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# **BRIMFIELD AMERICAN LEGION**

# Post 452 seeking community support

By MOLLY RICHESON

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The American Legion is a well-known veteran's organization founded in 1919 by an act of Congress after World War I.

Not long after that, in 1923, a group of veterans established a local branch in Brimfield, Post 452. In recent years, the post has seen a drastic reduction in members and has been battling to stay afloat.

"We were sort of suffocating ourselves. In years past, this was the hub of the community. We had live bands, wedding receptions, funeral dinners, birthday parties," said current member Robert Jones. "It was hard to get a reservation here because it was so busy."

But as membership declined, so did the activities and the number of volunteers who could help make new ideas happen.

Under new leadership, Post 452 is hoping to turn the tides. New Commander James Bloomer has always been a non-commissioned officer in charge and is described by friends as talented at organization, coordination and bringing people together.

"I will do everything I have to do so the community knows what we're doing going forward," Bloomer said.



The new leadership at Brimfield American Legion Post 452 includes (from left to right): Treasurer Norma Hoffman, Vernon Kirkland, Commander James Bloomer, Vice Commander Steve Dearing and Robert Jones. Photo by Molly Richeson.

# Memorial Day ceremony

Brimfield American Legion Post 452 will hold a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. at the Memorial Wall next to the new Brimfield Historical Museum, which is also the former village hall.

Other Memorial Day events will be held throughout the area. Details on Page 3 and in advertisements throughout this edition.

Vice Commander Steve Dearing, also an NCO, said he has stepped up because of his love for the American Legion.

"I like what I'm doing. These are my brothers from different mothers and different branches," Dearing said. "No matter what service you're in, you're family. That's the best part of it."

So what exactly is Post 452 doing going forward? The message from Bloomer is clear: "We're here for you. It's no longer here just for the veterans.

"In order for us to survive, we've got to have community support. So, we're gearing a lot of things up for the community."

These events already include breakfast every Sunday morning, smashburger nights and ice-cream socials, events with smoked-pork sandwiches, a Memorial Day ceremony oin Monday and, starting June 2, the bar will be open to the public on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-9 p.m.

The building has added televisions to watch sports as well as WiFi, has a Facebook page, an email address and now accepts credit and debit cards.

Jones said plans call for applying for licenses for bingo nights, card and game nights, tip boards

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# Farmington eliminates city-administrator job

Inside

admits guilt to for-

gery and to a gun

charge. Page 5

Marcy Oglesby

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – After 40 years of having a city administrator help run things here, the Farmington City Council voted Monday to eliminate the position.

Following a 13-minute ex-

ecutive session, the council voted unanimously in favor of an ordinance eliminating the position of city adminstrator.

Mayor Kenn Stuff-

lebeam also voted due to the absence of three council members.

According to the ordinance, duties of the city administrator will be reassigned as determined by subsequent action of the council. Former City Administrator Bettina Bohanan has not been at work since April 29 when she said, "to my knowledge, my position was eliminated."

Stufflebeam had no comment Monday other than to say, "She did a lot of good things for the city."

Stufflebeam would not comment about a severance package for Bohanan the council passed. The Weekly Post filed a Free-

dom of Information Act request and learned Bohanan will receive 90 days of pay, though she will not be working for the city. Her termination date is May 12.

Bohanan's starting salary Continued on Page 10

# **Powerful cousins**

# Brimfield, Elmwood mayors are related

## By MOLLY RICHESON

For The Weekly Post

While they are not quite the Kennedys, a new power family has emerged in central Illinois.

Longtime Brimfield Mayor Dan Fishel and newly elected Elmwood Mayor Andrew Almasi are first cousins. Fishel's mother and Almasi's father are siblings.

While Fishel has been Brimfield village president for 23 years, Almasi is a newcomer to his position.

Almasi has been in the area his entire life, living in Canton

until the third grade and then residing in Elmwood ever since. After graduating from Elmwood High School, he worked at Keystone Steel & Wire and Caterpillar Inc. before setting his sights on the law. He studied philosophy and law enforcement at Western Illinois University for three years and then received his law degree from Northern Illinois University. He was a practicing lawyer after passing his bar exam in 1990, and he also taught a class on legal research at Midstate College for around 10 years.

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# MAYORS: Involved in politics to help people

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Almasi has also served
on the board at Maple
Lane Country Club for 12
years, including several
stints as president.

"So I got used to being in meetings and being involved in how things worked and got funded," he said.

Almasi was first appointed to the Elmwood City Council before running two more times and serving eight years. He was elected mayor in April.

Almasi has been married for 45 years to his wife, Jean, who retired in 2024 after working 30 years for the Elmwood Post Office. They share four children, Joe, Rhiannon and twins Matt and Tom.

Almasi follows in the footsteps of his father, Joe, who was mayor of Elmwood for 14 years. Fishel has strong memories of Joe Almasi after spending two summers with the Almasis.

"Andrew's father was a stern but loving man. He made you want to please him and people responded well to his leadership," Fishel said. "I remember seeing how much people loved and respected him.

"We were close cousins. Our families were close. Our grandma lived in



Dan Fishel, left, and cousin Andrew Almasi help run their respective communities. Photo by Molly Richeson.

Farmington, and we would cross paths at her house on Sundays. We had sleep-overs and did the things that kids do."

Fishel graduated from Brimfield High School and stayed in the community to raise his family. He worked as a paramedic with Advanced Medical Transport and with the Washington Fire Department, from which he retired 11 years ago. He was an assistant fire chief and paramedic with the Brimfield volunteer fire department for 23 years, served on the local zoning board and had two terms on the Brimfield Village Board before becoming president.

"I liked that I could be helpful," he said.

On days he wasn't working as a paramedic, Fishel drove a semi for Akron Services. After 24 years, he retired from there as well on Sept. 4, 2024.

Fishel has been married to his wife, Janet, since 1981. They raised two daughters, Stephanie and Emily.

Andrew Almasi described his cousin by saying, "We were roughly the same age and in the same graduating class even. He's just a smart, gregarious guy. He's a good guy all around."

The cousins list similar reasons for getting involved in local politics.

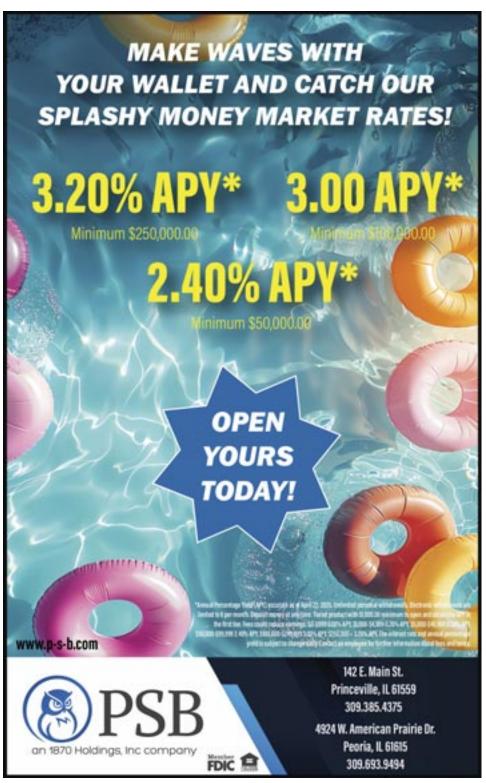
"You feel like you can help people," Almasi said. "That's what I liked about the law. I became a lawyer because I read 'To Kill A Mockingbird.' You advocate for somebody else your whole career, and that's what we were doing on the council. It's not always what I want; it's about them.

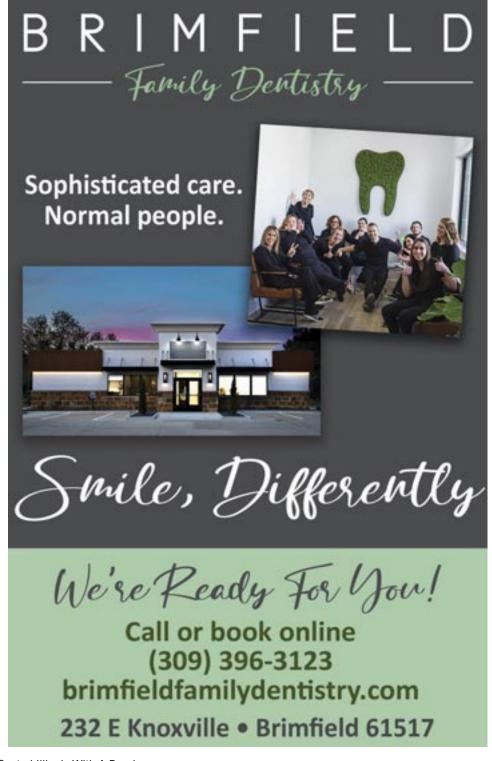
"You listen to what people have to say, and then you may have to educate them a little about what can actually be done, but leadership is about steering people toward the best possible outcome for them."

Fishel is inspired by a similar drive.

"Brimfield is a great place to raise a family ... there's a feeling of safety. I've grown to love this community and all the people in it and I'm too proud of it to let something happen to it," he said. "Stepping into the local government was a way to help take care of it and everyone in it.

"The biggest thing is patience, being able to remain calm and hearing all of the information before stating an opinion publicly. Grade each complaint and compliment from the source and from the way it was given. And let things develop on their own and only step in when it's necessary."





# THE WEEK AHEAD

# Hot Picks

- **Memorial Day –** These events are Monday, May 26. - Farmington American Legion will hold a service at Yates City Cemetery at 11 a.m. See ad, Page 5.
- A march from Elmwood's Central Park to Elmwood Township Cemetery starts at 10 a.m. Services in Central Park will be at 10:45 a.m. See ad, Page 4.
- Ceremonies at seven Princeville-area cemeteries start at 9 a.m. at St. Mary of the Woods and conclude at 11:05 in Stevens Square. See ad, Page 12.
- Williamsfield American Legion meets at Norman Legion Hall at 9 a.m., visits area cemeteries ending at Williamsfield Cemetery at noon. Potluck to follow.

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- MANNA Meal MANNA Meal is Thursday, May 29, at Elmwood United Methodist Church. \$8. Doors open 11 a.m., food at noon. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads and desserts.
- County Clerk Peoria County Clerk Rachael Parker will discuss the services provided by her office at a Cupcakes and Conversation event May 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library.
- **Reading Logs –** Reading logs are now available at Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood to prepare for the summer reading program that starts on June 1.

## Future Events

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- Strawberry Festival Elmwood's annual Strawberry Festival will be held June 7 starting with a 7 a.m. 5K race and pancake breakfast at the firehouse.
- **Pork Chops** Hanna City Fireman's Corp. has a pork-chop dinner on June 7

from 4-10 p.m. at the firehouse. Vendors, live music, raffles, adult beverages and

• My Place - The 22nd annual My Place St. Jude fundraiser is June 14 in

Yates City starting with a 5K race at 7 a.m. and running throughout the day with kids games, a bags tournament, a side-byside drive and into the evening with an auction, beer tent and more.

- Meals on Wheels Meals on Wheels delivered in Elmwood and Yates City on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call (309) 772-9284.
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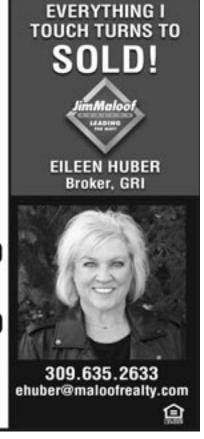
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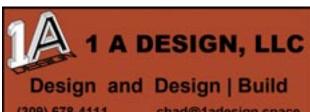
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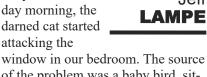
# Of baby birds, whirlybirds and soft maples

Rambling through central Illinois, heeding advice of a reader who said it was time to get back to writing about trees, ratcoons and other outdoorsy stuff.

The familiarity of life can be com-

forting. As years pass, all too fast, familiar events and occasions can bring joy and comfort.

Not always, though. In the early hours Monday morning, the darned cat started



window in our bedroom. The source of the problem was a baby bird, sitting outside the window, flapping its wings and staring at the cat.

Jeff

This triggered many emotions in me, but panic was definitely one since the Monday and Tuesday forecast called for rain.

How's that, you ask?

Well, most years birds nest in the downspout east of our bedroom. The noise of all that scrabbling around is annoying enough, but worse yet, during a heavy downpour, nest materials often plug the downspout. That sends water gushing onto the roof and, last year, created a leak in our first-floor bathroom.

So at first light, it was time to climb onto the roof to assess. Strangely, it was not nest material that had packed the downspout, but rather a few million whilrlybird seeds from the darned soft maple in the yard. Yes, that's the same maple that wrecked a truck topper during

the straight-line winds more than a decade ago. The same maple makes a mess of our yard and deck on what seems to be a daily basis. The continued existence of that tree, which has been topped twice and needs another cutting, proves the power of love. My wife wants the tree for shade. Sigh.

As for the baby bird, no idea where it went. But for the first time in a long time, the darned cat actually got some well-deserved praise. The maple tree only prompted another call to Advanced Tree Service.

Stunned by me bad-mouthing a tree? Don't be. There are some trees even a tree-hugger dislikes. Locusts. Soft maples. Poplars. Bradford pears. Hmm. That's about it.

Contact Jeff Lampe at (309) 231-6040 or jeff@wklypost.com

# Solar is not a threat. It's an opportunity

"It's not the strongest species that survives, it's the one that adapts, adopts and accepts change." Why do I begin with this quote? Because it applies to the consideration of "planting" solar panels on farm ground.

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Let's accept that the sun is one of our most powerful and consistent resources. Let's adapt to farming it wisely. Let's adopt the view that the sun can shine even brighter for the generations to come ... because solar is not a threat. It's an opportunity.

Colleen Callahan is a former director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and USDA Rural Development.

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# Oglesby admits guilt to forgery, gun charge

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post GALESBURG - A woman accused of murdering the former Maquon police chief has admitted guilt, but not regarding that crime.

Marcy Oglesby was sentenced May 16 in Knox County Circuit Court to one year of non-reporting probation for committing forgery and possessing firearms illegally. Both crimes are related to the death of Richard Young, whose decomposing body was found in October 2022 in a Maquon storage locker.

The forgery-and-firearms charges carried possible state-prison sentences of two to five years. A court hearing regarding murder, aggravated battery and death-concealment charges against Oglesby is scheduled for June 2, with a trial possible later that month.

In a negotiated plea last week in front of Judge Andrew Doyle, Oglesby admitted to selling five of Young's guns despite not having an Illinois Firearm Owners Identification Card. Oglesby also pleaded guilty to forging Young's signature on the bill of sale.

Wearing a light-green-aqua T-shirt and black stretch pants, the 53-yearold Oglesby spoke in court only to respond to Doyle when he asked for her birth date, her education level and whether she understood the terms of the plea agreement. As usual in her court appearances, she

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was unaccompanied.

The firearms transaction took place in May 2022, about six months after Young is believed to have died, according to Knox County State's Attorney Ashley Worby. Oglesby and another Maquon woman, Karen Doubet, are accused of poisoning Young over time, then hiding his corpse in the storage locker.

"It was impossible for him to do so," Worby said in court about Young signing the gun receipt.

Young was 71 when he died. He, Doubet and Oglesby resided together in Maquon.

Oglesby had been communicating with the firearms purchaser, an Oneida-area man, by text message regarding the transaction, according to Worby. Oglesby told the man she had Young's permission to conduct the sale.

The firearms sold were a Remington Model 870 pump-action shotgun, a Ruger 10/22 Takedown semi-automatic rimfire rifle, a Mosin-Nagant bolt-action rifle, a Remington Speedmaster .22-caliber rifle and a Stevens 110E Series K bolt-action rifle, according to court documents.

Oglesby was ineligible for a FOID card because she was on felony probation at the time of the sale, Worby said. Oglesby was convicted of forgery in September 2020 in Knox County.

Worby offered the plea deal last week. Otherwise, a trial on the forgery-and-firearms charges was likely this week or next. Last month, Doyle separated those charges from the others.

Under terms Doyle prescribed during sentencing last week, Oglesby was credited for time served in jail – about five months following her October 2022 arrest. She probably will be held in state prison should she violate her probation, according to one of her attorneys, public defender David Hansen.

No later than Nov. 24, Oglesby is to pay \$549 in court costs and fees. She is not to possess firearms, ammunition or dangerous weapons.

The prosecution is not to raise the guilty pleas as an issue during Oglesby's impending murder trial, according to Hansen.

"They may bring in evidence regarding the fact that she sold the firearms or forged the signatures, but the fact that she pleaded guilty and (was) convicted will not come in," he said following the hearing.

Doubet is scheduled to appear in court July 7. Oglesby also is facing charges filed in March 2022 in Fulton County for passing bad checks, a felony. A hearing is scheduled for May 28 in Lewistown.

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# **PUBLIC RECORD**

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# Police reports

• KICKAPOO – Both drivers were injured in a two-vehicle headon crash west of Kickapoo.

Michelle L. Goble of Peoria Heights was driving a westbound 2024 Nissan Kicks about 3:45 p.m. April 28 on U.S. Route 150 near Philander Chase Lane when her vehicle collided with an eastbound 2018 Audi Q3, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The other driver was Valy Slagel of Peoria. He said Goble's vehicle swerved into his lane. Goble said she was distracted because she was trying to prevent an important paper from flying out one of the vehicle's open windows.

Slagel complained about rib pain. He was placed in a cervical collar and transported to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria. So was Goble, who complained about chest and back pain and a lacerated finger.

Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed. Goble was cited for improper lane use.

• HANNA CITY – About \$2,000 in tools were reported stolen from a Hanna City-area property, according to authorities.

The apparent burglary was discovered about 10:45 a.m. May 2 in the 12600 block of W. Riekena Rd., per a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The Duracraft tools were in a toolbox.

No suspect information was avail-

• GALESBURG – A two-vehicle wreck at the northeast edge of Galesburg resulted in two Yates City residents needing hospital attention, among others.

Pamela A. Ehens, 78, was driving a southbound 2014 Nissan Rogue at 2 p.m. May 1 on Knox Highway 9 and was attempting to cross U.S. Route 34 when the vehicle collided with an eastbound 2013 Ford Edge, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Of-

The other driver was Selena A. Gustafson, 30, of Burlington, Iowa. The Edge struck the Rogue in its right-side front-wheel area. Witnesses said the Rogue pulled in front of the Edge.

Ehens and her passenger, a 92year-old Yates City woman, were transported to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center. So were Gustafson and her two passengers, a 54-year-old woman and a 12-year-old boy, both of Burlington. Gustafson sustained a displaced right-ankle fracture. Injuries to the others weren't specified.

Both vehicles were towed. Ehens was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

• **PEORIA** – An Edwards-area man was accused of identity theft after he used a woman's debit card to make unauthorized purchases at a Peoria supermarket.

James C. Ernst Jr., 56, confessed to using the card at Kroger, 3311 N. Sterling Ave., according to a redacted Peoria Police Department report. There were three transactions March 26 at that grocery store. The report indicated others through April 18 might also have been made.

Following a police investigation, Ernst was arrested at 6:30 p.m. April 30 and transported to the Peoria County Jail. He was accused of theft as well as identity theft. The Illinois

Department on Aging Adult Protective Services program had been con-

tacted regarding Ernst. • TRIVOLI - No injuries were reported in a single-vehicle accident west of Trivoli.

Cody J. Allen of Canton was driving a westbound 2023 Ford Transit van shortly before 4:15 p.m. April 28 in the 21000 block of Illinois Route 116 when the vehicle struck a large water jug that blew across the roadway, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Allen pulled onto Stone School Road to check for damage. The van sustained minor dents to its front driver's-side bumper and fender but was drivable. Allen was uninjured.

• TOULON – A Princeville man was cited for multiple crimes in Stark County.

Damian J. Carroll, 35, was accused April 28 of operating an uninsured motor vehicle and unlawful possession of ammunition by a felon, according to the Stark County Sheriff's Office. It wasn't clear where Carroll was apprehended.

Carroll's truck was impounded. • PEORIA – A single-vehicle wreck near the Peoria city limits led to a hospital visit for a Farmington

woman and her passenger.

Josslyn A. Altom, 18, was driving a northbound 2014 Volkswagen hatchback shortly before 9:30 p.m. April 25 on Koerner Road when she overshot an attempted right turn at Cheney Lane, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The vehicle slid on gravel, went over an embankment, flipped and landed on its roof in a creek, in about 6 inches of water. Altom and her 36year-old male passenger crawled out of the vehicle and flagged down a Peoria Park District police officer for

Altom said she was uninjured. Her passenger sustained cuts to his forehead and right hand and complained of left-knee pain. Ambulances transported them to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. Altom was cited for driving without a license. The vehicle, which was registered to the passenger, was towed.

• BRIMFIELD – A McLean County man was arrested for driving under the influence after he was reported sleeping in a vehicle parked south of Brimfield.

Evan N. Croke, 29, of Towanda was arrested shortly before 7 a.m. April 25 at Maher and Frye roads, according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. It wasn't clear how long the 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt he was driving had been parked there.

Croke was charged with possession of a controlled substance and two counts of DUI. He was transported to the Peoria County Jail. The vehicle was impounded. Brimfield firefighters also responded.

• HANNA CITY – A Hanna City man was transported to a Peoria medical center following a single-vehicle accident.

About 1:15 p.m. April 24, Nicholas R. Bridges was exiting the Hanna City Car Wash, 319 N. Pekin Lane, in a 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee when his boot became stuck in the accelerator, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle struck a dumpster, then traversed an intersection and landed in a ditch.

Bridges complained of upper-body pain. It also appeared he wasn't wearing a seat belt and struck his forehead on the vehicle windshield. An ambulance carried Bridges to Carle Health Proctor Hospital. His vehicle

• HANNA CITY - Someone who contacted a Hanna City man through a social-media application apparently scammed him out of \$125,000.

About 1 p.m. April 22, the 53-yearold victim reported being swindled through TikTok, according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. No suspect information was available.

• PEORIA HEIGHTS - An Edwards man was arrested for stealing alcohol from a Peoria Heights convenience store.

Karl A. Edwards IV, 32, admitted he took a 750-milliliter bottle of Jose Cuervo tequila shortly before 11 p.m. April 14 from Beck's, 922 E. War Memorial Drive, according to a Peoria Heights police report. A Beck's clerk reported the theft and identified Edwards, who later was banned from

Edwards was aboard a maroon Huffy Verona bicycle when police apprehended him at Forrest Hill and California avenues in Peoria. He appeared intoxicated, according to the report. Edwards, who said he threw away the bottle, was accused of retail theft and transported to the Peoria County Jail.

- HANNA CITY Shortly after 8:45 p.m. April 28, Donald L. Harris of London Mills was driving a westbound 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan minivan in the 13500 block of Illinois Route 116 when the vehicle struck a deer. Harris said he wasn't injured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained engine-area damage and a dented driver's-side door and fender. It was towed.
- **DUNLAP** Shortly after 5 a.m. April 24, Bradley A. Pierson of Princeville was driving a 2021 Ford F-150 pickup truck east in the 7900 block of W. Parks School Rd. west of Dunlap when the vehicle struck a deer. Pierson didn't appear to be injured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained damage to its grille and front bumper but was drivable.
- ELMWOOD Chief Aaron Bean reported the following Elmwood Police Department activity for April: five stops, one citation, 10 warnings, 24 reports, two notices to appear and three ordinance viola-
- WILLIAMSFIELD Chief James Robertson reported the following Williamsfield Police Department activity for April: one battery, one fire alarm, one alarm, one threat, one harassment, one suspicious incident, one burglary and one person down. • GALESBURG – These were
- among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between April 27-May 3: theft, Yates City; driving complaint, Williamsfield; person down, Yates City; battery, Williamsfield; dog bite, Dahinda; stray dog, Williamsfield; domestic dispute, Douglas; theft, Williamsfield.

# Elmwood board OKs non-certified staff raise and some fee increases

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board approved a 4% raise for non-certified staff and several other measures at Monday's regular monthly meeting.

Superintendent Joel Schmieg noted that the pay increase is the same as what the district approved for certified staff.

"They are valued employees and we appreciate their contributions to our school," Schmieg said.

The board also voted to raise some fees for 2025-26. Bookrental fees will go to \$110 per student for grades K-6, \$125 for grades 7-8 and \$150 for high schoolers – increases of \$15, \$15 and \$25, respectively. Lunch fees will remain the same, except for

faculty and adults, who will pay \$3.60 – an increase of 20 cents.

Admission fees for high school varsity games increase by \$1, to \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Family athletic passes remain \$125. Admission fee increases will help offset the rising cost of officials.

Schmieg said school fees had not increased since 2016-17.

"Increases will help offset the current inflation of cost of educational materials and help absorb a predicted large increase in future costs of devices for students in summer 2026," Schmieg said.

Another increase approved was for the 2025-26 insurance policy with Unland Companies, which is up to \$117,715 from \$108,208 the year before. In addition to a 5% increase in the total building

and personal property limit, the district has added \$25,000 of coverage for computer and funds-transfer fraud, since Schmieg said a number of other districts had to make claims for funds-transfer fraud.

The board approved several personnel decisions. Hirings include Ian Smith as a student summer custodial worker, Dave Wiltz and SheAnna Snider as summer custodial workers and Kelly Blindt as a long-term substitute teacher for 2025-26.

Coaches approved for 2025-26 are Lane Hampton for high school spirit cheer and Alexandra Tomevi for junior high girls cross country.

Non-teaching coaches approved were Chelsea Brown (high school volleyball), Bran-

don Butler (freshman football and high school basketball assistant), Mike Dutton (JV football), Drew Vawter (high school bass fishing), Penny Silzer (junior high volleyball), Blaise Steffen (JH softball), Adrienne Steffes (JHvolleyball assistant) and Breanna (Turner) Bell (HS basketball assistant).

The board accepted resignations from custodian Allanah McCoy and junior high girls head track coach Haley Davis.

The 2024-25 amended district budget is on display with a hearing planned for June 23 at 6 p.m. chmieg said the good news is that the budget is nearly balanced, compared to an anticipated deficit of \$430,000. Schmieg reported that was accomplished by finding some pay-

roll descrepancies between FY25 and FY 24 and due to belt-tight-ening by the staff.

In other business, the board approved:

- Retaining Gorenz and Associates to conduct the Fiscal Year 2025 audit for \$18,150.
- PRESS policy changes sent by the Illinois Association of School Boards.
- Advertising for sale a lawnmower donated to the Industrial Arts program and a kiln for the art department.
- A risk-management program that mirrors the one followed for the past five years.
- An intergovernmental agreement for mutual assistance in response to crisis among schools in Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford and Mason counties.

# **Yates City board OKs renovations**

By MOLLY RICHESON

YATES CITY – The Yates City Village Board swore in elected trustees at its May 14 meeting and announced plans for some minor renovations around town.

Ron Smith, Matt Ehens, Tom Kinzer and Vonda Brinker were sworn in as trustees at the meeting. Mayor Mark Hostetler will be sworn in at a special meeting May 21, as he was out of town on May 14.

The board approved spending \$15,000 for gravel to be spread on alleyways in Yates City. Another \$450 was approved for Blankenship Custom Remodeling to repair soffits at the public-works building and another \$1,200 for the company to pour a concrete base for a picnic table

at the town park. The picnic table will be purchased from Kirby Built for \$1,478.37, including shipping.

Abby Cash was hired as a new seasonal public-works employee and will be paid \$15 per hour. She was to start work on May 19.

In other business, the board approved a \$1-per-hour raise for the police department as well as a \$500 donation to the Elmwood/Yates City/Farmington Fireworks Committee.

The My Place St. Jude fundraiser will be held on Saturday, June 14, and Market and Union streets will be closed for the annual event.

Finally, the board approved a four-year electrical-supply contract with Constellation Energy at a rate of \$0.10299 per killowat hour.

# **PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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George Santayana

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U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee No. 2024-FC-0000014of the Bungalow Series IV Trust

vs.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.

-v.-RAYMOND DEMARIA, KRISTINA DEMARIA, CAMPUSTOWN, LLC Defendant

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2024 FC 0000231

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# Billtown school fees may be increasing

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post
WILLIAMSFIELD —
Some fees and costs for
most students at the Williamsfield school probably
will be rising, and some
new fees probably will be
implemented.

Over the next few months, the Williamsfield School Board is expected to consider increasing the student registration fee from \$30 to \$40 for middle-schoolers and from \$30 to \$50 for high school. Pre-kindergarten registration would be \$30.

Also up for discussion are a \$50-per-device technology fee, capped at \$100 per family; a \$50 driver's-education fee; and a \$30 fee for students who participate in activities, including sports.

Board President Chad Goff said neighboring districts charge such fees. The technology fee would be refunded if students return their computer devices undamaged at the end of the academic year.

"We had over 100 tablets that needed new screens that were broken. Some of this stuff was broken intentionally," Goff said during a board meeting May 12. "We've never charged a student one dime for any of our tablets.

"The tech fee is something that needs to happen."

Hikes in breakfast and lunch prices also are being considered. So are changes to the high school dual-credit program through Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg. Billtown covers 100% of that cost, which this academic year is expected to be \$40,000, according to Interim Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen.

"The way I look at it, 40 grand is 40 grand, man," he told the board.

The board has cut expenses, approved a bond issue and laid off employees in efforts to eliminate a budget deficit of at least \$500,000. At least some of the proposed fee changes are expected to be on the board agenda June 26.

An activity fee would help Williamsfield offset the cost of its sports cooperative arrangement with the Oneida-based ROWVA district, according to Goff. Board
Member Rachel Tucker
said she supported the
tech fee and the driver'sed fee, but an activity fee
should apply to all extracurriculars or none.

"I disagree with having a fee for sports and no fee for STEM," she said.
"Why does one have to pay and not the other, when it's all kind of extras for the students. I'd like to see us not charge anything, because then you could run into kids not doing it."

The board probably will not consider a proposed \$20 per-student fee for band participation, according to Sivertsen. Goff suggested it would raise only about \$250.

"I don't want to step over dollars to pick up pennies," he said.

Updated breakfast prices for kindergarten through 8th grade would be \$2.25. High school students would pay \$2.50. Current prices overall are \$1.75. Adult breakfasts would rise from \$1.75 to \$3.

New lunch prices would be \$3 for K-8 and \$3.50 for high school. Current prices are \$2.50 for K-4 and \$2.65 for 5th grade through high school. Adult lunches would be \$4, a \$1 increase. Pre-K breakfasts and lunches would remain free. The proposed meal-price increases would bring Billtown in line with Illinois State Board of Education recommendations, according to Sivertsen. The district laid off two food-service workers last month to help pare a \$200,000 deficit in that department the past two

Sivertsen recommended the board cap Sandburg dual-credit courses at 12 hours per student per semester, and only high school juniors and seniors would be eligible. He also recommended the district no longer pay for summerschool dual-credit courses.

Currently, 23 Williamsfield students are enrolled in dual credit. That's about one-quarter of the high school student body.

Williamsfield Principal Zack Binder suggested some students who have taken dual-credit courses might not have been adequately prepared for them. Academic guidelines have been implemented.

"I think you're going to find less students in the dual-credit courses, and the ones who are in there are the ones who can truly advance at that rate," Binder said.

The board also held a special meeting Sunday afternoon to approve a \$137,000 bid from The PIPCO Companies Ltd. of Peoria for a welding-fume extractor to be installed in the agriculture lab. The bid was the lowest of four submitted. Work is to begin in late May and be finished by the end of September.

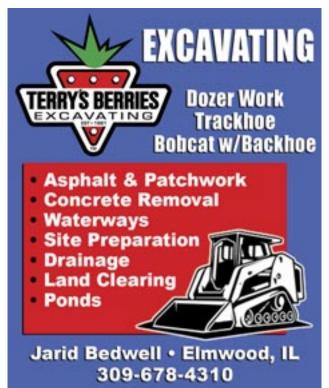
According to Sivertsen, availability of board members helped lead to the unusual timing of the meeting, which was held immediately before high school graduation ceremonies.











# **LEGION:** Seeking new members

Continued from Page 1 and more.

"The new leadership wants a place for the people to come to have fun, relax and interact with our community and friends," Jones said.

In addition, the Legion hopes to start hosting live bands and craft-vendor shows and to continue updating the building at 121 W. Knoxville St. Members also hope to donate memorabilia to the new Brimfield Historical Museum.

The Auxiliary Legion is for spouses or family members of the American Legion and their purpose is to support the American Legion. The Poppy Program, fabric poppies handmade by veterans for donations to the American Legion, is a popular service of the auxiliary.

"We raise awareness for veterans that don't know what resources might be available," said Brenda Boise, vice president of the local Auxiliary 452. "We collect donations for the Honor Flight so a local veteran can attend. We donate batteries for the motorized chairs donated by Veterans Helping Veterans. We work with the Legion to build ramps and just built one last fall."

Boise says that in the last year, more members have joined the Auxiliary than she's seen in the previous six years combined.

"You do not have to live in Brimfield to become a member," she said. "Our furthest member lives in Texas."

While both the American Legion 452 and the American Legion Auxiliary 452 have their own meetings once a month, the new 452 leadership has also begun a monthly joint meeting for better communication.

As part of their joint efforts, they would like to begin a program to loan medical equipment, build more wheelchair ramps, create scholarships and set up places for flag drop-

"We have to have the money first to make that happen," Bloomer said. "The biggest thing is still getting enough volunteers to open the bar and host more food events, get another breakfast crew. We need to utilize the building more than we've been doing. We want to give back as much as the community has given to us, if not more."

With that in mind, Post 452 is holding a membership drive and would like to encourage service members from any branch to join. Family members of service members are encouraged to join Auxiliary 452. Dues are \$45 per year

for the American Legion and \$35 year for the auxiliary, part of which goes to the national headquarters to support the Honor Flights and lobbying.

Post 452 is also seeking for old post-office mailboxes for flag drop-offs. Flags will be ceremonially destroyed at a public event to be held on Flag Day.

"You're part of a brotherhood here, male or female," Bloomer said. "And your being here opens the door for so many more opportunities."

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# FARMINGTON: Community garden being created

Continued from Page 1 when she was hired Jan. 3, 2023, was \$60,000, according to documents received via the FOIA request. She received a raise to \$62,400 in May 2023 and another raise to \$64,272 in May 2024.

As part of her severance package, Bohanan must return all city property and will not make disparaging remarks about the city.

Roger Woodcock was the first of three official city administrators, assuming the job in 1985 after serving 12 years prior to that as city clerk and budget officer. Woodcock retired in April 2009, at which point Rollen Wright was hired as city administrator. Wright stayed on the job 14 years until retiring in December 2022.

According to the City of Farmington code, job responsibilities of the city administrator include attending all regular and special council meetings, publishing notices and advertisements, coordinating bid procedures, performing general requests and projects of the council, keeping cemetery records, handling personnel matters including payroll, preparing the budget, paying bills, overseeing bank accounts and investments, preparing tax-levy ordinances, fielding citizen complaints and supervising day-to-day operations of city departments, excluding police.

In other business, the council approved creating a community garden at 512 E. Fort St. that will be managed by Ashlan Kapsalis. Stufflebeam said there is already water on the vacant lot, located next to the Ulm Veterinary Clinic. He said the city has donated \$500.

"She's excited about it,"

Stufflebeam said of Kapsalis. "Part of the reason for choosing that lot is that it is easily patrolled."

The council also unanimously approved an ordinance authorizing a four-year, \$30,000 forgivable loan to Maggie Connell. She is renovating a commercial property at 171 E. Vernon St. and is moving her Edwards Jones office there from Canton. Under terms of the loan, Connell will be forgiven \$7,500 per year for four years, so long as the business remains open.

Connell had approached the city about TIF grant money for her renovation, which Stufflebeam said cost close to \$90,000 and includes new windows, a new roof and an ADAcompliant ramp.

But the property was previously removed from the TIF district while former owner Matt Ulm was a

member of the Farmington council. Stufflbeam has said bringing the property back into the TIF district is complicated and costly.

Council Member Leslye Smith reported she spoke with Illinois American Water about work on Farmington's two water towers. Smith said high winds have "been wreaking havoc on them." She said plans are to paint both towers white. One will include "Farmington" in black letters and the other will be decorated with Illinois American Water logo.

Ulm spoke to the council on behalf of Masonic Lodge 192 about the annual July 4 parade he and the lodge have coordinated for the past few years. Ulm said last year was the first time the lodge had to purchase insurance for the parade, for \$400. He asked if the city could help in some way. Stufflebeam said he would look into the city being a co-sponsor and including the event under its insurance.

Stufflebeam also handled the city administrator's report, noting that new flooring has been installed in parts of the municipal building and construction of a restroom in Dimmitt Park should begin soon.

Herb Stufflebeam of the Oak Ridge Cemetery Board of Managers reported that work is being done to fix marble headstones and to move flagmedallion markers out of the grass into the concrete aprons around headstones. He said this will protect the markers from harm.

Meghan Brake and Allison Borland also addressed the council about a July 24 community conversation scheduled for 5:30-7 p.m. at a Farmington location to be determined. The goal of the meeting is to discuss supporting people with disabilities by offering employment in the community.



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# **ELMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL** SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS CLASS of 2025

American Red Cross Scholarship (3 scholarships) \$1,500 • Ekstrand Trust (22) \$24,000 Elmwood Business Women (6) \$6,000 • Elmwood Community Foundation (1) \$500 Elmwood Educational Foundation (22) \$50,710 • Elmwood Kiwanis Club (2) \$1,000 Elmwood Strawberry Festival (12) \$2,700 • Elmwood Teacher's Association (2) \$1,000 Leslie Hulslander FFA Scholarship (1) \$250 • Claude Keefer Scholarship (1) \$2,000 MANNA Scholarship (2) \$1,000 • VFW Voice of Democracy Awards (3) \$225 New 2U Scholarship (5) \$5,000 • PEO Star Award (1) \$500 Bob Plack Memorial Scholarship (1) \$125 • Dakota Ramp Band/Choral Award (2) \$600 Dale E. Runyon Scholarship (1) \$1,000 • Greg Scotti Memorial Scholarship (2) \$1,000 George & Gerald Shaheen Scholarship (1) \$5,000 • Kathleen Shoop Fine Arts Scholarship (2) \$1,000 • Farmers State Bank Scholarship (3) \$1,000 Elmwood FFA Alumni Association Scholarship (2) \$500.

## TOTAL \$106,610

Scholarship, Ekstrand Trust, MANNA Scholarship, Red Cross Scholarship Bernie Cantorna ~ Elmwood Educational Foundation, Ekstrand Trust, Elmwood Business Women's Scholarship, Voice of Democracy Award, Whitney Family Valedictorian Award Claire Colgan ~ Elmwood Educational Foundation, Ekstrand Trust, Greg Scotti Scholarship, Kathleen Shoop Fine Arts Scholarship, New 2U Scholarship, Red Cross Scholarship, Strawberry Festival Scholarship Cecelia Conklin ~ Aaron Graves Memorial Scholarship, Ekstrand Trust, Kathleen Shoop Fine Arts Scholarship, PEO Star Award, Strawberry Festival Scholarship Isabelle Davis ~ Kimi & John Pettit Scholarship, tion, Ekstrand Trust, New 2U Scholarship, Ekstrand Trust, Farmers State Bank Scholarship, Strawberry Festival Scholarship Red Cross Scholarship, Kiwanis Scholarship Josephine Griffith ~ Elmwood Educational Foundation, Ekstrand Trust, Strawberry Festival Scholarship, Voice of Democracy Award Scholarship, Ekstrand Trust, Elmwood Business Olivia Stage ~ Elmwood Educational Founda-Women's Scholarship, Greg Scotti Scholarship, MANNA Scholarship, Strawberry Festival Scholarship, Whitney Family Valedictorian Award Foundation, Ekstrand Trust, Strawberry Chloe Howerton ~ Elmwood Educational

Magdalyn Burke ~ Esther Guthoff Memorial

Kadence Head - Harry & Fran McFall Memorial Arts Scholarship Foundation, Ekstrand Trust Sawyer Janson - Clifford & Marion Lott Memorial Scholarship, Ekstrand Trust, Elmwood Scholarship, Ekstrand Trust, Elmwood Business Women's Scholarship, Farmers State Bank Scholarship, Strawberry Festival Scholarship, Whitney Family Valedictorian Award State Bank Scholarship, Kiwanis Scholarship, Kaylee LaFollett ~ Keith LaFollett Memorial Scholarship, Ekstrand Trust, Leslie Hulslander FFA Scholarship, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Strawberry Festival Scholarship Caleb Livengood ~ Helen Paige Memorial Scholarship, Ekstrand Trust, Elmwood Teacher's Association Scholarship, Strawberry Festival Scholarship, Dale Runyon Scholarship Maci Marincic ~ Elmwood Educational Foundation, Ekstrand Trust

George & Gerald Shaheen Scholarship, Strawberry Festival Scholarship, Whitney Family Valedictorian Award Alexia Newman ~ Elmwood Educational Foundation, Ekstrand Trust Christian Ramirez ~ Elmwood Educational Foundation, Ekstrand Trust, Bob Plack Scholarship Ronald Roberts ~ New 2U Scholarship, Voice of Democracy Award Sydney Seipel ~ Elmwood Educational Foundation, Ekstrand Trust, Elmwood Business Women's Scholarship Lily Selman ~ Elmwood Educational Founda-Ryan Selman ~ Elmwood Educational Foundation, Ekstrand Trust, Dakota Ramp Band Award, Strawberry Festival Scholarship Bryson Shadley - Claude Keefer Industrial

Riley McElroy ~ Raymond Seltzer Memorial

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tion, Ekstrand Trust, FFA Alumni Scholarship Jackson Stuckel ~ Elmwood Educational Festival Scholarship

Cashton Turner - New 2U Scholarship Kaylin Williams - Richard Shissler Memorial Business Women's Scholarship, Elmwood Community Foundation Scholarship, Farmers Strawberry Festival Scholarship, Whitney Family Valedictorian Award

Bo Windish ~ Curt McGuire & Dave Jordan Memorial Scholarship, Ekstrand Trust, New 2U Scholarship

Daniel Yeagle ~ Elmwood Teacher's Association Scholarship, Elmwood Business Women's Scholarship, Dakota Ramp Choral Award

Congratulations!



# **BRIEFS**

# Spoon River DAR honors five seniors

WILLIAMSFIELD – The Spoon River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently honored five area high school seniors with Good Citizen Awards.

Recipients this year are Ellis Rogers from Williamsfield High School, Addison Courtright from ROWVA High School, Kaylee La-Follett from Elmwood High School, Isabelle Lynn from Farmington High School and Addison Fidler from Spoon River Valley High School.

Each year, the Spoon River DAR Chapter works with teachers at each school to choose a senior based on their aptitude and initiative in the areas of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Learn more at www.dar.org.

# Farmington teacher wins Haggerty award

FARMINGTON – Bright Futures Teacher Ann Harris was recently awarded the Helen Farmer Haggerty Elementary Teacher Award for 2024-25.

This award was established in 1997 in memory of Haggerty, a dedicated teacher who taught for many years at Harris School. The award honors an elementary teacher who has distinguished themselves in their profession

Harris's name will be added to a plaque that recognizes previous award winners and that is displayed in the elementary office.

Harris, in turn, identified a student



Recipients of Good Citizen Awards from the Spoon River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are (left to right), Addison Fidler, Isabelle Lynn, Addison Courtright and Ellis Rogers. Not pictured is Kaylee LaFollett.



Farmington Bright Futures teacher Ann Harris was awarded the Helen Farmer Haggerty Elementary Teacher Award for 2024-25. With her is Duke Pettett, the student she picked for achievements beyond normal expectations.

who achieved beyond normal expectations this past school year. That student is Duke Pettett, who received a monetary award to be used for future education. Duke is the son of Drew and Jennie Pettett of Hanna City.

# **College honors**

- Several local students were named to the Olivet Nazarene University spring semester Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better). Honorees are Jacob Avery of Edwards, Alivia Bryant of Brimfield, Chloe Donnelli of Edwards, Sophia Donnelli of Edwards, Elizabeth Howard of Edwards and Jonathan Larow of Elmwood.
- **Robert Rosado** of Princeville has been named to Southern New Hampshire University spring 2025 President's list (3.7 gpa or better).

#### Et cetera

• PEORIA – The Peoria Municipal Band will begin its 88th season of concerts with a Memorial Day performance at the Gateway Building on Monday, May 26, at 10:30 a.m., to be followed by a program remembering those who died in service of our country. On June 1 at 7 p.m. in the Glen Oak Park Amphitheater, the Morton Civic Chorus will join the band for a concert.

# MORRISON & MARY WILEY LIBRARY SUMMERREADING 2025 LEVEL UP!

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Reading logs are now available for pickup at the library!

Reading three hours a week (and turning in a paper log) will win you weekly prizes and chances at free books, gift cards, and prize baskets.

Anyone can participate – begin tracking minutes on June 1st and turn in your log any time before noon on June 9th (Repeat seven more times throughout June and July, and you've done it!). The last reading log is turned in by noon on July 27th.

Grand prizes will be announced on July 31st.

Design a Bookmark and display it at the Library! Reading Buddies happens every Wednesday at 10:00 AM during June and July, beginning June 4th.

Younger kids can read to older kids and make friends along the way. Babies and preschoolers are welcome! Come when you can as no registration is needed.

High school volunteers will earn scholarship points, and volunteers entering 7th grade through high school can qualify for a pizza party on July 31st!

Friday Programs at 10:00 AM in June feature Forest Park Nature Center, a Foam Party (come prepared to get wet!), Outdoor Game Olympics, and Wildlife Prairie Park.

Everyone who participates in Summer Reading in any way will get a free Tropical Sno cone on Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Celebrate your summer with the Morrison & Mary Wiley Library!

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# **PUBLIC SAFETY 101**

# **NEGATIVE HEALTH EFFECTS**

In Iowa, the Madison County Board of Public Health approved a resolution that said there is "potential for negative health effects associated with commercial wind turbines" due to the noise produced by the giant machines. The board also said that the existing setbacks between turbines and residences were "inadequate to protect the public health" and it recommended that all future wind turbines in the county be located 1.5 miles from homes.

In Wisconsin, the Board of Health in Brown County, Wisconsin, where Green Bay is located, has declared a local industrial wind plant to be a human health hazard. The specific facility consists of eight 500-foot high, 2.5 megawatt industrial wind turbines. Brown County's health code defines a human health hazard as "a substance, activity or condition that is known to have the potential to cause acute or chronic illness or death if exposure to the substance, activity or condition is not abated."

In Michigan, Mason County, where health complaints allegedly caused by the Lake Winds industrial wind plant, near Ludington, resulted in both a civil lawsuit and Mason County declaring that the wind plant was not in compliance with the County noise ordinance.





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# American Legion Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Cemeteries

St. Mary of the Woods - 9:00 AM Streitmatter Cemetery - 9:20 AM Apostolic Christian - 9:40 AM Princeville Cemetery - 10:00 AM Shiebel Cemetery - 10:20 AM Sheets Cemetery - 10:40 AM Stevens Square in Princeville - 11:05 AM All Times A Few Minutes Each Way

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# **MANNA Meal** Elmwood United Methodist Church 821 W. Main Thursday, May 29th • 12:00pm Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Salads and Desserts Sit Down Meal • 309-772-9284 • Meals \$8 Remember to bring your own table service

ELMWOOD - William E. "Bill" Andrews, 86, of Elmwood, passed away at 6:57 a.m. on Friday, May

William E. Andrews

16, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born May 2, 1939, in Peoria to Walter and Pearl (Clinch) Andrews.



Andrews

Bill is survived by one son, Rodney (Michelle) Andrews of Elmwood; two grandchildren, Nicole (Travis) Andrews and Jessica (Justin) Ralston; and four great-grandchildren, Kouper, Julianna, Chase, and Jensen.

Bill is preceded in death by his

Bill served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and was honorably discharged in 1963. Bill then went on to truck driving for over 40 years and retired from Praxair.

He also volunteered on the Elmwood Fire Department from 1965 to 2005. Bill had the honor of serving as fire chief from 1973 to 1998.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Elmwood Fire Department.

To make online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

## Clarence B. Kellstadt

FARMINGTON - Clarence Bernard "Bud" Kellstadt, 81, residing at Apostolic Christian Skylines in Peoria, Ill., formerly of Farmington, Ill., passed away at 7:02 p.m. Sunday, May 18, 2025, at OSF Saint

Francis Medical Center in Peoria Bud was born

on Jan. 20, 1944, in Peoria to Clarence and Mildred (German) Kellstadt.





Kellstadt

was passionate about it, living on and working his family farm since he was a child. He had a love of animals and enjoyed taking care of them, including his many cats, dogs, chickens, cows and sheep. He also enjoyed when his siblings and nieces/nephews would visit him, whether to talk, work or explore.

**OBITUARIES** 

In the rare moment that he wasn't tending to animals and doing farm work, you would find him watching old Westerns and wrestling.

Bud is survived by his sisters, Paula (Bill) McCoy of Chillicothe Ill., and Bernice Peters of East Peoria, Ill.; his nieces/nephews Julie (Mike) Howard, Billy (Amber) McCoy, Brian (Courtney) McCoy and Carrie (Luke) Wojton; and several great-nieces/nephews, Keegan, Kamora, Mason, Dylan, William, Jack, Max and Myla.

Preceding him in peace were his parents and nephew Ben Peters.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Chuck and Steve Kellstadt (and other extended family) for all their farm assistance, especially the last few years, and to longtime friend and neighbor Lonnie Ray and the Gomez family.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation will be held the same day prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will immediately follow the service in Brimfield Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to AC Skylines.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.oaskhinesfuneralhome.com.

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

# Joseph D. Rose

DES MOINES, Iowa – Joseph D. "Joey" Rose, 31 of Des Moines, Iowa (originally from Farmington, Ill.) passed away peacefully on May 15, 2025, surrounded by his loving

family. He was born on April 29, 1994, in Peoria, III.

Joey was a beloved son, brother, uncle, nephew, grandson and friend. He was known for his sense of



Rose

humor, engaging spirit and the fact that he never met a stranger. He was deeply loved by his large family, including his parents Margaret

"Peggy" and David Rose; siblings Nicole (Craig) Overcash, Justin (Jessica) Rose, Eric (Rachel) Rose, Heidi Rose, Anne (Colby) Freier, Mary (Bryer) Anderson and Matt (fiancé, Katie) Rose; and nieces and nephews Lydia, Addy, Quintin, Sadie, Millie, Bennett, Vivianne, Everett and Lyndi.

Joey worked as a senior field claims specialist at American National Insurance, traveling nationwide. He enjoyed golfing, football, playing bags, cycling, attending sporting events of nieces and nephews, following sports, karaoke, crab legs and steak dinners, anything related to the Iowa Hawkeyes or Caitlin Clark and spending time with friends and family.

Joey is survived by his parents, siblings, nieces and nephews and numerous other relatives and friends.

A visitation was to be Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the Farmington Community Center (formerly YMCA), 322 E. Fort St. in Farmington, from 4-7 p.m. followed by a rosary, and on Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. until the time of the services at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Canton, Ill. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Canton at 10 a.m. with burial services to follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington. The Rev. Tim Nolan will offici-

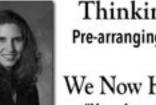
Lunch was to be provided following the burial services at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Canton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Joey's name to Farmington Rescue 1100 or Hope Lodge of Iowa City, which housed Joey and his family at no cost through his treatment in Iowa

To know Joey was to love him. Lovingly referred to as "Joker," he had a spirit that lit up every room – truly the life of the party, with a laugh that was contagious. Joey was always ready for a good time, with a "latte" in his hand. Whether it was cracking jokes or teasing his friends and family, it was hard not to smile and laugh in his presence.

Always the antagonist, Joey followed sports teams to the contrary of his family – St. Louis Cardinals and L.A. Rams. He doted on his nieces and nephews and had special bonds with many. His joy, loyalty and



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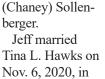


# **OBITUARIES**

# Jeffery Sollenberger

OQUAWKA, Ill. - Jeffery "J.D." Sollenberger, 60, of Oquawka, died at home, Friday, May 16, 2025.

Jeff was born Oct. 16, 1964, in Peoria, Ill., the son of Dale William and Nona Yvonne (Chaney) Sollenberger.





Sollenberger

Oquawka. She survives in Oquawka. Also surviving are his father, Dale, of Brimfield, Ill.; two daughters, Denna Sollenberger of Peoria and Cary Jo Sollenberger of Kickapoo, Ill.; and two sisters, Nancy (Tom) Satterfield and Sue (Ken) Fishel, both of Brimfield. J.D. is also survived by two stepsons, Justin (Danielle) Barnette of Atco, N.J., and Michael (Brittany) Davis of Gerlaw, Ill.; one stepdaughter, Jessi (Kenny) McKee of Oquawka; seven grandchildren, Emma, Elissa, Bryer, Khloe, Ridge, Ryker and Mason; numerous nieces, nephews and greatnieces and great-nephews; and his beloved dog, Buster.

J.D. was preceded in death by his mother Nona; an infant sister, Brenda Sollenberger; and sister Karen Karl

In 1980, J.D. joined the Brimfield Fire Department at the age of 16. He was the youngest member to join the department, starting the cadet program for the department and following in his father's footsteps as a fourth-generation firefighter. His daughter Cary Jo followed the tradition and became a cadet in 2009. Combined, the five generations of the Sollenberger family have over 140 years of dedicated service to the Brimfield Community Fire Protection District. Jeff also served on the Oquawka Fire Department after his

retirement.

After graduating from Brimfield High School, J.D. went to work for Carpenters Local 237 and remained a union carpenter for over 35 years until his retirement.

He lived a life of service to others. He was always there to lend a helping hand. An avid sportsman, Jeff loved being on the river fishing and hunting. For Jeff family came first. He was deeply devoted to his wife, children and especially his grandchil-

He loved to cook, especially BBQ. Jeff and Tina loved to have cookouts at their home.

A celebration of life will be held at the Brimfield American Legion, 121 W. Knoxville St. at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2025. An additional celebration of life will be held starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025, at his residence, rural Oquawka.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Turnbull Funeral Home of Oquawka. In J.D.'s memory, memorial contributions may be directed to the Brimfield Community Fire Protection District, 206 E. Knoxville St., Brimfield, IL 61517, or to the Oquawka Fire Protection District, 411 Warren St., Oquawka, IL 61469.

Online expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.turnbullfuneralhomes.com.

#### Regina K. Streitmatter WASHINGTON - Regina Kay

Streitmatter, 58, of Washington, passed away peacefully at 11:31 p.m. Sunday, May 18, 2025, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria, surrounded by family. Regina



was born on Dec. 6, 1966, in Peoria,

to Norman W. and Joyce Ann (Dietz) Streitmatter.

Surviving are her mother, Joyce Streitmatter of Elmwood; one daughter, Adrianne Streitmatter of Washington; one sister, Marlise Streitmatter of Alexandria, Va.; two brothers, David (Crystal) Streitmatter of Elmwood and Keith (Elizete) Streitmatter of Elmwood; three nieces, Brittany (Adam) Endress, Brooke (Kory) Wagenbach and Brianna (Joel) Stahl; a nephew, Braden (Lydia) Streitmatter; and 16 greatnieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Norman Streitmatter.

Regina was employed as an estimating coordinator for River City Construction for 17 years. She was a passionate volunteer for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for 35 years and participated in the Memphis-to-Peoria Run for 30 years. Regina also volunteered for the Zoe House in Washington. She was a member of Grace Bible Church where she celebrated her love for the Lord. Regina was especially caring and compassionate towards others.

A funeral service will take place on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Grace Bible Church in Washington. Service will be officiated by Pastor Adam Kipp. Burial will take place at the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery in Princeville at 12:30 p.m. Visitation will take place at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 4-7 p.m. Additional visitation will be at church on Friday, from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or to the Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service. Condolences may be left for Regina's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

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Sun. Mass: 9 a.m.

# **AREA CHURCHES**

# **BRIMFIELD**

**Baptist Church of Brimfield** Pastor Doug Seeley 321 S. Jefferson St. Brimfield (309) 678-2208 Sun. School: 9:30 a.m.

Sun. Worship: 10:40 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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314 W. Clay Brimfield (309) 446-3275 stjosephbrimfield.org Confession: 3:30-4:45 Sat. Mass: 5 p.m. Sun. Mass: 10:30 a.m. (starting Sept. 1)

Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 a.m. Saint Paul Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod Rev. Michael Wagnitz, Pastor 204 W. Clay St. Brimfield, IL (309) 446-3233 The Lord bless your day. Sunday

9:30 a.m. Divine Service Wednesday 6:45 p.m. Christian Movie Night

**Brimfield E-Free Church** Pastor Donald Blasing 11724 Maher Road

Brimfield IL 61517 (309) 446-3571 brimfieldefree.org Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. AWANA: Wed. 6:15 p.m. ages 3-12

**Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ** Pastor Stephen Barch 105 W. Clay Street Brimfield (309) 446-3811

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# **BIBLE TRIVIA**

1. Is the book of Malachi (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or

2. Which king was stricken with leprosy because he disobeyed God's command and burned incense on a holy altar? Uzziah, Solomon, Joab, Petra

3. From 1 Kings 19, what prophet experienced an earthquake while standing on a mountaintop? Paul, Ahab, Andrew, Elijah

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

#### DAHINDA **Dahinda United Methodist** Church

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

#### **DOUGLAS Douglas United Methodist** Church

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

4. Who was the first woman to be ashamed of her lack of clothing? Eve, Anna, Pilate's wife, Miriam 5. In Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? Naomi, Priscilla, Lydia, Dorcas 6. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? Sinai, Bethany, Tarsus, Smyrna ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Uzziah, 3) Elijah, 4) Eve, 5) Dorcas, 6) Bethany 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

# **EDWARDS**

**Bethany Baptist Church** 7422 N. Heinz Ln. Edwards (309) 692-1755 bethanycentral.org Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 a.m. In person and livestream

(Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am) Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group St. Mary's Catholic Church Father James Pankiewicz

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

## **ELMWOOD**

Crossroads Assembly of God Pastor Don Nuttall 615 E. Ash St. Elmwood (309) 742-6409

crossroadselmwood.org Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**Elmwood Baptist Church** Pastor Bill Cole 701 W. Dearborn St. Elmwood

(309) 742-7631 642-3278 Sun Worship: 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

#### Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood

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

#### St. Patrick's **Catholic Church**

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

#### **United Methodist Church** of Elmwood 821 W. Main St. Elmwood

(309) 742-7221 elmwoodumc.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Youth Sunday School: 10 a.m.

# **FARMINGTON**

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

#### **Farmington Methodist Church** Pastor Rick Atchley

187 W. Fulton St. Farmington (309) 245-4310 farmingtonmethodist61531@ gmail.com Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 p.m. Sat. Mass: 4 p.m. Sun. Confession: 8-8:45 a.m.

> Tues. Thurs. Sat. daily Mass: 8 a.m. **TRIVOLI**

**Brunswick Community Church** 4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli Pastor Terry England Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m. (309) 403-4626

Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)

18015 W. Smithville Rd., Trivoli Pastor Mark Schoenhals Pastor Jay Johnson (309) 696-1300 zionpennridgelutheranchurch@

gmail.com Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m. 4th Sunday of month Worship: 8

#### a.m. with communion WILLIAMSFIELD

St. James **Catholic Church** 

Father Deogratias Mpewo Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N Williamsfield (309) 446-3275 stjameswilliamsfield.org Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 a.m. Sun. Mass: 8:30 a.m., Still Open!

> Williamsfield United **Methodist Church** Pastor Zoila Marty

430 N. Chicago Ave. Williamsfield (309) 639-2389

Sun. School: during worship Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 a.m. Sun. Worship: 11 a.m.

#### YATES CITY **Faith United Presbyterian** Church

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

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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS **COUNTY DEPARTMENT, DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION**

Petitioner,

No. 2025FA0000079

Uriel Gaspar Tapia Respondent.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE SOLE ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS** AND RESPONSIBILITIES NOTICE

To: Uriel Gaspar Tapia and To Whom It May Concern Notice is hereby given to you Uriel Gaspar Tapia that a Petition for Allocation of Parental Responsibilities has been filed in the Circuit Court of Peoria County, Illinois, seeking sole allocation of all parental responsibilities for the care and control of the minor child, Angel Alfredo Gaspar Palominos. Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602, on or before June 30, 2025, a default judgment may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with prayer of said Petition.

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

estate:

Attorney for Petitioner Law office of Isuf Kola & Associates, LTD. 800 Roosevelt Rd., Building B Suite 120 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 Tel. 630-790-6100 Email: isuf@kolalawgroup.com Attorney's Number: 6211018

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

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U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee No. 2024-FC-0000014of the Bungalow Series IV Trust

Plaintiff

Paul A. Moore AKA Tony Paul Moore; Marina Moore; The Greater Peoria Sanitary Sewage Disposal District; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

Defendant 24 FC 14 **CALENDAR** 

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on June 18, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real

LOT 42 IN CREIGHTON WOODS. A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "Z-1", PAGE 107: SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N. 13-13-128-003.

Commonly known as 6514 North Randwick Road, Peoria, IL 61615. The real estate is: single family

residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all in-

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that pursuant to the Illinois State Statutes and the permanent **Zon**ing Ordinance of Peoria County, the Peoria **County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold** public hearings on June 12, 2025, as follows:

Case No. ZBA-2025-0027 at 9:30 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of CHAD HERMAN, acting on behalf of JON & JOY BAUMANN (owners), 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 construct an accessory structure on a parcel which does not contain a principal structure in the "A-2" Agriculture Zoning Dis-

Lot 1 in LAMPLIGHTER SUBDIVISION, being a part of Lot 4 of a Subdivision of a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 9 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Peoria County, Illinois, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 24, Page 72 in the Peoria County Recorder's Office, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 31, thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 03 seconds East (bearings are based on the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System, West Zone 1202), along the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 31, 1250.44 feet to the Point of Beginning of the Tract to be described: From the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 53 seconds East, 200.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 03 seconds East, 315.00 feet to the North right of way line of Lamplighter Lane; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 53 seconds West, along said North right of way line, 183.50 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 1 in Cobblestone Estates, Section 2, a Subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 9 North, Range 6 East, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 25 in the Peoria County Recorder's Office (the following three courses are along the East line of said Lot 1): thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 03 seconds West, 148.50 feet: thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 53 seconds West, 16.50 feet

formation.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive,

Suite 210, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130. (440) 572-1511. ILF2311008 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES

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to the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 31; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 03 seconds West, along said West line, 166.50 feet to the Point of Beginning, said Tract containing 1.390 acres, more or less; situated in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois. (Kickapoo Township 13-31-100-022)

This property can be located by heading southeast on Main St and turning left at the first cross street onto SW Jefferson Ave. Turn right onto N William Kumpf Blvd. Turn left onto W John H Gwynn Jr Ave and continue for approximately 1.2 miles. Turn left onto W Martin Luther King Jr Dr and continue for approximately 1.3 miles. Merge onto IL-116 W and continue for approximately 5.8 miles. Turn right onto N Taylor Rd and continue for approximately 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Ashbury Ct. Turn right onto Lamplighter Ln and continue to the parcel adjacent to 10301 Lamplighter Ln, Hanna City, IL

Case No. ZBA-2025-0030 at 10:30 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of GENSINI PROPERTIES, LLC, acting on its own behalf, a REZONING request from "C-2" General Commercial to "I-2" Heavy Industrial. The petitioner proposes to rezone 8.28 acres in order to operate a concrete recycling business and storage yard.

Tract 2:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7 Township 9 North, Range7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Peoria County, Illinois being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 7: thence North 89 degrees 33 minutes 52 seconds West, along the North line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 7; 1230.93 feet to a point on the East right of way of Kickapoo-Edwards Road; thence South 01 degrees 25 minutes 33 seconds West, along said right of way; 50.01 feet; thence South 89 degrees 33 minutes 58 seconds East, 414.01 feet; thence South 01 degrees 25 minutes 33 seconds West 376.71 feet: thence South 89 degrees 33 minutes 58 seconds East 827.23 feet to a point on the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 7; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 29 seconds East, along said East line,

426.66 feet to the Point of Beginning, situate, lying and being in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois

**EXCEPT** 

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Peoria County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7; thence North 89 degrees 33 minutes 58 seconds West, along the North line of Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 7, a distance of 1230.73 feet, to the East right-of-way line of S.A. Route 18: thence South 01 degrees 27 minutes 29 seconds West, along said East right-of-way line of S.A. Route 18, a distance of 49.81 feet; thence South 89 degrees 33 minutes 58 seconds East, a distance of 412.58 feet to the Point of Beginning of the tract to be described;

From the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 33 minutes 58 seconds East, a distance of 28.46 feet; thence South 01 degrees 20 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 376.67 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 42 seconds West, a distance of 28.46 feet; thence North 01 degrees 20 minutes 05 seconds East, a distance of 376.66 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.25 acres, more or less. (Kickapoo Township 13-07-100-044)

This property can be located by heading southeast on Main St and turning left onto NE Washington St. Turn left onto the I-74 W ramp and merge onto I-74. Keep left to stay on I-74 and continue for approximately 10 miles. Take exit 82 for Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. Turn right onto N Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. Continue to 7600 N Kickapoo-Edwards Rd, Edwards 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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# Amber Waves



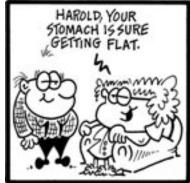
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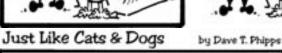






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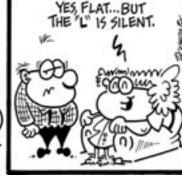




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## **FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 7**

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- 1. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym URL stand for?
- 2. MOVIES: What is the name of the ghost that haunts the girls' bathroom at Hogwarts ("Harry Potter" series)?
- 3. HISTORY: Which decisive battle ended the Revolutionary War?
- 4. LITERATURE: What is the pseudonym of the author Eric Arthur Blair?
- 5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which of the national parks is the most visited in the United States?
- 6. TELEVISION: Which medical series is based at Princeton Plainsboro Teaching Hospital?
- 7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Denmark? 8. U.S. STATES: In which state is Glacier
- National Park located? 9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was
- vice president to die in office? 10. SCIENCE: What are elements like
- neon, helium and radon called?
- Uniform resource locator.
- Moaning Myrtle.
- 3. The Battle of Yorktown.
- 4. George Orwell.
- 5. Great Smoky Mountains National Park. 6. "House, M.D."
- 7. Copenhagen.
- 8. Montana.
- 9. George Clinton.
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# **TOP 10 MOVIES**

#### 1. Thunderbolts\* (PG-13) 2. Sinners (R)

- 3. A Minecraft Movie (PG)
- 4. The Accountant 2 (R)
- 5. Clown in a Cornfield (R)
- 6. Shadow Force (R)
- 7. Fight or Flight (R) 8. Until Dawn (R)
- 9. The Amateur (PG-13)
- 10. The King of Kings (PG)
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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 May 9, 2025, under the Assumed Name of BE THE GLASS RING, with the business located at 5901 Madison St., Bartonville, IL 61607. The true name and residence address of the owner is: Beth Eggers, 5901 Madison St., Bartonville, IL 61607.

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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 May 7, 2025, under the Assumed Name of TWEEKIN' TWIGS, with the business located at 2810 W. Greenbrier Lane, Peoria, IL 61614. The true name and residence address of the owner is: Kimberly A. Keenan, 2810 W. Greenbrier Lane, Peoria IL 61614. Published 5/15, 5/22, 5/29/25

#### Continued from Page 14 PEORIA COUNTY. ILLINOIS

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff.

RAYMOND DEMARIA, KRISTINA DEMARIA, CAMPUSTOWN, LLC Defendant

2024 FC 0000231

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 10. 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 23, 2025, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, NE Jefferson St., Main Entrance, PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate

LOT 30 AND THE WEST 20 FEET OF LOT 31 IN BLOCK 3 IN JOSEPH DALTON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PEORIA, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "F" PAGE 21, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1214 W. BRONS AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61604 Property Index No. 14-32-451-

002 The real estate is improved with a

single family residence. The judgment amount was

\$34,794.79

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

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSES-

SION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORT-GAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCI-ATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650. Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 24 1092. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORA-

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

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

JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCI-ATES, LLC 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE

3650 Chicago IL, 60602

312-541-9710 E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblum-

berg.com Attorney File No. 24 1092 Case Number: 2024 FC 0000231

TJSC#: 45-606 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used

for that purpose. Case # 2024 FC 0000231 13266045

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

**CTP Funding Corporation PLAINTIFF** 

Horejs Enterprises, LLC; Andrew

Horejs; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants **DEFENDANTS** No. 2025-FC-0000066

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3004 N. Sheridan Rd Peoria, IL 61604

and which said Mortgage was

Horejs Enterprises, LLC the Mortgagor(s), to CTP Funding Corporation DBA Capstone Financial, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2023019498; and for

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS **COUNTY DEPARTMENT,** DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

**Berenice Palominos Talavera** Petitioner, No. 2025FA0000079

Uriel Gaspar Tapia Respondent.

PETITION FOR SOLE ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

NOW COMES the Petitioner, Berenice Palominos Talavera (hereinafter "Berenice" or the "Petitioner"), by and through her attorneys, ISUF KOLA & ASSOCIATES, LTD., respectfully petitions this Court, pursuant to 750 ILCS 46/613.5 of the Illinois Parentage Act and moves this Honorable Court to establish sole allocation of paren tal rights and responsibilities to the Petitioner over the minor child Angel Alfredo Gaspar Palominos (hereinafter "the minor child"), and in Support thereof, the Petitioner states as follows:

1. That Illinois is the home State of the minor child at the time of commencement of this proceeding and has been the child's home state for (six) 6 months before commencement of this proceeding and the person acting as a parent to this child continues to live in this State

2. That this Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 750 ILCS 5/601.2(b)(2)

3. That, furthermore, it is in the best interest of the child that the Court of this State assume jurisdiction because the child and the Petitioner have a significant connection with this State, and there is available in the State substantial evidence concerning the child's present or future care, protection, training, and personal relationships

4. That the Petitioner has no information regarding any other custody action concerning the minor child, in Illinois or any other state, and has no information of any other person who has physical custody of the minor child or claims to have custody or visitation rights to or with the minor child.

5. That the minor child is dependent of this Court within the meaning of 750 ILCS 46/613.5. 6. That the minor child was born in Mexico on

December 11, 2014, to his mother, Berenice Palominos Talavera and his father, Uriel Gaspar 7. That the Petitioner is biological mother of the

minor child, and her name appears on the minor child's birth certificate as his biological mother. 8. That the Respondent is biological father of

9. That Respondent displayed a pattern of behavior consistent with abandonment and neglect towards the minor child and maintain this pattern of behavior still.

the minor child, and his name appears on the

minor child's birth certificate as his biological

father. (See Attached Exhibit A).

10. That the Petitioner has been the person primarily responsible for preparing all of the minor child's meals, arranging for his medical care, enrolling his in school and extracurricular activities. and providing all necessary day-to-day care for the minor child.

11. That the Petitioner has been the sole provider of material, emotional, educational, and financial support to the minor child.

12. That, the Respondent did not provide care or financial support for the minor child, and he did not maintain a reasonable degree of interest. concern, or responsibility for the welfare of the minor child.

13. That the Respondent' neglected the minor child by failing to perform caretaking functions or taking parental responsibility for the minor child under 750 ILCS 5/600(c) and (d).

14. That the minor child has no family members in Mexico willing or able to care for the minor child.

15. That the minor child's emotional and physical well-being is entirely dependent on the care provided by the Petitioner.

16. That Reunification of the minor child with the Respondent is not viable due to the neglect and abandonment by the Respondent and it is not in the best interest of the minor child that he be returned to his country of origin, Mexico.

17. That the Respondent' abandonment and nealect caused the minor child to suffer severely negative psychological and emotional hardship compounded by feelings of fear and loneliness.

18. That, moreover, returning the minor child to Mexico would disrupt the relationship that the child has with his mother, essentially replicating the loss he suffered when his father abandoned

19. That the Petitioner is the sole caretaker and financial supporter for the minor child and as such a formal order awarding such explicit responsibilities will allow her to properly care and protect the minor child to the full extent of the law, specifically, to adequately and timely respond to emergency situations, as well as make decisions about her education, religion, medical, and day to day living situations.

20. That the Petitioner and the minor child have formed a strong bond, and it is in the best interest of the minor child to remain under the care of

the Petitioner and that this court affirm via a court order that she is allocated sole parental responsibilities over the minor child

21. That the Petitioner is a fit and proper person to continue having all parental responsibilities for the care and control over the minor child's health. education, religion, and extracurricular activities.

22. That it is in the best interest of the minor child that the Petitioner be awarded sole allocation of all parental responsibilities for the care and control over the minor child's health, education, religion, and extracurricular activities

23. That it is in the best interest of the minor child that he continues to reside with and be cared for by the Petitioner.

24. That the Petitioner now seeks sole allocation of parental responsibility of the minor child. Wherefore, the Petitioner, by and through his attorney Isuf Kola of the Law Office of Isuf Kola & Associates, LTD., prays for the court to find and order the following:

A. That the minor child is dependent of this Court within the meaning of 750 ILCS 46/613.5. B. That it is in the best interest of the minor child that the Petitioner be granted sole allocation of all parental responsibilities for the care and control of the health, education, religion, and extracurricular activities of the minor child;

C. That it is in the best interest of the minor child that the Petitioner be the residential parent that the minor child and remain in the physical possession of the Petitioner and that it is not in the best interest of the minor child that he be returned to his country of origin, Mexico;

D. That the reunification of the minor child with his father is not viable due to his neglect and abandonment of the minor child;

E. That the Petitioner be granted sole allocation of all parental responsibilities for the care and control of the minor child's health, education, religion, and extracurricular activities;

F. That all remaining issues be reserved, including parenting time and child support; and G. Any other relief that this court deems just and proper

Respectfully Submitted. /S/<u>Isuf Kola</u> Isuf Kola, Attorney for Petitioner Law office of Isuf Kola & Associates, LTD.

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800 Roosevelt Rd., Building B Suite 120 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 Tel. 630-790-6100 Fax. 630-790-6104 Email: isuf@kolalawgroup.com Attorney's Number: 6211018 Published 5/15, 5/22, 5/29/25

Bank interest

Expenditures

**Total Revenues** 

Ending Balance, March 31, 2025

**SALARY FUND** 

#### **SALEM TOWNSHIP** SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

I, Christine Bewley, Supervisor of Salem Township, Knox County, Illinois, duly sworn, depose and say the following statement is a correct report of the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024, and ending March 31, 2025.

#### **TOWN FUND** Beginning Balance, April 1, 2024 \$56,052.62 Revenues

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Property Tax	116,645.05						
Replacement Tax	9,908.07						
Interest Income	383.68						
Other Income	1,256.90						
Total Income	128,193.70						
Expenditures	120,130.70						
Utilities	5,596.27						
Insurance	8,263.00						
Taxes	13,538.32						
Legal Fees	405.00						
Supplies	261.55						
Transfer of Funds	201100						
Salary Fund	40,000.00						
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Road & Bridge Fund	,						
Cemetery Fund	15,000.00						
Youth Services	10,000.00						
Library PPRT	1,506.37						
Donations	1,500.00						
Ads	268.90						
Misc.	1,746.77						
Total Expenditures							
Ending Balance, March 31, 2025 \$71,160.14							
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**ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND** Beginning Balance, April 1, 2024 \$260,767,48

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Revenues		
Property Tax	61,283	3.15
Replacement Tax	13,903	3.91
Interest Income	1,645	5.23
Canceled Check	104	1.88
Total Revenues	76,937	7.17
xpenditures		
Diesel Fuel/Gas	3,393	3.85

3,707.06 Repairs Supplies 728.34 2,156.86 Labor Legal Fees 1,715.00 Landscaping 13,585.45 45,000.00 Road Repairs Trucking 2,957.69 Salt 2,317.35 590.00 License **Dumpster Day** 496.50 98.00 Total Expenditures 76,746.10

Ending Balance, March 31, 2025 \$260,958.55

**ROAD FUND** Beginning Balance, April 1, 2024 \$72,433.14 Revenues 14,036.87 Knox Co. Transfer from Town Fund 15,000 Bank Interest 552.90 **Total Revenues Expenditures** <u>7,643.</u>16 Burgess Bros 7,643.16 Total Expenditures Ending Balance, March 31, 2025 \$94,379.75 **EQUIPMENT FUND** 

Beginning Balance, April 1, 2024 \$57,830.00 Revenues 9,160.33 Knox Co. Bank Interest 354.35 Total Revenue 9,514.68 Expenditures 0.00 Ending Balance March 31

SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND Beginning Balance, April 1, 2024 \$115,545.95 Revenues

Income Bank Interest 947.39 **Total Revenues** 957.39 Expenditures 0.00 Ending Balance, March 31, 2025 \$116,503.34 **RELIEF FUND** 

Beginning Balance, April 1, 2024 \$46,934.17 Revenues 10.00 Income

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Vs.

PLAINTIFF

**DEFENDANTS** 

No. 2025-FC-0000058

Michelle N. Harrigan

**PEORIA COUNTY** 

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

AmeriHome Mortgage Company,

Michelle N. Harrigan; United States

of America - Secretary of Housing

and Urban Development; Unknown

Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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Beginning Balance, April 1, 2024 \$10,733.36 Revenues Transfer from Town Fund 40,000.00 Correction, double pmt. 2,420.00 Bank Interest 68.99 42,488.99 **Total Revenues** Expenditures Road Commissioner 29,040.00 Supervisor 6,227.00 2.728.20 Clerk 2.585.76 Trustees Road Dist. Treas. <u>761.90</u> Total Expenditures 41,342.86 Ending Balance, March 31, 2025 **CEMETERY FUND** Beginning Balance, April 1, 2024 \$50,678.15 Revenues Transfer from Town Fund 15,000.00 Bank Interest 406.70 4,875.00 Burials Sales 3.200.00 Property Tax 27,880.23 Total Revenue 51,361.93 Expenditures Utilities 603.16 Burials 1.700.00 275.00 Repairs 177.00 Advertising LP Gas 256.61 Legal Fees 180.00 Adminstration 3,321.20 769.60 Taxes Supplies 444.58

Landscaping 30,900.00 Total Expenditures 38,627.15 \$63,409.63 Ending Balance, March 31, 2025

Outstanding check 4891

\$64,283.93 Published 5/22/25

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**10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT** 

Claimants

That this case has been com-

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

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Peoria, IL 61614

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Michelle N. Harrigan the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Flat

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other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Robert M. Spears Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Room G-22 Peoria, IL 61602 on or before June 16, 2025, A DE-

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DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE

ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH

THE PRAYER OF SAID COM-PLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attornevs for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100

Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-25-01438 NOTE: This law firm is a debt col-

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Music in the Square will lead off with the Roundstone Buskers on June 6. This small Irish ensemble consists of Shannan Sullivan (fiddle, vocals), Tom Jones (bodhran, percussion, whistle, vocals) and Bruce Burton (guitar, bouzouki, vocals). The group hails from the Peoria area and has been entertaining crowds with its nontraditional Celtic music since 2007. Top That and Tropical Sno will serve food from 5-8 p.m.

June 13 markes the return of The Aristocrats, an eight-piece band that plays arrangements made famous by big bands of the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s supplemented with contemporary jazz and popular tunes. The Station House and Kona Ice will serve food from 5-8 p.m.

The final concert on June 27 fea-

tures "Kelvis." Kevin Breitbarth of Brimfield, a winner of many regional and national Elvis Presley impersonator competitions, will perform his Elvis tribute act. In addition, the Princeville Aquatic Center will have pulled-pork dinners in the square from 5-8 p.m. as a fundraiser for the "Save the Pool!" fund.

Stevens Square Park is located at W. Evans St. and Illinois Route 91. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be moved to the Lillie M. Evans Library at 207 N. Walnut.

# Princes win bass regional VICTORIA – PrinceFarmington placed sec-

VICTORIA – Princeville's duo of Tanner Catton and Tucker Sennett won the IHSA bass-fishing regional held May 15 on McMaster Lake at Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area.

The pair caught four bass weighing 10.58 pounds to advance to the sectional round today, May 22, to be held on Pool 13 of the Mississippi River.

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Farmington placed second with 8.69 pounds, including the big bass of the regional, a 4.02-pounder caught by Cole Passmore.

Other teams advancing from the regional are Dunlap (7.53 pounds), two Brimfield teams (7.51 and 6.89) and ROWVA (6.42). Elmwood (6.04) is the alternate.

The state finals are June 6 at Lake Shelbyville.



Princeville won its IHSA bass fishing regional on May 15 with four bass weighing 10.58 pounds. Pictured above (left to right) are anglers Tanner Catton and Tucker Sennett.

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gages, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2022013408; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Robert M. Spears

Robert M. Spears Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Room G-22 Peoria, IL 61602

on or before June 16, 2025, A DE-FAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COM-

PLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100

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Our File No. 14-25-02173 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEORIA COUNTY
CHANCERY DIVISION

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

ESTATE OF DAVID NIERENHAUSEN, STEPHEN EVANS A/K/A STEVEN EVANS, DARRIN NIERENHAUSEN, FDWARD NIFRENHAUSEN, TER-RANCE NIERENHAUSEN, TIMOTHY NIERENHAUSEN, S. LINN PERKINS AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RUMIKO MYLES A/K/A RUUICKO MYLES, SHEMIKA COLE-CARTER, LATASHIA MYLES, UN-KNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVID NIERENHAUSEN, UN-KNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RUMIKO MYLES A/K/A RUUICKO MYLES, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendant(s). Case Number: 2024-FC-0000090 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Shemika Cole-Carter Unknown
Heirs and Legatees of David Nierenhausen Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Rumiko Myles a/k/a
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and Non-Record Claimants that this case has been commenced in this Court, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to with

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And which said Mortgage was made by: Estate of David Nierenhausen, the Mortgagor, to PNC BANK, N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois as Document No. 2021007031; and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Peoria County Circuit Clerk 324 Main Street Peoria, IL 61602

On or before June 23, 2025, A DE-FAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512 Westchester, IL 60154 Telephone: (312) 940-8580

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# Princeville, R-W softball hot at right time

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

An underclass-heavy Princeville softball team ended its regular season

Princeville swept a doubleheader May 17 from Galva, 5-1 and 6-5. Princeville (10-22) held on in the second game after it took a four-run lead. Galva had the winning run in scoring position with two outs in the seventh inning.

But Princeville prevailed behind Claire Sutherland, who was 3-for-4 and from the circle allowed only one earned run and struck out seven. Tori Catton, Mekaya Cihla and Sutherland each had two RBI.

In the first game, Sutherland struck out 15 in a game that was tied 1-1 headed to the seventh. But Catton and Kamryn Smith each had an RBI in that inning, and Princeville scored twice on Galva errors.

Princeville had five freshmen and four sophomores on its opening-day roster.

Earlier last week, Princeville lost twice to Abingdon-Avon. On May 15, A-Town scored 16 times in the sixth inning to win 24-10. Princeville led 10-8 before A-Town scored in just about every way possible, including a home run, errors, a basesloaded walk, groundouts, doubles and a wild pitch.

Two days earlier, A-Town scored four times in the fourth to erase a tworun Princeville lead and win 6-2. Catton and Sutherland had RBI.

Princeville opened Class 1A regional play this week. It was scheduled to play Wednesday against regional-host ROWVA-Williamsfield at Billtown, where the title game is set for 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 23.

 ROWVA-Williamsfield - Another team that's hot at the right time is R-W (16-17), which won its final five pre-state-tournament games.

R-W swept a doubleheader May 17 from Abingdon-Avon, 4-2 and 11-8. Riley Smith was 5for-5 with two RBI in the second game. Sophie Pohlman and Ella Rigg drove in two each. In the first game, Hannah Gehring struck out 11 and allowed only one hit. Rigg had three RBI, including a two-run double.

It wasn't a doubleheader, but R-W won two consecutive games against Monmouth United. Pohlman was 3-for-4 with four RBI in a 13-1 victory May 15, when R-W pitcher Eliza Tucker allowed two hits. Two days earlier, Rigg was 5-for-5 with four RBI in a 15-5 victory. She had a two-run homer in the first.

• Brimfield-Elmwood -Usually Brimfield-Elmwood is the shutouter, not the shutoutee.

Class 3A Metamora held B-E to only three hits

that ended the Indians' regular season. They finished it with a 29-3 record, with 20 shutout victories. Sawyer Drury was 2-for-2 for B-E, but she allowed Metamora three first-inning runs.

The previous day, B-E defeated Tremont 5-1. All the winners' scoring came in the fifth inning as Drury, Kendyl Binder, Brooke Allen, Reese Legaspi and Adelyn Magee each had one RBI in order. Legaspi tripled. B-E pitcher Addison Przybylo scattered three hits.

Drury pitched a nohitter May 13 in an 11-0 victory over Macomb. She also struck out 13. Binder was 3-for-3 with two doubles and three RBI. Allen also drove in three.

B-E was to begin Class 2A regional play this week with a semifinal against Knoxville scheduled for Tuesday. Knoxville defeated Rock Island Alleman 13-0 in the first round. The regional title game is set for 4:30 p.m. Friday at Brimfield.

• Farmington - Knoxville defeated Farmington 10-0 on May 16 as the

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visitors (16-12) managed only one hit. The previous day was much better for Farmington, which beat Sciota West Prairie 17-2.

Sophia Anderson was 3for-3 with four RBI and Joelle Herbst had an inside-the-park homer in an 11-run third inning. Nevaeh Howard was 2-for-4 with three RBI. Ava Essex was 2-for-2 and drove in three.

Despite leading by five runs May 14, Farmington lost to Abingdon-Avon, 7-6. A-Town scored four times in the fourth inning and twice in the sixth. Lydia Overcash was 2for-4 with two RBI for Farmington, which committed five errors.

Two days earlier, Howard had four RBI in a 12-2 beating of South Fulton. She had two two-run doubles, one in the third inning and one in the fourth. Farmington had six doubles. Overcash struck out 11.

The Class 2A Farmington Regional title game is set for 4:30 p.m. Friday. Farmington will play Sherrard today at 4:30 p.m. in a regional semifi-

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# **GIRLS:** Princeville's Sennett top individual

Continued from Page 20 4x100 relay of Isabella Dennis, Maddi McGarry, Manning and Welch. The group was third at sectional in 51.01 and ranks 13th in Class 1A.

The R-W 4x400 qualified after placing fourth at sectional in 4:12.66. The quartet of Dennis, Marissa Brown, Stickle and Manning is 13th statewide.

"All of our relays ran personal bests at sectionals. There is room for improvement in all three, so Thursday should be exciting for sure," said R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand, who is bringing the school's largest contingent of athletes to state. "We have been running against great competition all year and three of the girls have experience running at EIU in Haven, Erin and Brooke."

One spot ahead of R-W in the Class 1A 4x400 is E-B's quartet of Ella Helms, Landrie Quiram, Channing Quiram and Bristol Schmidgall. The group placed third at sectional in 4:12.63 and is one second off the school record.

"Depending on how things go, running a record time could get them to finals," Anderson said.

E-B also qualified its 4x100 (51.47), placing fourth in a deep sectional field that sent seven teams

to state. The Lady Trojans' group of Lexi Begner, Ava Forney, Chloe Howerton and Channing Quiram stands 20th in Class 1A.

Ranked 31st is Farmington's qualifying 4x100 of Paige Stevens, Lily Swanson, Claire Hanlin and Camryn Emmons (51.84), which was fifth at the sectional.

Stevens also qualified as an individual, placing second in the 100 at sectional with a personal-record time of 12.78 seconds.

Heading into state, the top-seeded individual is Bethany Sennett, the lone Princeville athlete to qualify. She won the 800 at Mercer County in a PR of 2:21.69 and is seeded sixth in Class 1A. Marissa Brown of R-W was third at the sectional (PR, 2:27.06) and is No. 19.

Sennett also advanced in the 1,600 after placing third (PR, 5:26.37). That has her No. 12 heading into the state meet.

The 1,600 field was very deep at Mercer County, as seven athletes reached state. Elmwood's Schmidgall was second (PR, 5:25) and is seeded 10th while her teammate Taylor Forney was seventh (5:36.18) and is rated 25th.

"Bristol has been racing very well and we believe she has one more drop in her for the 1,600," Ander-



ROWVA-Williamsfield's 4x200-meter relay is rated sixth in Class 1A after placing second at last week's sectional in 1:47.04. From left to right are Erin Welch, Brooke Stickle, Haven Manning and Lauren Johnson.



Bethany Sennett of Princeville won the 800-meter race at last week's sectional in a personalrecord time of 2.21.69 and is seeded sixth in Class 1A heading into the state meet today. She also qualified in the 1,600.

son said. "If she continues to race like she has been, she should be around other girls that pull her closer to 5:20."

R-W's Haven Manning is 11th in the 200 after placing second at sectional (PR, 26.07).

Stickle of R-W is 16th in the 300 hurdles following her fourth-place finish at the sectional (48.78).

Helms of Elmwood-Brimfield is rated 20th in the 400 after taking third at the sectional (PR, 1:01.16). Anderson said Helms has a shot at breaking Mya Strahm's school record of 1:00.53 set last year.

E-B is taking a total of 13 athletes to the state meet, tying last year's contingent as the most in Anderson's coaching career.

State-meet prelims are held today, May 22, for field events starting at 9:15 a.m. and for running events starting at noon. Finals are Saturday, May 24, starting at 10 a m

# Strong field in 3,200 at Kewanee sectional

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

The longest race at Friday's Kewanee Wethersfield boys track and field sectional might also be the strongest.

Seven runners on teams attending the Class 1A sectional have already bettered the state qualifying standard of 10:12.64 for the 3,200-meter run, led by Elmwood-Brimfield's Mika Nelson and his 9:37.05 – sixth best in Illinois this spring. Nelson is first in the 3,200 sectional field ahead of teammate Aiden Faulkner (9:48.76), who ranks ninth in Illinois.

That's among the storylines in a sectional that begins with field events at 3 p.m. and running events at 5. Numerous local athletes should advance to the state meet, to be held May 29-31 in Charleston.

According to athletic.net, local entries with the best state rankings are E-B's 4x800-meter relay of Kam Stevenson, Nelson, Faulkner and Darwin Herman. The Trojans' best time of 8:08.05 is second in Illinois to Pleasant Plains' 8:03.94. Also rated second statewide is Herman, whose best 1,600 time is 4:17.75.

Reed Florey leads the 800 sectional field with a 1:59.87 and E-B has five of the top six overall, though who will run which events reamins to be seen.

Farmington's best shots at state look to be Ryan Helle, top-rated sectional pole-vaulter after clearing 11-6, shot-putter Caden Mowen (47-2.5) and the 4x100 (44.34) and 4x200 (1:31.57) relays. The relays and Mowen rank second in the sectional field.

Farmington's Dax Ulm (4:32.7) has already run a qualifying time in the 1,600, as have five runners in the field, including E-B's Faulkner. And Ulm is close to an 800 state time, as is teammate Jake Martin in the 200. High jumper Barrett Demmin is tied for second in the sectional and is close to a qualifying leap.

Princeville has state contenders in the 4x400 relay, the 400, shot put and discus. The 4x400 of Brock Butler, Jacob Bosch, Oliver Melick and Jackson Kraft ranks ninth in Illinois (3:30.9) and second to Illini Bluffs in the sectional.

Bosch has a qualifying time in the 400 (50.77), which should be a strong field Friday. The Princes are also looking to Collin Carruthers in discus (145-30 and Collin Lowery in shot put (51-2.75) – ranked 14th in the state.

ROWVA-Williamsfield's top state candidates are Taven Ostrander in the 100 (11.16) and Emerson Ponce in the 300 hurdles (41.95).

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# IESA TRACK: Farmington wins sectional

Continued from Page 20 Runners were Macy McKown, Cienna Graham, Berlyn Schmidgall and Ava Troglio.

Elmwood 8th grader Charlotte Walker placed fourth in the 2A pole vault, clearing 7-6.5, and also finished eighth in the 800 in a PR of 2:30.01.

Troglio of Brimfield was eighth in the 2A 8th grade 400 with a PR of

1:02.38

In 7th grade, Schmidgall was eighth in the 2A 1,600 (5:55.78).

• Farmington – The Farmers had a dominating showing last Saturday in IESA Class 3A sectional action in Canton.

Farmington's 7th grade boys team won its sectional with 87 points, finishing ahead of Washington Central (75 points).

The 8th grade boys team was second to Canton Ingersoll (76-65), and both girls teams placed third.

The Farmers also had 15 qualifiers for this weekend's 3A state meet at East Peoria's EastSide Centre. Here are those qualifiers.

## 7th grade boys

Paxtyn Brewer won the high jump (PR, 5-5) and was third in the 400 (PR, 57.88).

Corbin Johnson won pole vault (PR, 6-11).

Lane Shelby won the long jump (PR, 16-1.75) and was second in the 400 (PR, 57.15). That broke his school record set earlier this season of 57.21.



Dawson Freres of Princeville was second in the 100 and 200 meters at the IESA 8th grade Class 2A state meet. Freres set a school record in the 200 with his time of 24.36 seconds.

James Kilpatrick won pole vault (8-7.5), edging teammate Joel Layer, who was second and cleared 8-7.5 but missed out on state qualifying due to more misses at that height.

Koda Clauson was second in shot put (35-2.75).

Farmington was second in the 4x200 relay in 1:47.42 with Brewer, Ted Lewis, Drake Joplin and Shelby.

Farmington was second

in the 4x400 relay in 4:09.14 with Brewer, Lewis, Shelby and Joplin.

# 7th grade girls

Addison Martin was second in the 800 (PR, 2:38.58).

Ava Lynn won the pole vault (6-4.75).

## 8th grade boys

Joshua Ginther was second in the 400 (PR, 55.2).

Farmington won the 4x200 relay in 1:43.75 with Kyeson Kenney, James Kilpatrick, Hayden Sary and Ginther.

Farmington won the 4x400 relay in 3:57.03 with Ginther, Kenney, Kilpatrick and Sary.

## 8th grade girls

Ra'Niya Taylor won the 200 (PR, 28.23) and the high jump (4-9.5). Earlier this year, she set a school record by clearing 4-10.

Claire Price won the pole vault (6-10.75).

The girls 4x100 of McKinley Gilmore, Lilly Snider, Andree Wright and Taylor broke its own school record of 55.07 seconds but placed second and did not qualify.



# BASEBALL: Princeville wins regional opener

Continued from Page 20 fly in the fourth for four RBI. Kaeden Schatsiek tripled and drove in one. Dane Fagerburg, Sean Crowe and Brody Kenney each hit 2-for-3.

Cleve Bizosky worked around four walks to fan eight hitters en route to a complete-game win.

B-E trounced Midwest Central 16-0 last Friday on the road. The guests ripped 13 hits, eight of them for extra bases. Bizosky recorded a double with three RBI, Crowe doubled and drove in two scores, Jakoby Johnson had two RBI and Layne Johnson also drove in two runs.

Schatsiek dominated on the hill for three frames, striking out eight and walking none. Crowe pitched one inning and struck out the side.

The Indians employed a clutch hit, a completegame pitching gem and clean defense to defeat upset-minded Princeville 3-1 on May 14 on the road.

Crowe tripled in two runs in the fifth inning and a Princeville error gave the guests all of their runs.

"Our offense was struggling all game but Sean has been seeing the ball well lately and picked us up in a huge spot," B-E coach James Sams said.

Brady Johnson pitched a complete game, yielding two hits and no walks with seven strikeouts.

• Farmington – The Farmers (25-7) lost 8-2 last Friday at Roanoke-Benson against strong pitching and solid defense. The Farmers plated two in their first atbat but did not score again.

Landon Crawford hit a solo home run. Ben Marvel drove in the other run and Lane Wheelwright doubled. Bronson Atchley pitched five innings, fanning eight and walking one while allowing 13 hits.

Farmington made quick work of Monmouth-Roseville 10-0 on May 15 at home The hosts lashed 12



Landon Crawford had a hot bat for Farmington last week. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

hits, as Marvel went 3-for-3 with a triple and three RBI, Crawford hit 2-for-3 with two doubles and one RBI and Wheelwright batted 2-for-3 with one RBI and a double. Henry Easley had a double.

Wheelwright threw a complete game. He struck out 11 while allowing four hits and two walks.

Farmington enjoyed a home-run derby May 14 at home in a 13-3 win over Kewanee. Crawford hit two four-baggers, Atchley added a home run and drove in four and Carter Lambin and Brody Evans also went deep.

Crawford pitched a complete game, working around five walks and three hits to strike out 11.

Farmington scored 10 times in the third inning to run away from Galva May 13 on the road. The Farmers tallied 19 hits. Easley was 2-for-3 with three RBI, Jacob Evans and Atchley both hit 2-for-3 with two RBI, Marvel was 3-for-3 and Crawford hit a home run.

Jonah Welker pitched 3.1 frames, giving up two hits, two walks and striking out four. Jacob Evans pitched 1.2 innings with a line of four strikeouts, no hits and one free pass.

Next up for Farmington is a 2A regional matchup at Minonk against host Fieldcrest today at 4:30 p.m.

• **Princeville** – The Princes (11-19-1) raced

ahead after two innings, then finished off Galva for good with 10 runs in the fourth for the 17-1 Class 1A Putnam County Regional win at home on Monday.

Logan Olshawsky had a big day at the plate, hitting 4-for-4 with four RBI, a home run and a double. Freshman Edo Arnett drove in five on two hits, including a home run. Trent Buffum had four RBI and Parker Dickinson recorded a double with one RBI.

Olshawsky pitched a complete game, giving up just one hit and one walk while striking out two.

The Princes were to face Putnam County on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in Granville.

The Princes struggled in the top of the fifth inning in a 3-1 home loss to B-E. A two-run triple and a runscoring single couldn't be topped by the hosts.

Noah Geiger pitched five frames, yielding six hits while striking out four. Cayden Allen threw two innings in relief with no hits allowed, only one walk and one strikeout.

"Noah Geiger and Cayden Allen did a great job getting ahead in counts and mixing up their pitches," Princeville Coach Brett Williams said.

Allen drove in the only run, a groundout to shortstop. Coley Palmer singled and Olshawsky doubled. Princeville fell to Mercer County 11-0 last Tuesday in a Lincoln Trail road game. The Princes were held to one hit by Carter

# Peterson. • ROWVA-Williamsfield –

The Cougars (18-13) collected 14 hits in a 19-0 home win over Peoria Heights on Saturday. Nick Little and Talan Hull drove in three runs apiece, Cooper Smith tallied two RBI, Brody Lytle drove two doubles and Jaxson Strom hit a triple and a double.

Lytle pitched a complete game, yielding one hit and striking out two.

After a Lincoln Trail setback to Stark County on May 14, the Cougars returned the favor with a 12-2 win at home last Friday. Hull had a big game at the plate and on the hill. He hit 3-for-3 with a home run and two RBI and threw 3.2 innings with 10 strikeouts and just three hits.

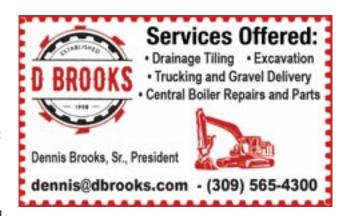
Little hit two doubles and drove in two runs and Strom and Mason Sornberger were 2-for-3 with two RBI.

R-W lost to Stark County 9-6 on May 14 at home, in part due to Cougars pitchers issuing 14 walks.

Hull was 3-for-4 with a double and three runs scored and Lytle batted 2-for-3 with three RBI.

R-W is scheduled to face Varna Midland in Class 1A regional action today at Stark County at 4:30 p.m.







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# 22 girls make state

# Relays strong for area track teams

• Princeville, ROWVA-Williamsfield softball teams get hot at right

time. Page 17

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post Relays ruled for area girls track teams competing May 14 at the Mercer County Class 1A sectional in Aledo. Inside

While eight individuals advanced to the state meet, another seven area relays will

also be competing at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston starting today, May 22.

Two of the qualifying relays are possible medal contenders, based on statewide rankings posted online after the sectionals by athletic.net.

The Elmwood-Brimfield 4x800-meter relay of

Olivia Stage, Mya Hill, Taylor Forney and Bristol Schmidgall ranks fourth in Class 1A with a time of 10:03.61. E-B was second at the sectional to Stark

County's quarter, which leads Class 1A with a clocking of 9:52.24.

"The goal for this team is to

break 10 minutes Thursday," E-B Coach Kyle Anderson said. "We can't control what anyone else does, but we think we have a chance to make finals if we break 10 minutes."

E-B has six 4x800 state medals, the best being fifth-place finishes in 2008 and 1995.

ROWVA-Williamsfield



The Elmwood-Brimfield 4x800-meter relay placed second at sectional last week and ranks fourth in Class 1A heading into the state meet today. From left to right are Mya Hill, Taylor Forney, Bristol Schmidgall and Olivia Stage. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

advanced three of relays to state, and it appears the best chance for a medal is in the 4x200. The Lady Cougars' quartet of Lauren Johnson, Haven Manning,

1A after placing second at sectional in 1:47.04.

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# Brooke Stickle and Erin Welch rank sixth in Class

R-W also advanced its

# High jump champion

Elmwood 8th grader sets IESA record

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post EAST PEORIA - Elmwood 8th grader Jacob Jackson brought home a state championship and an IESA state record from last weekend's state meet at the EastSide Centre.

Jackson won the IESA Class 2A 8th grade high jump championship, clearing 5 feet, 11.5 inches.

The jump was a personal record for Jackson and also set an IESA record. The former mark was 5-10, set last year by Nathan Young of Oakwood.

Jackson was the top finisher in what proved to be a good weekend for local athletes, as eight earned medals.

The next-best finish was by Dawson Freres of Princeville, who placed second in the 8th grade 2A 200-meter race with a PR of 24.36 seconds. That set a Princeville school record.

Freres was also second



Elmwood 8th grader Jacob Jackson won an IESA Class 2A state title in high jump last Saturday, clearing 5 feet, 11.5 inches - which is also a Class 2A state record.

in the 100 with another PR of 12.11.

First place in both events went to Marckez Barragan of West Carroll.

Cole Cahill of Brimfield was seventh in the 8th grade 2A 1,600 with a time of 5:06.38.

In girls action, Brimfield's 4x200 relay placed third in 8th grade 2A with a time of 1:54.78.

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# **B-E** baseball riding 14-game

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For The Weekly Post

The Brimfield-Elmwood baseball team finished the regular season on a 14-game win streak heading into postseason play this week.

The Indians (26-4-1) were scheduled to face Peoria Notre Dame on

Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in Class 2A regional action in Minonk. On Monday, Notre Dame defeated El Paso-Gridley, 8-4. B-E lost 10-0 to Notre Dame on March 26 during a 2-2-1 start to the season

The Indians have come a long way since that game and concluded the

regular season on Saturday with an 11-1 ICAC win over Peoria Christian at home.

Layne Johnson hit 4-for-4 in the game, with all four hits being doubles. Brady Johnson hit a three-run home run in the first, then a sacrifice

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