem Twp. supervisor

By **MOLLY RICHESON**

For The Weekly Post

This year's Salem Township Supervisor election is a contested one, featuring incumbent Christine Bewley running against challenger Ken Vallas, the former Yates City Village President.

Bewley has been supervisor for 12 years and was a trustee on the Township Board prior to filling her current position. She grew up in Elmwood and graduated from Elmwood High School before moving to Yates City in 1985, where she has lived ever since.

"I am a very community-oriented person and am very involved in my community. I like to support it and help it grow," Bewley said, adding she believes looking out for the community is her biggest contribution.

Salem Township has four cemeteries in its care, Blakeslee, Summitt-Douglas, Uniontown and Yates City.

"We've done a lot of work for the cemeteries," said Bewley, who in her role also serves as treasurer and sexton of the cemeteries. "We added 5 acres to the Yates City Cemetery and bought extra acreage at Blakeslee Cemetery so a family could be buried there. We've worked very hard to grow the cemeteries."

Bewley said other contributions during her tenure include work at Harvest Home Park.

"We went from zero to four traveling teams that call Yates City home, plus we have the teams from the Farmington Recreation Center using our fields, too. It has grown tremendously," Bewley said.

The kitchen at the park has also been remodeled and lights were put up so games could be played at night.

"It brings people to town to support our local businesses," Bewley said.

Asked about upcoming challenges facing the township, Bewley said, "We don't have any upcoming challenges. We try to keep up on everything. You can't make everybody happy, but we try to address those issues."

"We keep our roads up. We have quite a few miles that are tarred and chipped, and there will be some more that are tarred and chipped this year, I'm sure. There's a lot of roads in Salem Township and we can't spend all of our money on one specific road to satisfy just a couple of people. We've got to look out for everybody."

Bewley is on two other boards – the Yates City Cemetery Board and the Harvest Home Committee – and is running as a commissioner for Elba-Salem Park District this election. Bewley regularly volunteers for Harvest Home dinners and festivals and at the baseball concession stand.

She has four children, all grown, and six grandchildren. She mows 15 yards every week, drives a semi in the fall and works on a farm helping with planting and harvesting.

Challenger Vallas also grew up and graduated from Elmwood before moving to Yates City 27 years ago.

"There needs to be transparency with taxpayers," he said. "There needs to be accountability to the taxpayers and fiscal responsibility. Those are the three biggest reasons I'm running."

Vallas was Yates City Village President twice and spent nearly 10 years in the position. He resigned when he moved out of the Yates City limits in June 2024, though he remains in Salem Township. He was a board member for two years before being appointed to the presidency.

"I have plenty of municipal experience, taxing experience, fiscal experi-

ence and plenty of experience getting grants," Vallas said. "Right now, Yates City has a free well and reservoir getting ready to start as a result of that experience. The township, from what I understand, doesn't apply for grants."

Vallas has clear goals.

"Fix the roads. You have to take care of the cemeteries and your other responsibilities too, but roads should be a priority," he said. "The last snowstorm, they plowed here about 10 o'clock at night, about 8-10 hours after it snowed. I've got many calls about road conditions."

Though he's not a fan of government grants, Vallas said if they are being offered, he's going to apply. "If they're going to give it away, it might as well be Salem Township, or it's going somewhere else," he said.

Vallas also voiced concerns about the race for road commissioner. There is no candidate on the ballot, though Charlie Jones has stepped forward as a write-in candidate.

"Transparency comes back to them not posting what elections were open, that nobody was going to be on the ballot for road commissioner," Vallas said. "Nobody's on the ballot. It wasn't advertised. That's huge."

Vallas is also concerned about potential conflicts of interest arising from Bewley having multiple positions on multiple boards.

"Are you the Township Supervisor or the Park Commissioner, and how are you going to determine how you guys spend money, give money and work together?" Vallas asked.

Vallas has been married for 27 years and has three children and two granddaughters. He has been self-employed since 2003. When not tending to his sheep, he likes to spend time hunting and fishing.

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Farmington Rotary

January, 2025

Student of the Month

Lilianna Anderson



Lilianna Anderson was Farmington Central High School's January Senior of the month. Lily is the daughter of Brian and Jennifer Anderson. She has three siblings; Andrew, Brenden, and Nora. Lily is on the basketball team and part of our FFA Chapter. After high school, she plans to attend Eastern Oklahoma State College to be a member of the Livestock Judging team and earn an Associate's degree. Then she plans to transfer to Kansas State University to earn her Bachelor's in Agriculture Education.

While in FFA she has held the elected offices of Historian, Reporter, and Vice President. Among her accomplishments, she placed second at the Western Illinois University Livestock Judging Contest, and first at the Section Livestock Judging contest for two years in a row. Lily also qualified to judge at the Keystone International Livestock Judging contest in Pennsylvania her freshman year. In 4-H and FFA both, she shows pigs competitively throughout the country in which she has made many accomplishments. Outside of school she enjoys traveling to livestock shows, going to concerts, and spending quality time with friends and family.

Congratulations, Lily!

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Farmington Rotary

March, 2025

Student of the Month

Benjamin Marvel



Ben Marvel is Farmington Central High School's Senior of the Month for March. Ben is the son of Jason Marvel and Kathy Ortega. He was two brothers, Ethan and Tyson Marvel. Ben is on the football and baseball team at Farmington Central High School. He plans to attend Carl Sandburg for two years and then transfer to a four-year college to pursue a major in Sports Management. He states that his biggest accomplishments in high school are having the 5th best GPA in his class and being a part of the football team and their run to the semifinals. Ben enjoys playing baseball over the summer and hanging out with friends and family.

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SCHOOL BOARD: 6 candidates for 3 spots

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• *Why are you running for school board?*

Blunier: I believe parents and taxpayers are frustrated with a lack of "voice" or input in our educational system. At every level – local, state, federal – there is tension between our educational system and the people it is designed to serve. I think this is the No. 1 issue today in education. We need to be more welcoming of input from parents and taxpayers to guide the longterm direction of school districts and education. I want to be an advocate and voice that encourages more discussion and inclusion from parents and stakeholders.

Darsham: I'm dedicated to improving graduation rates and test scores in the district, as a 72.5% graduation rate is unacceptable. I aim to recruit and retain talented educators and enhance school safety, drawing on my experience and training to propose effective improvements. I'm also a huge supporter of teaching trade classes in our district since college is not for everyone, many high-paying jobs are in those fields.

Deppermann: I am running in order to give back to the community and a district that has given much to me. I have found the last four years to be very rewarding and look forward to continuing to serve the district.

Gorsuch: I'm running to help better our community and strive to bring updated learning and tech to our kids.

Riccioni: I am passionate about preserving as well as improving the quality of our school district. I have established relationships in the school district and will happily represent the interests of the community and advocate for the needs of the students and schools. I see the potential in the school district and want to help it continue to grow into the best school district it can be.

Smith: I am running first and foremost out of love for the students of the district and the hope of an amazing school district for my own children for the next 17-plus years. My perspectives from teaching in every building of the school district, my relationships with the existing staff and my own experience as a student in the district give me a lot of background knowledge to build a working relationship as a board member.

• *What would you like to help accomplish on the board?*

Blunier: One of my most fascinating endeavors on the board has been as a representative to our curriculum committee. I believe over the next four years we will be positioned to vastly improve student performance and achievements in state testing, will deliver graduating 8th graders more prepared for high school and devote more resources to a more robust course catalog allowing students to graduate more ready for college, career, or whatever they want to pursue.

The school district recently passed a bond issuance that will provide for key infrastructure improvements. If

implemented correctly, they will enhance the educational environment of nearly all grade levels, as well as extracurricular opportunities.

Even after the issuance of bonds, the district's effective tax rate is scheduled to reduce to one of its lowest levels. Additionally, we have one of the lowest rates of school districts in the area. Fiscal responsibility is a very important role of the board.

Darsham: My goal is to help provide a quality education for our students that they can build upon after they graduate, whether that's in the trades, college or military. To achieve this, we need to hire and retain the best teachers and staff while supporting them in every way possible to create a school district families want to be a part of. Ensuring school safety is also important, as students need a safe environment to reach their full potential.

Deppermann: I look forward to being involved in the following projects: 1. See the alternative school project come to fruition. 2. Improvement in our academics, including increasing test scores and increasing the high school and junior-high class offerings (especially capstone courses).

Additionally, I would like to see the Spanish/foreign-language department much better staffed. I also will continue to be involved in improving district communication to our students, parents and the community.

Gorsuch: I would like to help accomplish the main idea of our theme: Bring excellence to our kids and community. From the campus to the staff and teachers.

Riccioni: I would prioritize students' needs by advocating for policies and initiatives that help improve the educational experience for all children, including support for high-quality instruction, curriculum and resources. I hope to participate as a team member to help build stronger relationships between the communities within our school district to encourage the sharing of ideas to utilize the strengths of local community members. Finally, I would like to assist in the process of retaining and recruiting teachers who are highly qualified.

Smith: I want to see greater staff retention and an increase in numbers of teacher's aides and substitute teachers. I would like to advocate for the importance of the library, skills-based learning and arts in the school district. I would like to see proactive communication and more opportunities for parents to be present in the school district.

• *Why are you a good candidate for the board?*

Blunier: People who have interacted with me over the past four years have found I'm very transparent in my approach and where I stand on specific issues. They also found someone willing to listen, learn and consider their viewpoint and concerns before finalizing a position.

As a parent of three students in the district, I'm involved and invested in

the school's success. As a property owner and spouse of a small business owner, I'm invested in our community's success. As a professional that develops and trains individuals in their jobs and careers, I'm invested in bettering our educational system.

Darsham: Having run a government entity for the past eight years, I understand how to create and adhere to a budget. I have developed creative strategies to attract young talent in a competitive job market while implementing incentives to retain quality employees within budget constraints. I am not afraid to ask tough questions and make decisions that serve the best interest of the organization.

Deppermann: I have taken the opportunity of the last four years to get to know the district well and to build relationships within it. I have served the district faithfully the last four years and look to continue to do so.

Gorsuch: I believe I have a good communication and skill set for listening. And I can bring that together with other people to come to a final solution that most all can agree to.

Riccioni: My years of experience as a teacher in District 265 bring first-hand knowledge of challenges and opportunities within the education system to inform better decision-making regarding teachers' working conditions and student performance. I understand the importance of making decisions that are in tune with the local values and needs of all stakeholders: students, parents, teachers and all community members.

Smith: I have a master's degree in education and have taught students grades K-12 of varied backgrounds, including gifted students and students with special needs. I want to use existing relationships with staff, students and community members to make positive changes by doing more listening than talking.

• *Anything else?*

Blunier: With the pending restructuring of the federal Department of Education and possible reforms at the state level, school districts may have an opportunity to bring forth meaningful change. I want to ensure all stakeholders have input.

Darsham: We have an amazing school district, but we also have issues that need to be addressed like any other school district in the area. I think some new faces and ideas will go a long way in improving what is already a great school district.

Riccioni: My campaign for school board is firmly rooted in my desire to be a voice on the school board to promote positive changes within our school district.

Smith: I think it is so important for educators to be in the room when decisions about education are being made. Proposed school enhancements, curriculum decisions and accountability for the school district as well as many other topics handled by the school board are more effective when someone with an education background is present.

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Farmington returns TIF money to Fulton Co.

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Farmington City Council on Monday voted to return \$214,242.39 in tax-increment-finance funds to taxing bodies in Fulton County.

The council approved an ordinance declaring the payment as a surplus for 80% of the 2024 real estate taxes collected in 2023 for the TIF district.

Of that total, \$27,842 goes to Fulton County, \$4,348 to Fulton County Ambulance, \$34,616 to the City of Farmington, \$6,565 to the Farmington Fire Protection District, \$14,220 to Spoon River College, \$5,807 to the Farmington Library, \$2,118 to Farmington parks, \$101,872 to Farmington CUSD 265, \$3,031 to the Farmington Sanitary District, \$5,863 to Farmington Township and \$7,955 to the Farmington Township Road and Bridge fund.

The council also voted to use TIF funds to reimburse \$15,000 to the Farmington Fire Protection District for a program that will provide all Farmington businesses with Knox Boxes. Knox Boxes store keys to allow first responders rapid access to a building in case of an emergency.

The Farmington Fire Protection District will also receive up to \$7,500 to-

wards the cost of a new roof, gutters and downspouts.

The council also voted unanimously to make a \$250 donation to the K9 Koala Egg Hunt on April 26 and will advertise the sale of city-owned property on West Fort Street across from the Farmington Post Office. Silent bids will be accepted for the property, which will be advertised in The Weekly Post.

Following a one-hour closed session, the council reconvened to approve raises for two city office staffers. Shelby Zeigler will receive a raise of \$6 per hour and Tracy Sollenberger will get a bump of \$4 per hour.

Also after closed session,

the council approved hiring a sixth full-time police officer for the Farmington Police Department.

In other business, the council approved using city staff to build a permanent, ADA-compliant restroom in the southeast corner of Dimmitt Park near West Fulton Street. Described as an insulated shed on a concrete pad, the cost of the structure is not to exceed \$8,000.

City Administrator Bettina Bohanan reported that the city's public-works staff has been clearing out the old school building between the Farmington Community Center and the city municipal offices. Plans are to demolish that portion of the structure.

Bohanan also urged

anyone who has a city tree in need of inspection, trimming or removal to contact the city.

She said Farmington Clean-Up Week has been scheduled for May 12-19 and noted the city is working on getting a dumpster that will be dedicated to recycling cardboard.

Bohanan reminder homeowners that pool season is drawing near and said permits are required to be reimbursed for the water used to fill a pool.

Also, residents with electric-vehicle chargers and solar panels must register them with the city.

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Yates City board approves IEPA loan for well

By MOLLY RICHESON

For The Weekly Post

YATES CITY – The Yates City Village Board approved an ordinance at its March 12 meeting authorizing a \$1.7 million loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The loan from the IEPA's Public Water Supply Loan Program paves the way for Yates City to drill a new well for the public water supply. The loan is 100% forgivable and would pay up to 10% over the estimated engineering costs for the village water project.

The village board also heard that Yates City is experiencing problems starting its big pump in the lift station. Tannock Electric was called in for an estimate, which came to \$12,535 for repairs. Technically, the village is not required to acquire bids for anything less than \$20,000, but

the board decided to get two or three bids together, one being from Quick Electric in Peoria, which installed the pump for \$2,500 in 2018.

The Board also voted to rescind its approval of up to \$3,000 to Illinois Valley Document Destruction for records-disposal services, approved at February's meeting. Instead, the board approved up to \$2,000 for document destruction services through Confidential Security Corp. at \$0.15/ per pound.

Approximately 200 large boxes need to be disposed of, and the shredding will be observed by a village official once the state approves the record disposal request.

Up to \$4,125 was also approved for CA6 gravel for alleys within the Union/Elizabeth and Market/Main blocks from Woodcock Trucking costing \$825 per 22-ton load.

A new home being constructed

within the village had its water locked out after failing to pay the fees for water connection, sewer connection, the water deposit and the culvert created. After Village Attorney Scott Brunton sent a letter to both the homeowner and the contractor, the homeowner paid both connection fees and the water deposit but sent a letter of her own stating that the contractor will pay for the culvert.

The Village Board decided, under attorney advice, to not unlock the water until the culvert is paid. Brunton said that while the contractor may pay for the culvert, it is actually the responsibility of the homeowner. The village has yet to hear from the contractor.

Another property owner in the 400 block of Main St. will be going to court on April 10 regarding several unpaid ordinance violations.

Illinois House considering overriding some IHSA rules

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A House committee advanced a bill on March 12 that would give high school student athletes the right to participate in both school-sponsored teams and nonschool teams in the same sport at the same time, despite concerns that such a policy could create friction among coaches and jeopardize students' safety.

House Bill 3037 would create the "Right to Play Act" in Illinois and override existing rules of the Illinois High School Association, which sets eligibility rules for student athletes and strictly regulates their ability to participate in nonschool programs.

Those rules generally prohibit students who participate on a school team from also participating on a nonschool team in the

same sport during the high school sport's season.

IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson said in an interview that currently students may participate in as many as three outside contests or tournaments during the season, but only if those events are sanctioned by the sport's national governing body and the student receives permission from both their school and IHSA.

Rep. Janet Yang-Rohr, D-Naperville, the lead sponsor of the bill, told the committee that the rules have resulted in students being disqualified from competition over seemingly minor infractions.

But Rep. Katie Stuart, D-Edwardsville said the rules restricting participation on multiple programs exist for several reasons, including protecting the health and safety of student athletes.

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Minimal damage from March 14 storm

PEORIA – Minimal storm damage in the area resulted from a weather front March 14 that spawned strong thunderstorms and winds, including three tornadoes in eastern Illinois.

Felled trees were reported shortly after 10 p.m. about three miles south-east of Brimfield, according to the National Weather Service office in Lincoln. At about the same time, a restaurant sign was blown over in Hanna City. No injuries were reported.

Wind gusts of more than 50 mph were registered south of the area. The wind in and near Canton downed powerlines, split a decayed tree, blew roofing material off several buildings and felled a metal carport.

In eastern Illinois, tornadoes were reported near Mattoon, Neoga and Paris. Damage prompted closure this week of Neoga school buildings.

– Nick Vlahos

Sheriff's-office staffer fired for conduct at jail

PEORIA – A Peoria County Sheriff's Office employee was accused of smuggling contraband to a jail inmate.

Ezekiel Hidden, 25, of Peoria was arrested about 10 p.m. March 13, according to Sheriff Chris Watkins. An internal investigation revealed Hidden received money from an inmate to bring to the Peoria County Jail on multiple occasions a vape pen and cannabis.

"I was deeply saddened to learn of this incident," Watkins said in a statement. "Our organization is committed to integrity and maintaining public trust. Those that violate this have no place in law enforcement or our organization and must be held accountable."

Hidden was charged with official misconduct and with bringing contraband into a penal institution. He was fired immediately. The correctional



officer had worked at the jail since last June. Hidden's arraignment is scheduled for April 17.

– Nick Vlahos

Illinois voters prefer current state flag

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois state flag may be around a lot longer, it turns out.

About 43% of the 385,000 votes in an advisory state-flag revision contest decided they'd prefer to keep the current design.

There were 12 other flag choices. Ten were designed by Illinois residents, students and even the great-grandchildren of Civil War veteran and past Illinois Attorney General James McCartney. The remaining two were designed for past state anniversary celebrations.

A flag design depicting the sun on the horizon, designate finished in second place. A design depicting Abraham Lincoln's silhouette and the state of Illinois on a dark-blue background was third.

A flag designed for the state's sesquicentennial celebration in 1968 finished in last place, with about 5,100 votes.

The vote will be used by the Illinois Flag commission to advise the General Assembly on how they should vote regarding a flag change. Legislators will have the final say on any future flag changes.

Local schools to play in downtown Peoria

PEORIA – Students from 65 schools in central Illinois – including Brimfield, Elmwood, Farmington, Princeville and St. Mary's of Kickapoo – will perform this spring in

downtown Peoria for the 40th annual Gerald M. Brookhart Arts in Education Spring Celebration.

Instead of performing at the Peoria County Courthouse, the celebration this year moves to stages at the Peoria Riverfront Museum and the Caterpillar Visitors Center. Concerts start April 15 at 11 a.m.

Local bands are scheduled for the Caterpillar Visitors Center Rear Plaza as follows (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.):

- Thursday, April 24 – Brimfield Grade School and High School.
 - Monday, April 28 – Farmington.
 - Tuesday, April 29 – Elmwood.
 - Thursday, May 15 – Princeville.
- Princeville Junior and Senior High School is also scheduled to perform Thursday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sun Plaza Stage.

Students from St. Mary's of Kickapoo will perform on the Sun Plaza Stage on Friday, May 2, from 11-11:30 a.m.

In addition to bands, choirs and choruses, students have also been invited to display visual artwork inside the main lobby of the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

Special events are April 14, Celebration of International Jazz Month; April 15, 100th anniversary of Caterpillar; April 30, International Jazz Day; and May 16, Peace Plays in Peoria Day.

Et cetera

GLASFORD – Auditions for Arc Light Productions' two youth-theater productions will be held April 4 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and April 5, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Illini Bluffs High School in Glasford.

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BRIMFIELD – G.R. “Bob” Cluskey Jr. passed away Jan. 18, 2025, at his home in Navarre, Fla.

Born Jan. 17, 1947, in Peoria County, Ill., Bob graduated from Brimfield Grade School (1961) and Brimfield High School (1965). He attended the University of Illinois and graduated from Bradley University cum laude (1971). He received his master’s degree from the University of Utah (1978) and a doctor of business administration in accounting from Southern Illinois University (1994).



Cluskey

Bob served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971-80 as an auditor and F-4 WSO and retired from the Illinois Air National Guard in 1994 as a lieutenant colonel. Bob accumulated over 1,500 hours as a military and commercial pilot.

Cluskey received his CPA license in 1973 and retired as a professor of accounting in 2012.

He was a member of St. Sylvester Catholic Church, Sertoma Club, Institute of Management Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, American Accounting Association, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Bob is survived by two brothers, Mark Cluskey (Morton) and Ron Cluskey (Elmwood), along with eight nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Gerald and Shirley Cluskey, and his brother Brent Cluskey.

Funeral mass was held at St. Sylvester Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze, Fla., on Feb. 7, 2025. A memorial mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Brimfield at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025, with visitation starting at 10 a.m.

Graveside services will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Brimfield. After the interment, a luncheon will be held at Burnzee’s in Brimfield.

Memorials may be made in Bob’s name to Brimfield High School for college scholarships.

Vicki S. Hoke

CUBA – Vicki Sue Hoke, 77, of Cuba, passed away Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Farmington Village in Farmington.

She was born in Canton, to Edris and Evelyn (Watson) Thomas. They preceded her in death, as did an infant daughter, Jennifer Jo; one brother, Jim Thomas; and brother-in-law Gordon Horras.



Hoke

Vicki first married Gregory D. Sims. He survives. She later married George Hoke. He preceded her in death.

Vicki is survived by her son Gregory Allen (Kim) Sims; three grandchildren she cherished dearly, Dylan (Briana) Sims, Austin (Kenzie) Sims and Taylor (Nick) Eisenbarth; three great-grandchildren who brought great joy to her, Owen Huffman and Baylor and Traycen Sims; her sister Sheila Horras; sister-in-law Jeanne Graham; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

She was grateful for her nephew Kenneth Thomas always being there when she needed help.

Vicki attended St. David middle school and later graduated from Lewistown High School. She received her associate degree from Spoon River College in Canton.

She first worked at a bank in Lewistown. She then worked at the Fulton County Courthouse and later worked as administrator at Farmington Country Manor and as administrator at Clayberg Nursing Home in Cuba.

After working at Clayberg, Vicki and her business partner, Kathy Eskridge, built Hoke Ridge Estates Assisted Living Facility in Canton (currently Red Oak Estates). Vicki was co-owner and worked as the administrator. She was on the Fulton County Board for several years. She was also a board member of the Illinois Department on Aging.

Many will know her for her great love and compassion for her animals and all animals that wondered into her life. Vicki loved her small farm she had in Smithfield. She was always there to help anyone who needed it.

Memorials may be made to Fulton County Humane Society.

A visitation will be held on Friday, March 21, 2025, from 4-6 p.m. at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Following the services, cremation rites will be accorded.

To leave online condolences or to view Vicki’s video tribute, visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy M. Johnson

PRINCEVILLE – Dorothy Marie Johnson, 95, of Bradford, formerly of Castleton, Ill., passed away on March 14, 2025, at Lacon Rehab and Nursing.

Dorothy was born on Nov. 24, 1929, the daughter of Otto and Ellen Pfahl. She married Menno Johnson Jr. on March 19, 1950. He preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 2004.

Surviving are their four children, Sharon O’Neill of Cary, N.C., Marvin (Cathy) Johnson of Elmwood, Ill., Linda (Chuck) Streitmatter of Edelstein, Ill., and Joyce Dremann, also of Edelstein;



Johnson

11 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by two sons-in-law, John O’Neill and Al Dremann.

After graduating from Farmington High School, she worked at Herschel Manufacturing Company for several years until the birth of her first child. Later, she held various jobs, with the last being with the Castleton Grade School.

Dorothy was an avid gardener and loved reading books on faith and history, with a special appreciation of the life of Abraham Lincoln. She loved to sing, share a cup of tea with friends and family, and take walks with others through her yard to enjoy the beautiful flowers and vegetation.

Her most profound joy came from spending time with her family and from sharing her love of the Lord with others. She exemplified wholesome living, faithful dedication and a cheerful disposition. She will be dearly missed.

A graveside service was March 18, 2025, at the Snareville Cemetery. Pastor Carolyn Roper officiated.

Salem Township Cemeteries

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Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with services.

Condolences may be left for Dorothy's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Stewart F. McKechnie

ELMWOOD – Stewart F. McKechnie, 89, of Elmwood, passed away at 8:48 p.m. on March 14, 2025, at home.

Known as "Stu" to his friends and family, he was born on Dec. 30, 1935, in Chicago, the son of Stewart and Helen (Duerr) McKechnie. He married Charlene Thomson on Jan. 23, 1966.

Stu is survived by his beloved wife, Charlene; his son, Brian; and two grandchildren, Priya and Kael McKechnie. He is also survived by his sister, Marjean Thompson and her four children, Donald, Karen, David (Cindy) and Kathy.

Stu graduated from Illinois State University in Normal with a bachelor of science in education and dedicated 20 years to teaching instrumental music in the Elmwood school system.

A lifelong musician, Stu was passionate about music and spent his life playing and directing various bands and choruses throughout central Illinois. Among his contributions:

- Directed the Elmwood Municipal Band for 52 years;
- Directed the Elmwood Community Chorus for 17 years;
- Served as a part-time director and player with the Peoria Heights Community Band and Peoria Area Senior Citizens Band;
- Directed the Orpheus Chorus;



McKechnie

- Played with the Bloomington-Normal Symphony Orchestra and Prairie Winds Ensemble;

- Performed in various dance bands, including the Biddie Bidison and Bud Sherman bands;

- Co-founded and directed the River Valley Big Band for its first three seasons.

Stu's love for music touched countless lives and his legacy will live on in the many musicians and students he inspired.

Stu retired from the Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino, where he worked as a database manager.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Elmwood Music Department at Elmwood Community School District 322, 301 W. Butternut St., Elmwood, IL 61529.

David Sutherland

PRINCEVILLE – David Sutherland, 87, of Princeville, passed away at 1:20 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

David was born on Aug. 16, 1937, the son of Jessie Coyle and Clarence Sutherland.

On Dec. 16, 1962, he married the love of his life, Judy Larson. She survives.

Further surviving are two sons, Doug (Shannon) Sutherland and Derek (Sabrina) Sutherland; five grandchildren, Jordan (Kinley) Sutherland, Bayla (Kevin) Sutherland, James Sutherland, Elizabeth Sutherland and Claire Sutherland; three siblings, Steve (Donna) Sutherland, Joyce (Dale) Turns and Judy Sutherland; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.



Sutherland

Dave moved to Mesa, Ariz., in 1942 and returned to Lawn Ridge, Ill., in 1950 and worked construction. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in May 1960. Upon his return in 1962, he met and married Judy.

He began working for Caterpillar in 1965, built a home in Princeville and welcomed his sons to the world.

He went on to graduate from Bradley University in 1970.

Dave had 50 years of community service, including the Princeville Village Board and as mayor pro tempore, zoning board, Princeville Civic Association, member and vice president of the Princeville Historical Association, Town House School Committee, Lions Club for 25 years, Cubmaster in Boy Scouts, coach and chairman of little league for 20 years, Princeville High School softball boosters, commander of Princeville American Legion, member of the Peoria County Veterans Association and as a member who sat on the board and ushered at Princeville United Methodist Church.

His funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2025, at the Princeville United Methodist Church. Pastor David Pyell will officiate. Visitation was to be from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, also at the church. Burial will follow in Princeville Township Cemetery. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with services.

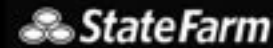
Memorial contributions can be made to Princeville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for David's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

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Sun. Worship: 10:40 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Father Deogratias Mpewo
314 W. Clay Brimfield
(309) 446-3275
stjosephbrimfield.org
Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm
Sat. Mass: 5 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 10:30 a.m. (starting Sept. 1)
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(309) 446-3571
brimfieldefree.org
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 p.m. ages 3-12
Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ
Pastor Stephen Barch
105 W. Clay Street Brimfield
(309) 446-3811

BIBLE TRIVIA
1. Is the book of Lot (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From what book does a woman call on the north and south wind to blow on her garden?
3. What was Herod's last name who had John the Baptist beheaded? Pilate, Laban, Herod, Antipas
4. Who said in Deuteronomy 6, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is
one Lord"? Moses, Joshua, David, Jacob
5. From Exodus 16, what bird served as food for the Israelites in the wilderness? Dove, Quail, Duck, Robin
6. In Revelation 9, what sort of creatures had tails like snakes? Sheep, Oxen, Horses, Fish
ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Song of Solomon, 3) Antipas, 4) Moses, 5) Quail, 6) Horses
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Bethany Baptist Church
7422 N. Heinz Ln. Edwards
(309) 692-1755
bethanycentral.org
Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 a.m.
In person and livestream (Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)
Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
9910 W. Knox St. Edwards
(309) 691-2030
stmaryskickapoo.org
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m.
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.
Sun. Masses: 7 & 11:00 a.m.
Daily Masses (Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri.): 8 a.m.

ELMWOOD
Crossroads Assembly of God
Pastor Don Nuttall
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood
(309) 742-6409
crossroadselmwood.org
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Elmwood Baptist Church
Pastor Bill Cole
701 W. Dearborn St. Elmwood
(309) 742-7631 642-3278

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

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

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.

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

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

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
802 W. Main St. Elmwood
(309) 742-4921
Sat. Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.
Tues. Mass: 8 a.m.
Tues. Confession: After mass.
United Methodist Church of Elmwood
821 W. Main St. Elmwood
(309) 742-7221
elmwoodumc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Youth Sunday School: 10 a.m.

PRINCEVILLE
Princeville United Methodist Church
Pastor David Pyell
420 E. Woertz Princeville
(309) 385-4487
princevilleumchurch.com
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.

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.

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.

Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
(309) 403-4626

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- Removing decorations that are faded and worn is encouraged.
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OBITUARIES

James M. Pearson

PRINCEVILLE – James Michael “Jim” Pearson, 69, of Princeville, passed away at 1:21 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson’s disease.

Jim was born on June 5, 1955, in Peoria, to the late Charles R. Pearson and Ruth E. (Stone) Pearson-Conn.

Jim’s life was marked by resilience. After the loss of his father at a young age, he stepped up to care for his family, embracing the role of provider and protector with steady dedication. He carried that responsibility throughout his life.

He is survived by Colleen and their children, his daughters Eryn Pearson of Elmwood and Katelyn (Hakan) Aydin of West Palm Beach, Fla; his son Rylie Pearson of Princeville; his brother Tom (Diane) Pearson of Toulon; his sister Kathy (David) Wilson of Chillicothe; and several cherished nieces and nephews, all of whom he deeply loved and proudly supported.

Known for his quiet strength, Jim was compassionate, selfless and endlessly patient. He spoke when his words mattered most – offering wisdom, comfort and purpose. Humble and unassuming, Jim touched countless lives, always serving as a steadfast source of support and encouragement.

Jim dedicated his life to law enforcement, serving with integrity, profound courage and deep commitment to the safety and well-being of his community.

He began his career with the Stark County Sheriff’s Office and retired as a lieutenant with the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office. Throughout his distinguished career, he received numerous accolades for his outstanding achievements, bravery and unwavering dedication to his community and to the field of law enforcement.

He held numerous roles of significant responsibility throughout his years of service. As a founding father and commander of the Central Illinois Emergency Response Team, he played a pivotal role in its establishment and success.

He served as a field training officer, mentoring new recruits, and later took on the responsibility of leading the field training officer program,

overseeing its development and ensuring future officers were well prepared for their duties.

In addition to these roles, Jim also served as Honor Guard Commander, an accident-reconstruction specialist and a detective. He was also the first commander of the Central Region ILEAS Weapons of Mass Destruction SWAT team, further showcasing his dedication and leadership throughout his career.

His unwavering dedication not only left a lasting impact on his colleagues but also earned him the admiration and respect of those he served alongside. Hailed as a hero and a legend among officers, Jim’s influence continues to inspire those committed to protecting and serving their communities.

Even after retiring, he continued to shape the future of law enforcement as the Regional Planning Coordinator for ILEAS Region 6, further cementing his lasting legacy of service.

Outside of his distinguished career, Jim was a man of many passions. A lifelong New York Yankees fan, he proudly followed his favorite team with enduring loyalty. His love for the mountains was equally profound – he found solace and renewal in nature, whether hiking rugged trails, tending to landscaping projects or simply embracing the quiet beauty of the outdoors.

Jim was also an accomplished athlete, a proud member of the Freemasonry fraternity, a talented actor in numerous theatrical productions and a creative spirit who expressed himself through music and poetry. An avid reader, he found inspiration in the works of J.R.R. Tolkien and Louis L’Amour.

Jim took immense pride in the achievements of his family and colleagues. Ever humble, he was dedicated to fostering growth and character in those he loved.

Above all, Jim was a devoted brother in the Jehovah’s Witnesses faith. He served his congregation with unwavering dedication, exemplifying his beliefs with steady strength and wholehearted commitment.

A memorial celebrating Jim’s life will be held on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at the Holiday Inn & Suites at Grand Prairie in Peoria. Doors will open at 1 p.m., with the program beginning at 2 p.m. A memorial will take place at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses at 6007 N. Big Hollow Rd. in Peoria from 6:30 p.m.

to 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

A private burial will take place in Wyoming Cemetery at a later date. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research.

Family and friends are encouraged to leave memories, condolences and photos, and to sign the digital register book for Jim’s family at www.haskellfuneral.com, which will be printed in a Tribute Memorial book.

Jim’s legacy of love, strength, and kindness will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. His was a life of quiet heroism, and he will be deeply missed.

Steven L. Mullens

HANNA CITY – Steven L. Mullens, 76, of Hanna City, passed away on March 15, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Steve was born in Batavia, N.Y., on May 6, 1948, to Dorothy (Burdette) Mullens and Clarence “Ed” Mullens. He married his Bolivian princess, Angélica “Angie” Mullens, on Feb. 25, 1973.

Surviving are his children, Stephanie (Randy) Hampton of Mackinaw, Antonia Mullens of Hanna City and Joshua (Anna) Mullens of Edelstein; four grandsons; and his brothers, Bob (Sandy) Mullens and Marty (Susie) Mullens.

Steve graduated from Limestone Community High School in 1966 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. During his six-year military career, he served in Vietnam, then later at embassies all over the world in the Marine Security Guard. When he was honorably discharged, he began his career in manufacturing at Hyster Co. Most of his career was spent as a supervisor at Caterpillar Inc.

He and his wife also operated Hannah’s Parlor in Hanna City for 28 years.

Visitation will be held at St. Jude Catholic Church in Peoria on Friday, March 21, 2025, from 6 p.m. until time of recitation of the rosary at 7:45. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Jude on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 11 a.m. with an additional visitation starting at 10 a.m. Graveside services with military honors will be at 3 p.m. in Cottonwood Cemetery in rural Hanna City.



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5 Years Ago

- Due to COVID-19, Gov. J.B. Pritzker has ordered the closure of all public and private Illinois K-12 schools until at least March 30. Also closed are bars and restaurants.

- The Brimfield School Board gave formal approval to hire High School Principal Bill Robison. Principal Tony Shinall will become school superintendent with the retirement of Dennis McNamara.

- Brimfield junior Haley Wallace earned a spot on the second-team Class 1A all-state team picked by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association. Princeville senior Brinlee Bauman was a third-team pick.

10 Years Ago

- A man burning off his garden midday Monday in Brimfield lost control of the blaze, which caught a nearby garage on fire, destroying that structure and an adjacent pickup truck and damaging the house about 50 feet away.

- The Brimfield boys basketball team won the 1A state basketball title, capping a 34-2 season with a 56-52 win over Mounds Meridian at Peoria's Civic Center. All-stater Carson Cuevas scored 32 points in

the championship game and Brimfield also got eight points apiece from Nate Wallace and Jace Switek and seven rebounds from Brad Novak.

45 Years Ago

- Dick Shoop retired from the Elmwood Fire Department after 27 years of service.

55 Years Ago

- Local residents observed a solar eclipse on March 7, when the moon covered about 70% of the sun's face.

65 Years Ago

- Sharoll Wilcox, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mr. Garth Wilcox, was injured on Sunday when he was struck by a car while sledding with a group of youngsters on a steep hill on West Fort Street in Farmington.

75 Years Ago

- Sparks from burning rubbish was thought to be the cause of an afternoon fire that destroyed a Peoria County Service oil truck, the building in which it was parked and the adjoining garage at the Earle Moule farm southeast of Farmington.

- The Illinois Commerce Commission had issued an order calling

upon all citizens to reduce coal consumption during the present shortage. CILCO had asked stores in Farmington to eliminate the use of outside sign lights and displays.

85 Years Ago

- E.E. Downing of Elmwood has been chosen as a delegate to the National Education Association Convention in San Francisco next July 2.

105 Years Ago

- Rapid progress is being made by Miller and Bowers in the selection of the machinery, elevator and dump in their new feed mill in the building formerly occupied by Sally Seltzer.

115 Years Ago

- W.J. Phelps of Elmwood was honored by being elected one of the directors of the Illinois Sugar Beet Association at Princeton.

125 Years Ago

- William Davey purchased Mr. Caverly's building just south of the blacksmith and Caverly moved his carpenter shop into the lumber yard office near the Elmwood depot.

- A.L. Barker has lately purchased the ground on which the lumber yard in Elmwood now stands.

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IHSA alters classification policies

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois High School Association Board of Directors approved three changes it hopes will address competitive equity and simplify the postseason classification process.

Last December, the board voted to alter the classification process from a two-year cycle to an annual cycle beginning in 2025-26. Additionally, the board issued a questionnaire to member schools in January to gain additional feedback on multiple topics.

Meeting on March 15, the board approved changes that will be used to determine classifications for the 2025-26 school year.

The IHSA intends to release fall and winter sport classifications by May 1.

“Competitive equity and classifications are a topical issue here in Illinois and for state associations around the country,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson.

The latest changes are:

- 1. Moving back to fixed classification cutoffs in 2025-26. IHSA sports and activities with multiple

classes will have predetermined enrollment classification cutoffs.

Enrollment cutoffs for each sport were determined by starting with the average classification cutoff from the past four years, then rounding up or down to nearest 50th or 100th. Some sports were then adjusted slightly based on class-participation trends over the past two years.

Under the new rules, football classes will still be determined at the end of the regular season.

Schools with enrollment under 300 will be in Class 1A for girls and boys basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball. Class 2A will be for schools with enrollments of 300-700 students.

The Class 1A cutoff in cross country is under 600; in golf it is under 500; in track and field it is under 450; in wrestling it is under 750.

- 2. The Board also voted to change the multiplier waiver process.

In 2005, IHSA member schools voted to implement a 1.65 multiplier on the classification enroll-

ment of non-boundaried schools. Beginning in 2025-26, the automatic waiver process will be eliminated and replaced by an annual waiver application. A baseline criteria was also established to judge if a team is eligible to apply for a waiver.

A sport or activity at a non-boundaried school is not eligible to apply for a waiver if, over the course of the previous three school terms, the program has achieved certain set levels of success.

- 3. Finally, the board voted to change the success adjustment.

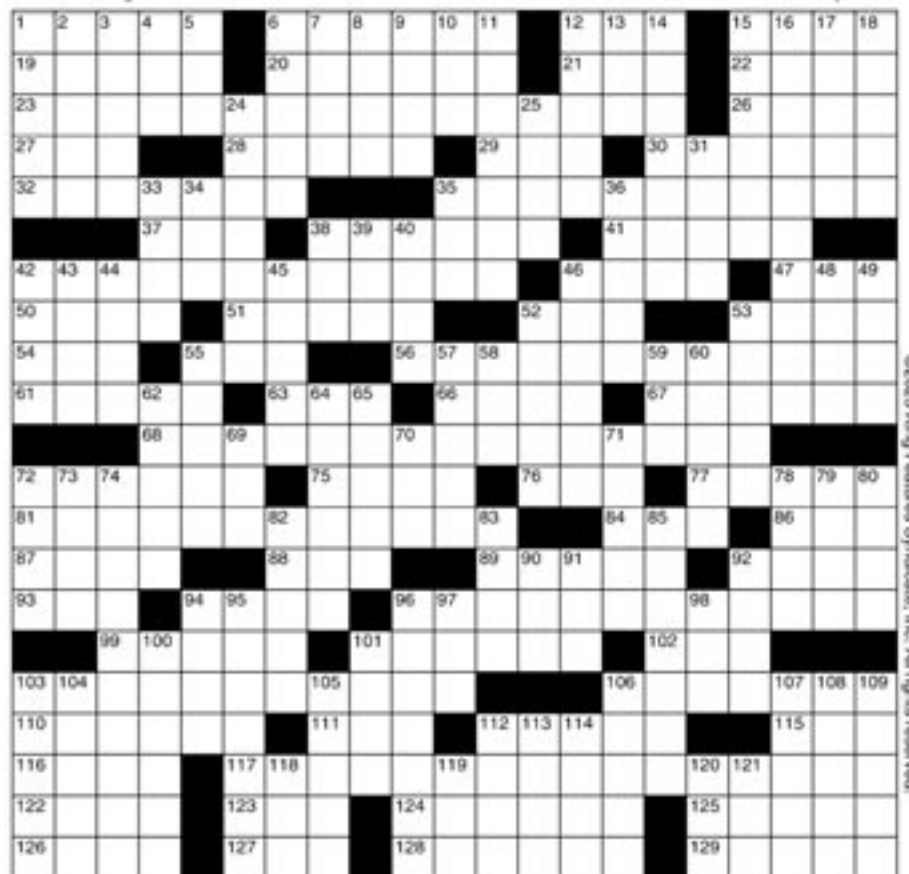
The policy was initially implemented in 2014 and seeks to provide greater competitive equity for non-boundaried schools that achieve certain levels of success by moving them up in classification.

Beginning in 2025-26, the success adjustment policy will encompass a rolling three-year period.

Entering each school year, if a team has won two state-final trophies in the past three years in a sport, they will then be subject to the adjustment and move up one class in that sport.

Answers, Page 19 – Super Crossword – CROSS WORDS

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

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF, VS. LUKE COULTER; COUNTY OF PEORIA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2024-FC-0000170
3647 WEST SOUTHPORT ROAD PEORIA, IL 61615

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2025, will on 04/14/2025, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

BEGINNING AT A POINT WHERE THE CENTER LINE DIVIDING SAID SECTION 36 INTERSECTS SOUTHPORT ROAD AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID NORTH AND SOUTH LINE DIVIDING SAID SECTION 36, 150 FEET; THENCE EAST 75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID SOUTHPORT ROAD; THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID SOUTHPORT ROAD TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 13-36-400-002

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3647 West Southport Road Peoria, IL 61615

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is yellow. I am unable to verify that the gas is on or off. I am unable to verify that the water is on or off. The property has a fence. The property is vacant. Soft damage

The Judgment amount was \$58,699.63.

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

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

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 24-190911L

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Illinois State Statutes and the permanent **Zoning Ordinance of Peoria County, the Peoria County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings on April 10, 2025**, as follows:

Case No. ZBA-2025-0014 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of **MICHAEL STEGMAIER, acting on his own behalf, a REZONING** request from "C-2" General Commercial to "A-2" Agriculture. The petitioner proposes to rezone 0.95 acres in order to convey property to an adjacent landowner.

A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 26, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, (BEARINGS ASSUMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIPTION ONLY), ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 26, 252.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 39 MINUTES WEST, 40.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY D-41; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE; ON A CURVE TO LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 735.18; FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 577.41 FEET; THENCE NORTH 46 DEGREES 39 MINUTES EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 613.02 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,237.34 FEET, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 910.31 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED: FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,237.34 FEET, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, 329.54 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 59 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST, 125.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 30 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, 329.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, (EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS IN VEIN NUMBER 5 UNDERLYING THE SURFACE THEREOF AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF SAID MINERAL ESTATE) SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. (**Rosefield Township 12-26-200-019**)

This property can be located by heading southeast on Main St and turning left onto NE Washington St. Turn left onto the I-74 ramp and continue on I-74 for approximately 11.5 miles. Take exit 82 for Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. Turn left onto N Kickapoo-Edwards Rd and continue for approximately 2 miles. Turn right onto IL-8 W and continue for approximately 1 mile. Turn left onto Cottonwood Rd/Old Murphy Rd and continue for approximately 1 mile to 11608 W Cottonwood Rd, Brimfield, IL.

Case No. ZBA-2025-0015 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of **MICHAEL STEGMAIER, acting on his own behalf, a VARIANCE** request from Section 20-5.13.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance, which requires that an accessory structure shall not be commenced prior to the commencement of the principal structure. The petitioner proposes to convert a commercial building into an accessory structure on a parcel which does not contain a principal structure in the "A-2" Agriculture Zoning District.

A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 26, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, (BEARINGS ASSUMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIPTION ONLY), ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 26, 252.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 39 MINUTES WEST, 40.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY D-41; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE; ON A CURVE TO LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 735.18; FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 577.41 FEET; THENCE NORTH 46 DEGREES 39 MINUTES EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 613.02 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,237.34 FEET, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 910.31 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED: FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,237.34 FEET, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, 329.54 FEET;

WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS.

JAMES J EUSTICE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 23 FC 0000233
5914 MADISON STREET BARTONVILLE, IL 61607

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO

JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2024, will on April 14, 2025, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 6 IN SECOND KEYSTONE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "L",

THENCE SOUTH 59 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST, 125.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 30 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, 329.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, (EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS IN VEIN NUMBER 5 UNDERLYING THE SURFACE THEREOF AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF SAID MINERAL ESTATE) SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. (**Rosefield Township 12-26-200-019**)

This property can be located by heading southeast on Main St and turning left onto NE Washington St. Turn left onto the I-74 ramp and continue on I-74 for approximately 11.5 miles. Take exit 82 for Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. Turn left onto N Kickapoo-Edwards Rd and continue for approximately 2 miles. Turn right onto IL-8 W and continue for approximately 1 mile. Turn left onto Cottonwood Rd/Old Murphy Rd and continue for approximately 1 mile to 11608 W Cottonwood Rd, Brimfield, IL.

Case No. ZBA-2025-0018 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of **RYAN STREITMATTER, acting on behalf of RYAN AND LEIGHA STREITMATTER (owners), a VARIANCE** request from Section 20-6.2.2.1.c.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance, which requires a road setback of one hundred (100) feet from the center of the right-of-way in the "A-1" Agriculture Zoning District. The petitioner proposes to construct a front porch at a distance of 80 ft. from the center of N. Maher Rd., resulting in a variance request of 20 ft.

The South 400 feet of the East 600 feet of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36 of Brimfield Township, Township 10 North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, situated in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois and containing 5.52 acres, more or less;

TOGETHER WITH and INCLUDING an Easement for a Septic System as described the document entitled "Easement for a Septic System" which was recorded in the Office of the Peoria County, Illinois Recorder on May 14, 2022 as Document No. 2022008086. (**Brimfield Township 06-36-400-006**)

This property can be located by heading southeast on Main St and turning left onto NE Washington St. Turn left onto the I-74 ramp and continue on I-74 for approximately 18 miles. Take exit 75 for toward Oak Hill. Turn left onto N Maher Rd and continue to 9107 N Maher Rd, Brimfield, IL.

Case No. ZBA-2025-0019 at 10:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of **FRIENDS OF WILDLIFE PRAIRIE PARK, (A Not-for-Profit Corporation, Roberta English – Registered Agent, of 3826 N. Taylor Rd., Hanna City, IL 61536), acting on its own behalf, a SPECIAL USE** request from Section 20-5.2.2.3.f of the Unified Development Ordinance, which allows for recreational vehicle parks, subject to the provisions of Section 7.11 ("Recreational Vehicle Parks"). The petitioner proposes to develop a recreational vehicle campground and upgrade existing amenities in the "A-2" Agriculture Zoning District.

Tract 12:

The Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 9 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian situated in the County of Peoria, and State of Illinois; EXCEPTING THEREFROM a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30 in Township 9 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the center of said Section 30 and running thence North along the East line of said Northwest Quarter 147 feet to the Place of Beginning of the tract to be described; and from said point of Beginning running thence West 620 feet; thence North 560 feet; thence East 620 feet to the East line of said Northwest Quarter and thence South along the East line of said Northwest Quarter 560 feet to the Place Beginning; and further EXCEPTING THEREFROM a tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 9 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian in Kickapoo Township, Peoria County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the center of Section 30, thence West 521 feet; thence North 147 feet; thence East 521 feet; thence South 147 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.75 acres, more or less; further EXCEPTING any portion used by or dedicated for public road right-of-way. (Kickapoo Township 13-30-100-006)

Tract 14:

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 9 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian in Kickapoo Township, Peoria County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the center of Section 30, thence West 521 feet; thence North 147 feet; thence East 521 feet; thence South 147 feet to the Place of Beginning, containing 1.75 acres, more or less, EXCEPTING any portion used by or dedicated for public road right-of-way. (Kickapoo Township 13-30-100-004)

PAGE 40, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8 IN BALL'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF BARTONVILLE, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 17-25-129-008

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 5914 Madison Street Bartonville, IL 61607

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has no garage. The exterior is brick. The color is tan. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied.

The Judgment amount was \$117,445.73.

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

This property can be located by heading southeast on Main St and turning left onto NE Washington St. Turn left onto the I-74 ramp and continue on I-74 for approximately 11.5 miles. Take exit 82 for Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. Turn left onto N Kickapoo-Edwards Rd and continue for approximately 2 miles. Continue onto Taylor Rd. Travel past the main entrance to Wildlife Prairie Park and turn right into the entrance to Parkside Pavilion at 3719 Taylor Rd, Hanna City, IL.

Case No. ZBA-2025-0017 at 10:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of **AMEREN ILLINOIS, (A corporation, Leonard P. Singh – President, of 10 Executive Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234, Patrick D. Dalman – Authorized Representative, of 10 Richard Mark Way, Collinsville, IL 62234), acting on its own behalf, a SPECIAL USE** request from Section 20-5.2.2.2.h of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use in the "A-2" Agriculture Zoning District for a Solar Energy Generation Facility, provided that the conditions in Section 7.17 ("Ground Mounted Solar Energy Equipment"), of these regulations are met.

A part of Lots 8 and 11 of a Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35 in Kickapoo Township, Township 9 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Peoria County, Illinois, more particularly bounded and described as follows and bearings are for the purpose of description only: Commencing at an iron rod at the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of Section 35; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds East, along the West line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 1557.85 feet to an iron rod at the Place of Beginning for the tract to be described; thence continuing North 00 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds East, along said West line, a distance of 940.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 40.00 feet to an iron rod at the Northwest corner of an existing 0.517 acre parcel; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 150.00 feet to an iron rod; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 150.00 feet to an iron rod; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 190.00 feet to the West line of said Southeast Quarter; the last four named courses being along the West, South, East and North lines of said 0.517 acre parcel; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds East, along said West line, a distance of 25.97 feet to the South right-of-way line of Pottstown Road as shown by Plat of Survey prepared by Consolidated Land Surveying and recorded as Document No. 2015-014705; thence in an Easterly direction along a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 404.82 feet, and a radius of 3517.87 feet, with a chord bearing of North 87 degrees 31 minutes 46 seconds East, and a chord length of 404.59 feet; thence North 84 degrees 14 minutes 02 seconds East, a distance of 122.27 feet; thence along a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 475.53 feet, and a radius of 1193.59 feet, with a chord bearing of South 84 degrees 21 minutes 09 seconds East, and a chord length of 472.39 feet; thence South 72 degrees 56 minutes 21 seconds East, a distance of 10.60 feet; thence South 67 degrees 35 minutes 15 seconds East, a distance of 261.60 feet; thence South 74 degrees 25 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance of 261.11 feet; thence South 73 degrees 41 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 261.74 feet to an iron rod at the Northeast corner of a 68.267 acre tract as surveyed by said Consolidated Land Survey; the last seven named courses being along said South right-of-way line as shown on said Plat by Consolidated Land Survey; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 29 seconds West, along the East line of said Tract as surveyed by Consolidated Land Survey, a distance of 746.95 feet; thence North 88 degrees 48 minutes 31 seconds West, a distance of 1091.86 feet to an iron rod; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 658.21 feet to the Place of Beginning and containing 37.07 acres, more or less. (**Kickapoo Township 13-35-401-011**)

This property can be located by heading northwest on Main St and continuing for approximately 2 miles. Turn right onto IL-8/N Farmington Rd and continue for approximately 1 mile. Turn right onto IL-8/W Southport Rd and continue for approximately 2 miles. Turn left onto W Pottstown Rd. Turn slightly right to stay on W Pottstown Rd. Turn left onto N Prichard Rd and continue to 2400 N Prichard Rd, Peoria, IL.

All pertinent written materials by either proponents or objectors pertaining to the above cases should be filed in the Department of Planning and Zoning, 324 Main Street, Room 301, Peoria, IL 61602.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BY: J. GREG FLETCHER
CHAIRPERSON**

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

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

ject premises.

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

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

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP,

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LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790**NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON**

NOTICE is hereby given to the legal residents of the TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON, in the County of Fulton and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Township will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025. The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 6:00 P. M. on said day at the FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP OFFICE, 141 East Vernon Steet, FARMINGTON, Illinois, in said Township, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of Law, come before the Meeting and especially to consider and decide the following:

Call Meeting to Order by Township Clerk;
Pledge of Allegiance;
Nomination/Election of the Moderator;
Clerk Administers Oath of Office to Moderator;
Reading and Approval of minutes of Prior Annual Town Meeting;
Reading of Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs for Township by Clerk;
Reading of Road District Treasurer's Statement of Financial Affairs by Clerk;
Reading of Road District Inventory;
Adopt Resolution Opposing Township Consolidation into County Government;
Permanent Fund Transfers;
Setting Time and Moderator Fee for 2026 Annual Town Meeting;
and,
Adjournment.

DATED this 10th day of March, 2024.

Sandra Horn,
FARMINGTON Township Clerk.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSEFIELD

NOTICE is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of ROSEFIELD in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Township will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:00 P. M. on said day at the ROSEFIELD TOWN HALL, situated in said Township, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of Law, come before the Meeting and especially to consider and decide the following:

Call Meeting to Order;
Nomination/Election of the Moderator;
Moderator's Oath of Office;
Approval of minutes of previous Annual Town Meeting;
Annual report of Supervisor;
Annual report of Road District Treasurer;
Audit of Accounts;
Permanent Fund Transfers;
Set time of next Annual Town Meeting;
General Business; and,
Adjournment.

DATED this 12th day of March, 2025.

MARTIN E. MAY,
Rosefield Township Clerk.

Published 3/20/25

PUBLIC NOTICE

All personal property belonging to James Monroe, and any additional property, stored in unit C29 located at Kickapoo Storage, 7405 N Kickapoo Edwards Rd, Edwards, IL will be disposed of on or after April 1, 2025 if the balance due is not paid in full by March 31, 2025.

All personal property belonging to Patricia Craig, and any additional property, stored in unit E27 located at Kickapoo Storage, 7405 N Kickapoo Edwards Rd, Edwards, IL will be disposed of on or after April 1, 2025 if the balance due is not paid in full by March 31, 2025.

All personal property belonging to Kimberly Ridgeway, and any additional property, stored in unit E16 located at Kickapoo Storage, 7405 N Kickapoo Edwards Rd, Edwards, IL will be disposed of on or after April 1, 2025 if the balance due is not paid in full by March 31, 2025.

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Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-166011L

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

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

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

Trust Bank, successor by merger to SunTrust Bank
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Rachel J. Sever; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

No. 2023-FC-0000140
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 02/21/2024, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on April 23, 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 75 IN NORTHGATE PARK SECTION FOUR, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN BY PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JANUARY 13, 1966, IN PLAT BOOK "Z-1", PAGE 78, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF PEORIA

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SALEM

NOTICE is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of SALEM in the County of Knox and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Township will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:30 P. M. on said day at the SALEM TOWNSHIP BUILDING, located on 113 East Market Street, Yates City, Illinois, in said Township, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of Law, come before the Meeting and especially to consider and decide the following:

Call Meeting to Order;
Nomination/Election of the Moderator;
Moderator's Oath of Office;
Approval of minutes of previous Annual Town Meeting;
Annual report of Supervisor;
Annual report of Road District Treasurer;
Audit of Accounts;
Permanent Fund Transfers;
General Business; and,
Adjournment.

DATED this 11th day of March, 2025.

JOYCE WARNER,
Salem Township Clerk.

Published 3/20/25

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD

NOTICE is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of ELMWOOD in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois, that the Annual Township Meeting of said Township will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025.

The Township Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Township will be held at the hour of 6:00 P. M. on said day at the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 111 West Main Street, Elmwood, Illinois, in said Township, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of Law, come before the Meeting and especially to consider and decide the following:

Call Meeting to Order;
Nomination/Election of the Moderator;
Moderator's Oath of Office;
Approval of minutes of previous Annual Town Meeting;
Annual report of Supervisor;
Annual report of Road District Treasurer;
Audit of Accounts;
Permanent Fund Transfers;
Resolution appointing the Township Attorney;
General Business; and,
Adjournment

DATED this 12th day of March, 2025.

DIANA HALL,
Elmwood Township Clerk.

Published 3/20/25

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBROOK

NOTICE is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of MILLBROOK, in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Township will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:30 P. M. on said day at the MILLBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER, in Laura, Illinois, situated in said Township, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of Law, come before the Meeting and especially to consider and decide the following:

Call Meeting to Order;
Nomination/Election of the Moderator;
Moderator's Oath of Office;
Approval of minutes of previous Annual Town Meeting;
Annual report of Supervisor;
Annual report of Road District Treasurer;
Audit of Accounts;
Permanent Fund Transfers;
General Business; and,
Adjournment.

DATED this 11th day of March, 2025.

TERESA JOYCE,
Millbrook Township Clerk.

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COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 13-12-478-010

Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3202 W. Birkshire Drive Peoria, IL 61614

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered

for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

If the sale is set aside for any rea-

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PERSIFER

NOTICE is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of PERSIFER in the County of Knox and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Township will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 6:30 P. M. on said day at the PERSIFER TOWN HALL, located at the corner of U. S. Route 150 and the Dahinda Road CH No. 15, in Persifer Township, Knox County, Illinois, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of Law, come before the Meeting and especially to consider and decide the following:

Call Meeting to Order;
Nomination/Election of the Moderator;
Moderator's Oath of Office;
Approval of minutes of previous Annual Town Meeting;
Annual report of Supervisor;
Annual report of Road District Treasurer;
Purchase of Real Estate;
Continuation of Recycling Services;
Audit of Accounts;
Approval of Donations to Triad and Food Pantry;
Permanent Fund Transfers;
General Business; and,
Adjournment.

DATED this 11th day of March, 2025.

ANN COLLOPY,
Persifer Township Clerk.

Published 3/20/25

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELBA

NOTICE is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of ELBA, in the County of Knox and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Township will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:30 P. M. on said day at the ELBA TOWN HALL, in Elba Township, Knox County, Illinois, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of Law, come before the Meeting and especially to consider and decide the following:

Call Meeting to Order;
Nomination/Election of the Moderator;
Moderator's Oath of Office;
Approval of minutes of previous Annual Town Meeting;
Annual report of Supervisor;
Annual report of Road District Treasurer;
Audit of Accounts;
Permanent Fund Transfers;
Determine time of Annual Town Meeting;
General Business; and,
Adjournment.

DATED this 11th day of March, 2025.

PHILLIP GOEDEKE,
Elba Township Clerk.

Published 3/20/25

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JUBILEE

NOTICE is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of JUBILEE in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Township will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 8:00 P. M. on said day at the JUBILEE TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 12807 N. Princeville-Jubilee Rd., in Jubilee Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of Law, come before the Meeting and especially to consider and decide the following:

Call Meeting to Order;
Nomination/Election of the Moderator;
Moderator's Oath of Office;
Approval of minutes of previous Annual Town Meeting;
Annual report of Supervisor;
Annual report of Road District Treasurer;
Audit of Accounts;
Determine time of next Annual Town Meeting;
Permanent Fund Transfers;
General Business; and,
Adjournment.

DATED this 10th day of March, 2025.

ROBIN A. FORNEY,
Jubilee Township Clerk.

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son, 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) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal residents of the Town of Brimfield in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL MEETING of said town will take place on

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 being the second Tuesday of the month

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 6:00 P.M. on said day at the Brimfield Township Building, 315 S. Adams St., Brimfield, Illinois, and a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider the following agenda: (a) appointment of moderator, (b) approval of minutes of last annual town meeting, (c) reports of officers, if any, (d) decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting, (e) decide time and place of next annual town meeting, (f) discuss and approve transfer of funds from the Town Fund to the Road District, if any, (g) comments from public, if any, and (h) adjournment.

DATED at Brimfield, Illinois, this 7th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Michele D. Karl Town Clerk

Published 3/20/25

NOTICE OF ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Peoria County on March 11, 2025, under the Assumed Name of GEOSPHERE EDU CONSULTING, with the business located at 109 East Craig Street, Princeville, IL 61559. The true name and residence address of the owner is: Timothy D. Noonan, 109 East Craig Street, Princeville, IL 61559.

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NOTICE OF ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Peoria County on March 11, 2025, under the Assumed Name of THE FLORAL POINTE, with the business located at 5910 W. County Line Rd., Speer, IL 61479. The true name and residence address of the owners is: Julie and Jared Hanson, 5910 W. County Line Rd., Speer, IL 61479.

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CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER J. ARMBRUSTER, Deceased. CC 2025-PR-0000054

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of CHRISTOPHER J. ARMBRUSTER, on January 21, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to TAYLOR J. ARMBRUSTER, of 4013 North Brookdale Place, Apt. 5B2, Peoria, Illinois 61614, and IAN Z. ARMBRUSTER, of 1111 North Dearborn Street, Apt. 1011, Chicago, Illinois 60610, 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 12th day of September, 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.

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 24th day of February, 2025.

TAYLOR J. ARMBRUSTER and IAN Z. ARMBRUSTER, Executors of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER J. ARMBRUSTER, Deceased.

STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executors 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 stephanie@whitneyandpotts.com Published 3/6, 3/13, 3/20/25

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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 14-23-03821. I3262141 Published 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/25

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS.

THOMAS E VANCLEAVE; GREAT AMERICAN FUNDING CORPORATION; UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS OF GREAT AMERICAN FUNDING CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2024-FC-0000256 6507 SOUTH ADAMS STREET BARTONVILLE, IL 61607 JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Thomas E VanCleave Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for

the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL 1: LOT 2 IN BARTON AND EATON'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, 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 OTHER MINERALS. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2: THAT PART OF VACATED JEFFERSON STREET ADJOINING PARCEL 1 ON THE EAST SIDE AS VACATED BY THE ORDINANCE RECORDED OCTOBER 8, 1982 AS DOCUMENT NO. 82-14177.

Commonly known as: 6507 South Adams Street Bartonville, IL 61607 and which said Mortgage was made by, Thomas E VanCleave Mortgageor(s), to Busey Bank Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2013007464; and for other relief.

By order of the Chief Circuit Judge, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation Pre-Conference on April 24th, 2025, at 2:30p.m., by Zoom, meeting ID : 593-480-2333, Password : Courthouse. A mediation coordinator will be present to discuss options that you may have and to pre-screen you for mediation. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before April 14, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with

the 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 inform-

ación 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. 24-19789IL-1149388 I3262220 Published 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/25

Amber Waves



The Spats



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Weekly SUDOKU. A 9x9 grid with some numbers filled in. Below the grid is a difficulty level indicator: 'DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: Moderate Challenging HOO BOY!'. At the bottom, it says '© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.'



- 1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was Time Magazine's First Man of the Year in 1927?
2. MOVIES: Who was the male lead in the film "Risky Business"?
3. LITERATURE: In which novel does the character of Emma Woodhouse appear?
4. LANGUAGE: What does the acronym "sonar" stand for?
5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the Dukes' car on the show "The Dukes of Hazzard"?
6. HISTORY: The first atomic submarine was built in which decade?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What modern-day country is in the area known in ancient times as Lusitania?
8. MEDICINE: What disease is caused by a deficiency of Vitamin A?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president's image appeared on a dollar coin in 1971?
10. MATH: What does the symbol "r" stand for in geometry?
Answers
1. Aviator Charles Lindbergh.
2. Tom Cruise.
3. "Emma" by Jane Austen.
4. Sound navigation and ranging.
5. The General Lee.
6. 1950s.
7. Portugal.
8. Night blindness.
9. Dwight D. Eisenhower.
10. Radius.
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CryptoQuote. A word puzzle where one letter stands for another. The words are: FKYD KA DFBN HBJKD MA, KAN JWLADL WX NWVL, FMAI, KAI JLDKPMCMPN, QMSS MAHPKAPSN XMSS MP. - IDD EWJY. © 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

- TOP 10 MOVIES
1. Mickey 17 (R)
2. Captain America: Brave New World (PG-13)
3. Last Breath (PG-13)
4. The Monkey (R)
5. Paddington in Peru (PG)
6. Dog Man (PG)
7. Anora (R)
8. Mufasa: The Lion King (PG)
9. Rule Breakers (PG)
10. In the Lost Lands (R)
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BASEBALL: Princeville drops season opener at Tremont, 7-1

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ended last spring with a regional setback to eventual IHSA Elite Eight qualifier Peoria Notre Dame.

Justin Begner returns for his ninth season as head coach. Assisting Begner are Dylan Hayden and Kaleb Plattenberger.

Starters Dawson Foster and Jack Wheelwright graduated, but returnees look to be aplenty.

Senior Lane Wheelwright returns to pitch and brings back a .427 batting average. Bronson Atchley is back with a .352 average. Carter Lambin and Landon Crawford return with varsity pitching experience. Jacob Evans and Ben Marvel return and were key contributors at the varsity level last spring.

“The first week of practice looked and felt great. For the first time in many years, we are actually abundant in upperclassmen and experience,” Begner said. “This team has all the tools as long as we display the leadership and enthusiasm we’ve had in this

first week for the whole season.

“We always begin the season with high level competition (IVC, Limestone and East Peoria). By playing good competition early, we see good pitching and hitting to begin adjusting right away.”

Princeville – Princeville fell 7-1 at Tremont in its season opener on Monday. Tremont pitching and six errors by the Princes were factors in the decision.

Only Carter Peterson, who connected for a double, and Coley Palmer, who had a single, hit safely for the Princes.

Parker Dickinson tossed 2.2 frames, yielding four hits, four strikeouts and no earned runs. Logan Olshawsky’s pitching line was 2.1 innings and two hits.

Despite the slow start, Princes Coach Brett Williams – in his 10th season as a head coach and second with PHS – is looking forward to 2025. The Princes suffered no graduation losses from the 2024 squad, which showed improvement.



Junior Sean Crowe adds depth to the Brimfield-Elmwood pitching staff this spring.

Senior pitcher and infielder Dickinson paced the team in innings pitched and strikeouts. Williams said Dickinson is also a good defender up the middle with an improving bat. Olshawsky, also a senior, returns as a cleanup hitter and pitcher who drives the ball to all fields and pitches solid innings. Junior

Noah Geiger is back to play outfield, pitch, bat leadoff and swipe bases.

Senior Jake Williams, shortstop and pitcher, paced the team in most offensive categories last season. He was an anchor at shortstop and led the team in pitching wins and ERA. Palmer, as a freshman, caught, pitched and played outfield and looks to contribute again. He hit for power to all fields, is strong behind the plate and pitched well in relief.

Coach Williams is assisted by Donnie Peterson, Daniel Murk, Andrew Arnett and Greg Down.

“We could have a very dominant pitching staff. We showed flashes of controlling some really good offenses but struggled with consistency and battling injury,” Coach Williams said. “Our offense has great potential in the lineup that can be a threat from various angles. We will need to bring down our strikeouts. We will also need to be consistent on defense.”

ROWVA-Williamsfield – Veteran coach Arnie Gonzalez returns to guide a ROWVA-Williamsfield team that has six returning starters along with two newcomers tabbed to make a difference.

Pitchers Drake DeJaynes, Brody Lytle and Jaxson Strom have experience to hold oppositions in check.

“We’re expecting big stats from them this season. We do need them to stay healthy, which was a concern last year,” Gonzalez said.

Junior newcomer catcher Zander Vest looks to work the pitching staff behind the plate. Senior newcomer Talan Hull will be playing at first base.

“We hope to see a nice season from everyone involved, because it will take everyone to contribute something positive,” Gonzalez said.

The Cougars are scheduled to open the season at Abingdon-Avon next Thursday in a Lincoln Trail Conference matchup.

SOFTBALL: Gardner back as Princeville coach

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the Lady Farmers return more than they lost from a 2024 team that finished 15-10-1.

The primary returnee might be Lydia Overcash, one of two seniors on the Farmers’ roster. She had a 1.2 ERA as a pitcher.

“Overcash has had to pitch a lot of varsity games since her freshman year,” Farmington Coach Jeni Fauser stated. “She looks to have a good year on the mound and do the majority of the pitching.”

Junior Nevaeh Howard is expected to complement Overcash in the circle. Outside of it, Overcash also will be relied upon to provide some offense, according to Fauser. Overcash hit .245 last season. The other senior, first baseman Meaghan Carpenter, is relied upon for defense and leadership.

Also returning is a solid group of juniors, led by Sophia Anderson (.362 batting average in 2024). Gracie Duley, Ava Essex, Joelle Herbst, Kennedy Koenig, Ella Johnson and Kiley Vallas are among those expected to help mitigate the departures of second baseman Madilyn Hanlin and all-conference center fielder Izzy Nordwahl. A sophomore, infielder/catcher Addison Rockhold, batted .340 last season.

“We will have a lot of options at positions,” Fauser stated. “Our goal is to continue to improve each day and be our best in May.”

Farmington was to begin play Tuesday at Monmouth United. Also scheduled is a home game Saturday against Bartonville Limestone.

Princeville – Returning for his second stint as Princeville coach is Chad Gardner, whose first stint was pretty successful. He had a record of 171-64 between 2013 and 2019, including a second-place 1A state finish in 2016 and third place the following year.

This year, Princeville returns four starters from a team that finished 11-17: catcher-shortstop Mekaya Cihla, outfielder Sierra Stahl, pitcher Claire Sutherland and infielder Leah Vaughn.

Sutherland pitched 10 of Princeville’s victories last season, lost six times and had an ERA of 3.87. Cihla batted .373, Stahl .312.

Princeville skews young. The roster includes five freshmen and four sophomores, with two juniors and two seniors.

“Time will tell if we can come together,” Gardner stated. “The underclassmen will have to step up for us if we are to be successful this year.

Girls are working hard and they are

trying to figure out me and what I expect from them.”

Princeville won at least a regional title in each of Gardner’s previous seasons. This season was scheduled to begin Tuesday against Henry. Another game was scheduled for today at Tremont.

ROWVA-Williamsfield – Five varsity starters return from a R-W team that finished 16-15 last season.

“We will be young in spots, but these ladies are very motivated and driven student-athletes,” R-W Coach Beau Burnett stated.

Seniors Emma West and Tieler Williams-Fouts, juniors Riley Smith and Ella Rigg and sophomores Emerson Hannam and Hannah Gehring are the team’s most experienced players.

Rigg batted .395 with 23 RBI last season. Gehring batted .349, and Smith batted .346 with a home run and 20 RBI. West had two homers. Burnett believes they and a good core of underclassmen will help his team navigate a rugged Lincoln Trail Conference.

Last season, half the Cougars’ defeats came against 1A state-champion Ridgewood, runner-up Illini Bluffs, Sweet 16 qualifier Biggsville West Central and two regional finalists (Abingdon-Avon and Fulton).

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Baseball begins

B-E battles back to win Sams' debut

By PHIL JOHNSON

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Trailing by five runs heading into the bottom of the third inning on Monday was not the start James Sams would have picked for a head-coaching debut.

The comeback by his Brimfield-Elmwood baseball team is one he will remember, though.

“It was a great way to start the season,” said Sams, who was previously the junior-varsity coach at North Fulton for three seasons and was a two-year assistant coach at ROWVA-Williamsfield.

B-E opened its 2025 campaign by scoring eight unanswered runs to beat Stanford Olympia at home, 9-6.

Evan Patterson relieved starting pitcher Sean Crowe in the top of the fourth, holding the visitors scoreless until Cleve Bizosky closed it in Olympia's last at-bat.

Dane Faberburg collected three hits and scored

four runs from the leadoff spot. Brady Johnson and Brody Kenney each batted in three runs in the win.

“Clutch hits from Brady Johnson and Brody Kenney combined for six needed runs for us,” Sams said. “Our defense struggled early behind Sean Crowe. Patterson was able to come in and throw clean innings and Cleve took care of Olympia in the seventh.”

B-E finished a 22-3 campaign last year in a 3-0 setback to Canton in regional play under Coach Brandon Porter, who is now head coach at Carl Sandburg College. Graduation took starting catcher Kyle Binder, first baseman Landon Binder, outfielder Jude Strahm and top pitcher Drew Kieser.

Among returning contributors will be senior shortstop and pitcher Johnson. Senior Bizosky will also pitch and man the shortstop position. Junior Crowe returns to add good depth on the mound.



New Brimfield-Elmwood baseball coach James Sams chats with Brody Kenney at third base in Monday's 9-6 comeback win over Stanford Olympia in Brimfield. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

Junior Kaden Schatsiek will again start in right field.

Assistant coaches are Austin Sims, junior-varsity head coach Tyler Baysinger, Nick Unes, Tucker Blum, Derek Ratterman, Jaxson Lewis, Logan Smith and Nick Huber.

“We need to be consistent in the field and put

pressure on teams when we are on the bases. We are going to try to play fast and aggressive,” Sams said.

Next up for the Indians is a nonconference matchup at Sherrard today, March 20.

Farmington – The Farmers' 14-15 season

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Returning pitchers to lead B-E softball

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

Brimfield-Elmwood lost half its starters from a 2024 softball team that was 20-4 and advanced to a regional final. But for 2025, the Indians appear to be reloading, not rebuilding.

It helps to have two solid returning pitchers, both of whom are juniors. Sawyer Drury was 6-2 last season with an earned-run average of 1.24. She struck out 131 batters and walked 38. Schyer Meinders as 3-0 with a 2.31 ERA, 54 strikeouts and 22 walks.

The pitching might help make up for the graduation loss of some potent B-E bats, including Kierra Johnson, Brook Sumner and CJ Troxell. But Drury and Meinders aren't shabby in the batter's box, either. Drury hit .324 last year, with 15 RBI. Meinders batted .347 and had 20 RBI.

Kendyl Binder returns after she batted .324 and drove in 15 her freshman

season.

“We are replacing a lot of really good players, but our girls are more than capable of meeting the challenge,” 12th-season B-E Coach Kurt Juerjens stated.

Juerjens also organized what he called the toughest schedule in his tenure. It includes two games against two-time Class 1A state champion and reigning runner-up Illini Bluffs. It also includes games against Class 3A and 4A competition. East Peoria, Pekin and Rock Island are among them.

“Hopefully, that will help us in the postseason,” Juerjens stated.

B-E was scheduled to open its season Tuesday against Knoxville, the first of four games set for this week. To follow were games Wednesday at East Peoria, today (March 20) against Stanford Olympia and Saturday against Pekin.

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