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Memorial Day scenes from across the area included, clockwise from above, a wreath in Farmington's Reed Park, a ceremony at Elmwood Township Cemetery, a girl covering her ears at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington and American Legion members at Stevens Square Park in Princeville after visiting six cemeteries.







Bids come in high

Princeville cuts back on sewer project after construction bids were higher than planned

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – An upcoming sewer- and waste-water-improvement project in Princeville is going to cost a little more than expected.

Bids for the project, which is expected to begin this summer, came in higher than the \$5.1 million estimate, according to Kevan Cooper of Bruner, Cooper & Zuck., Inc., a Galesburg-based engineering firm. The number of bids, two, appeared to be fewer than anticipated.

Ultimately, the Princeville Village Board voted May 20 to accept the lower bid – \$6,203,534.85, from Leander Construction Inc. of Canton. The other bid was about \$9.5

million. Various factors, including supply-chain issues and possible tariffs, helped skew the potential costs, according to Cooper.

"These days, estimating construction projects is interesting," he told the board.

To help bring down the Princeville price, Bruner, Cooper & Zuck is to eliminate part of the planned improvements. Forgoing new sand filters and a redundant valve is expected to pare about \$900,000, to bring the total anticipated cost to \$5.3 million.

Chad Gardner, the village superintendent of public works, said the sand filters might be replaced later. He suggested the cost would be

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Man pursuing minor arrested in Hanna City

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

HANNA CITY – A Louisiana man suspected of pursuing a juvenile for sex was arrested in Hanna City following a two-day search.

Rusty P. Barrilleaux, 39, of New Iberia was taken into custody about 8 a.m. Sunday near Murphy Road and Carole Avenue, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. He admitted he was attempting to



Barrilleaux

meet a minor.

On Tuesday, Peoria County Circuit Court Judge Mark Gilles ordered Barrilleaux detained until his arraignment June 26. He was charged with solicitation to meet a child, distributing harmful material to a minor and two counts of indecent solicitation of a child.

Barrilleaux first was spotted in Hanna City on May 24, authorities stated. He was dressed in camouflage, running through yards near Lakeshore Drive and yelling that someone was trying to kill him.

According to the sheriff's office, Barrilleaux had been communicating

in a sexual manner on an online dating application with someone he believed was a 15-year-old boy. Barrilleaux arranged to meet that person and take him camping.

When it came time to meet, the juvenile turned out to be an adult. He confronted Barrilleaux, who fled on foot.

Lakeshore Drive is a few blocks from where Barrilleaux was apprehended. Deputies searched that area and found a backpack near the lake. The backpack contained an Oklahoma identification card that matched Barrilleaux's description.

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CRIME DOG



Elmwood Police Officer Mike Darrah poses with Boone, a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois that has been working as the city's K9 officer since last fall. "He is like a kangaroo on speed, he's so full of energy," Darrah said. Boone is trained to locate narcotics. The dog was certified in Chicago last year and is still trained four hours each week and once per month in Monmouth.

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PRINCEVILLE: \$6.2 million loan is main funding

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significantly lower than the bid indicated. The filters date from the 1980s and represent the final step in wastewater processing.

A government loan is to cover the estimated cost of the project. About \$200,000 in local money is expected to bridge the difference. Gardner indicated it might come from tax-increment-financing funds. The overall loan is for \$6.2 million and also pays for construction-oversight and engineering costs.

Last month, the board approved a \$7 increase in

monthly bills for village sewer customers, effective in July, to help pay for the project. Additional TIF money targeted for it also is possible.

Both pumping stations in town are to be replaced and two excess-flow lagoons are to be constructed, among other work. The project is expected to be completed in late 2026.

The board also approved:

- A \$1,839.74 Commercial Exterior Beautification & Renovation Program grant to Raylene Dippel to help pay for a new awning



Familiar silos at the former Alcoa plant in Princeville are being torn down as West Jersey Express continues work on the old plant. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

and signs at Raylene’s Total Salon Concepts, 110 E. Main St.

- Residential Rehabilitation Program reimbursements of \$2,500 for a new front porch at 420 N. Walnut Ave. and \$1,404 for new windows at 308 E. South St.
- A zoning variance for a 5-foot chain-link fence at a residence at 317 N. Cottage Grove Ave.

Board members tabled approval of the village budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, because it’s not yet finalized.

The board also heard from Nathan McCarthy of Solar On Earth, a Massachusetts-based firm with which the village recently enacted a 10-year deal for energy-bill credits. The agreement is expected to save the village 20% on its Ameren Illinois expenses, which are expected to be about \$180,000 annually.

Solar On Earth allows residential or commercial customers to opt into a local solar-energy farm, which eliminates the need for rooftop panels. The closest Solar On Earth-affiliated array to Princeville is in Mounds, in far-southern Illinois, according to McCarthy. There is no expense to the village, per Gardner.

The village also issued building permits for residential fences at 415 N. Walnut Ave. and 411 E. Spring St.

Correction

In a story in the May 22 edition of The Weekly Post, Brimfield 7th grader Cole Cahill’s time at the IESA 2A state meet was incorrect. He ran the 1,600-meter race in 4:58.58. The newspaper erred.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Hot Picks

• **MANNA Meal** – MANNA Meal is today, May 29, at Elmwood United Methodist Church. \$8. Doors open 11 a.m., food at noon. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads and desserts.

• **Waste Disposal** – Peoria County has a free hazardous-waste disposal dropoff Saturday, May 31, at 3225 N. Dries Lane in Peoria by making an online appointment at peoriaappointments.as.me/.

• **Bible School** – Brunswick Community Church in Trivoli has Vacation Bible School June 2-6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day. Open to youngsters age 2 through 8th grade. Call Janet Ray at (309) 245-4271.

This Week's Events

• **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.

• **Garage Sales** – The Village of Princeville's community-wide garage sales are June 6-7 starting at 8 a.m. To be on the list, call (309) 385-4765 before May 28.

• **St. Jude Ride** – Saddle Up for St. Jude ride is June 6-7 at James Spurgeon Equestrian Park, 13210 W. Brimfield-Jubilee Rd. Food, silent and live auction, live music. You do not need a horse to attend. (309) 678-7772.

• **Strawberry Festival** – Elmwood's annual Strawberry Festival will be held June 7 starting with a 7 a.m. 5K race and a pancake breakfast at the firehouse. Craft vendors on hand, wide variety of

strawberry treats and live music.

• **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.

• **Game Night** – Brimfield Public Library has a game night June 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. for ages 18 and over. No registration required. Games of all sorts and sizes.

• **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-by-side 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.

• **Bingo** – Williamsfield American Legion Post 371 has bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday each month at 6 p.m.

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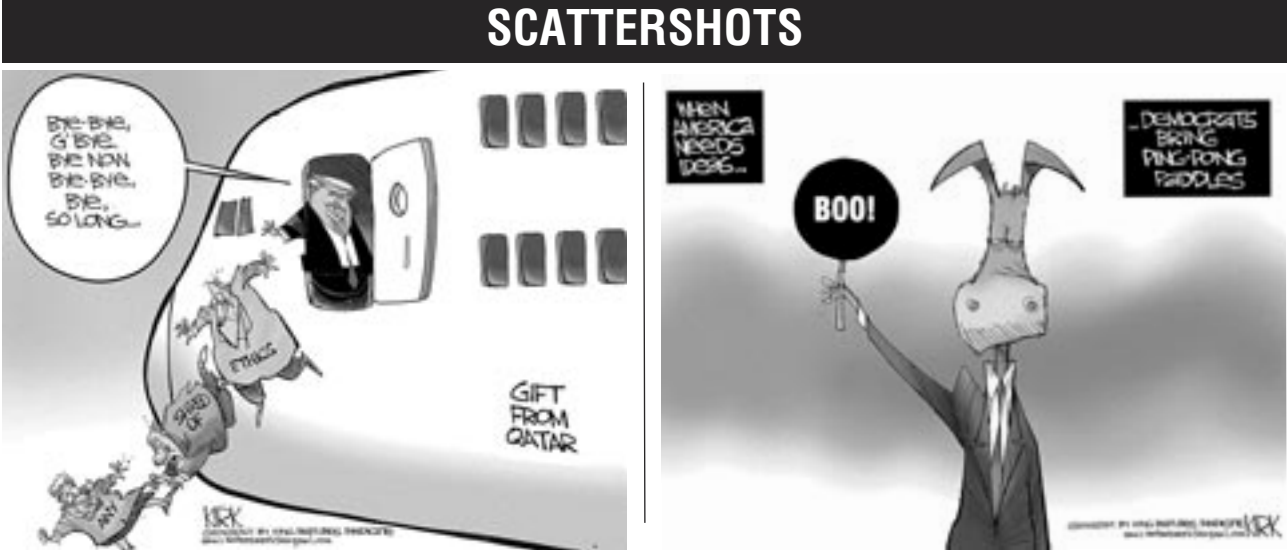
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Memorial Day done right

It was 1983 when someone asked **Mit Beres** to take over Elmwood’s Memorial Day remembrance.

“They told me, ‘We need somebody to take care of this,’” Beres recalled Monday evening.

Earlier in the day, the 83-year-old had coordinated a ceremony in the same crisp, precise manner he has for more than 40 years. Why stay at it so long? “I was proud of it,” Beres said.

He is still proud of the event, which for years has consisted of a walk from Central Park to a veterans’ memorial in Elmwood Township Cemetery. There a prayer is followed by “Taps” and by the laying of wreaths, the fire of arms and a color-guard salute – followed by a walk back to Central Park for patriotic songs, a speech or two and the national anthem.

It is a simple, reverent ceremony designed to pay respects to military personnel who died in service to our country. Though Memorial Day has become a holiday for families to gather and enjoy each other’s company, it is not merry at its core.

Beres feels that keenly. He makes a point to recall the comment of his



Jeff LAMPE

sister-in-law **Cathy**, who was in town one year for the celebration and was moved to write, “Elmwood, they do Memorial Day right.”

Actually, many of our communities do it right. There are solemn tributes at most local cemeteries from Farmington to Princeville to Brimfield to Williamsfield. Beres is focused on the Elmwood ceremony and his pride is understandable – even more so when you consider he has always been part teacher and part salesman.

“I taught and I sold,” he said. “When you sell, you teach. You’re telling people about the product you are selling. And when you teach, you sell, because you’re trying to get kids to think about what you are teaching them.”

A Pekin native, he came to Elmwood for his first teaching job in 1966, fresh out of the University of Illinois and after having served in Korea with the U.S. Army. He spent 11 years during his first tour in Elmwood and since then has held various jobs in education and sales – including stints as principal at Yates City from 1981-85, as a car salesman, as an English and speech teacher in Elmwood from 1995-2002 and as a salesman for H&H Industries, Inc., until just recently.

Oh yes, he also sold nuts to taverns across Illinois, finding a way to make money while enjoying one of

his favorite pastimes.

If you note past tense in much of this, that’s because Beres is leaving. Monday was his final Memorial Day as head honcho. In a few weeks, he will move to Ankeny, Iowa, to be closer to his son **Tony** and his 12-year-old granddaughter, **Meyah**.

He has already sold the unique house on Main Street that he loves so much and has entered that odd period of partings many retirees face. With them come stilted conversations about memories, legacies and other awkward topics, such as, “Who gets your furniture?”

Beres cuts to the point to end the unease.

“If I’m not all right, it’s my own damn fault,” he said. “I’ll probably look up the VFW. They have a few watering holes (in Ankeny). So I will not be without a place to go. And no, I am not having an auction.”

Beres does not know the Memorial Day traditions in his new home. Nor does he know what will happen in Elmwood on May 25, 2026.

What he should know is that for more than four decades, Memorial Day in Elmwood has been treated with the pride and reverence it deserves. And that’s a very good legacy to claim.

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Taxpayers and farmers caught in payment trap

On Feb. 21, 2018, this space outlined my assessment of Congress’ meandering approach to the overdue 2018 Farm Bill. Don’t just polish the badly tarnished 2014 Farm Bill, I urged; write a bill that addressed the law’s biggest flaw, “crop insurance’s inability to either slow or reverse falling farm income.”

It was a waste of ink. Shortly thereafter the GOP-led Senate and House Ag committees buffed a few things here and there and, presto, the 2014 Farm Bill and its flaws became the 2018 Farm Bill with flaws intact.

And it remains the law today; Congress is still trying to write an updated Farm Bill.

All that failure carried a high cost. Under the 2014 law, total U.S. direct government payments – composed of 20 different payment schemes – totaled \$69.5 billion, or nearly twice what Congress had budgeted.

The 2018 Farm Bill, with its 2014 flaws and the costly first Trump tariff program thrown in, nearly doubled that cost: \$122 billion from 2019-23.

The most recent two years’ worth of farm -program spending – which doesn’t yet include any expected 2025 Trump tariff-mitigation spending – is already a shocking \$51.8 billion.

Much of the spending, writes Carl Zulauf, an ag economist emeritus at Ohio State University in an April 16 farmdocDAILY bulletin, is because “ad hoc and emergency programs and crop insurance have not been



Alan GUEBERT

countercyclical to net return since 2006.”

That means the pre-2014 farm-program approach of high government income support during years of low market prices and low government spending in years of high market prices no longer applies.

As such, “The policy question,” Zulauf poses, “is simple: ‘Does society – do farmers – want a countercyclical crop safety net which makes high payments when private market return is low and low payments when price market return is high?’”

If this countercyclical regime is to be reestablished, he suggests, “ad hoc and emergency payments should be made only after commodity and crop insurance payments are known” and shouldn’t amount to more than economic cost of production.

Secondly, “Crop insurance can be made countercyclical by insuring only yield.”

Both are critical back-to-the-future, pre-2014 moves needed for farmers to escape what he describes in a later bulletin as “U.S. crop agriculture’s government payment trap.”

Since 2014, he explains, “Total commodity and ad hoc and emergency payments plus net insurance payments (collectively \$120 billion) notably exceeded economic losses (-\$32 billion) from producing the nine crops” – barley, corn, cotton, oats, peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans, and wheat – “for which USDA computes cost of production.”

That excess amount? A staggering \$88 billion.

Those billions, Zulauf asserts, fueled the 52% rise in farm assets over the same crop year (2012-13 to

2023-24) period as farm real estate increased 59%.

At the same time, “Farm debt rose 73% as real estate debt rose 96%. Total and real estate interest expense increased even more, 87% and 100% respectively.”

That government payment trap continues the “pressure for more payments ... that markets will expect...” But “more payments are ... unlikely to relieve the crop cost-squeeze” and “instead (will) raise the cost of producing crops.”

Even worse, “Unwinding this trap will unfortunately come with pain, such as higher financial stress and bankruptcies, unless higher prices or yields increase private market returns or interest rates decline.”

And, he adds, “This trap and its potential pain could largely have been avoided if past crop safety net payments had not exceeded private market losses.”

Indeed, he adds, “(P)olicymakers should always aim to avoid having total crop safety net payments exceed crop sector private market losses.”

But that’s not what writers of the 2025 Farm Bill plan to do. To them it’s still 2014 and if Zulauf is right, taxpayers won’t be the only group paying a high price for reloading this government payment trap.

Farmers, already caught in it, will pay an even higher price.

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Departing Elmwood principal left a legacy

To the Editor:

I began my teaching career in earnest with Tony McCoy as my mentor teacher during my student teaching experience at Elmwood High School in the spring of 1997. I owe so much to Tony. While still a mentor to this day, he would also become my colleague, then my boss and, most importantly, my friend.

Tuesday, May 28, marked the final day of McCoy’s career in education. Other than a few gap years where he served as assistant principal in Canton, Tony’s entire time in K-12 education as a student, teacher and principal was in the Elmwood schools. (He will point out that grade school was in Edwards, but he and his classmates ultimately ended up in Elmwood.)

There can be no doubt that Tony loves this place – the school, the students, the towns (Oak Hill, Edwards, Elmwood), the people and all of the things that make up living in this community.

Tony leaves behind a legacy at Elmwood High School that is literally seen through generations. His passion for biology impacted so many students, who experienced the rivers project and bug collections and dissections alongside a teacher who cared about both the subject



and the students learning it.

Four consecutive state girls cross country trophies sit in our case as a testament to the coach Tony was and the impact he had on athletics during his time at Elmwood, both as an athlete and coach.

After interviewing for the EHS principal’s job, the superintendent asked, “He’s your friend, but can he be your boss?”

We unanimously agreed that we would work for Tony because we respect him – he had been our de facto leader when he was a teacher, and we would have no problem being held accountable by him, nor would he have a problem holding us accountable. As our principal, Tony welcomed his second and maybe third generation of students as they walked through the doors of EHS.

He excelled as a principal because he is passionate about this school.

He was firm and fair and he believes in the importance of education. The list of people impacted by Tony’s time at EHS is long, as poured into so many students, teachers, administrators, parents and community members.

So many owe a sincere debt of gratitude to McCoy for all he has given.

Personally, I know that I stayed in education because Tony was my mentor teacher. I know that I stayed in Elmwood in my early years because he was my colleague and head of the science department. I know that I challenge myself as a teacher because I want to be as good as he was. The same is true in my career as a coach. Also, he sets a pretty high bar as a husband, father and friend.

Tony, thank you for all that you’ve meant to this school.

– Todd Hollis, Elmwood

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PUBLIC RECORD

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Police reports

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Princeville woman was accused of drunken driving following a traffic stop.

Dawn E. Johnson Taylor, 62, was behind the wheel of a northbound 1997 Ford Crown Victoria that was weaving shortly before 6:30 p.m. May 7 in the 19200 block of N. Princeville-Jubilee Rd., according to a redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Johnson Taylor was arrested shortly after 6:45 p.m. in the 400 block of W. Evans St. in Princeville. She was charged with improper lane use and two counts of driving under the influence. Johnson Taylor was transported to the Peoria County Jail. The vehicle was towed.

• **HANNA CITY** – A helicopter flew a Hanna City-area woman to the burn unit of a Springfield hospital after she was injured in a kitchen accident.

The accident happened about 3:15 p.m. May 7 at a residence in the 2400 block of S. Hanna City-Glasford Rd., according to a redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The victim said she was boiling eggs in a microwave oven when they blew up and hit her in the face.

An ambulance arrived, but someone locked the keys in it, so a second ambulance was dispatched. By then, the helicopter arrived for the trip to Springfield Memorial Hospital. Logan-Trivoli firefighters also responded.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Out-of-control fire damaged a building on a property south of Princeville.

First responders were summoned about 5:45 p.m. May 5 to the 10800 block of W. Legion Hall Rd. The property owner, a 49-year-old Princeville man, said he was dismantling the empty building and burning its pieces in a pit he dug in the ground, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

After about an hour, the owner realized what remained of the building caught fire on its north side, which faced the burn pit. Akron-Princeville, Brimfield, Dunlap and Peoria Heights firefighters responded, as did Advanced Medical Transport and Ameren Illinois.

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal was expected to investigate.

• **ELMWOOD** – An Elmwood girl reported no injuries after the vehicle she was driving struck one that was parked.

The accident happened shortly after 8 a.m. May 5 at Southgate and Oak drives, according to an Elmwood police report. The girl was driving a 2016 Chevrolet Cruze east on Southgate Drive when it hit a 2012 Chevrolet Impala owned by Matthew W. Anderson of Avon.

Per the report, the girl said she was leaning over to pick up a fallen water

bottle when the accident happened. Elmwood firefighters and BYE Ambulance Service responded. More than \$1,500 in damage was reported.

• **MAPLETON** – A Trivoli girl and her passenger reported no injuries following a two-vehicle accident in a Mapleton parking lot.

The teenager was pulling a 2020 BMW X3 out of a parking space at 5:15 p.m. May 4 at Butler Haynes Park when the vehicle struck an adjacent 2023 Ford Expedition, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Patricia A. Field owns the other vehicle; her hometown was not noted in the report. Field said she was standing behind her vehicle waiting for the BMW to back out when she noticed the other driver was turning too soon. The BMW struck the Expedition's rear driver's-side quarter panel.

The teenager's passenger was her mother. Both vehicles sustained minor damage and were drivable.

• **LAURA** – No injuries were reported following a single-vehicle wreck east of Laura.

At 9:45 a.m. May 4, Emmy Arthur of Princeville was driving a 2014 Chrysler Town & Country minivan west on Illinois Route 90 near Brimfield Road when the front passenger-side wheel sheared off the vehicle, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

The vehicle left the pavement and came to rest in a ditch. Arthur had three passengers, two males and a female. The vehicle sustained damage to its front passenger-side wheel well and door and was towed.

• **TRIVOLI** – A Farmington woman declined medical treatment following a one-vehicle wreck west of Trivoli.

Annika L. Anderson was driving a westbound 2010 Ford F-150 pickup truck shortly before 4:30 a.m. May 4 in the 19600 block of Illinois Route 116 when she swerved to avoid a deer in the roadway, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The vehicle left the pavement, landed in a north-side ditch and jumped a driveway before it stopped. Anderson was able to leave the vehicle, which was towed after it sustained extensive damage.

• **WEST PEORIA** – A Hanna City boy avoided injury from a two-vehicle crash in West Peoria.

The accident happened about 9 p.m. May 2 in front of Casey's, 2114 W. Farmington Rd. The boy was behind the wheel of a 2014 Ford F-150 pickup truck and was turning left onto Farmington Road when the vehicle struck an eastbound 2011 Nissan Rogue, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Jimenez P. Maciel of Peoria was the other driver. His vehicle overturned and landed upright, a witness stated. An ambulance transported Maciel to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria as a precaution. His

vehicle sustained major damage and was towed.

The boy said he didn't see Maciel's vehicle; he was looking at his cell-phone as he was turning. His vehicle sustained minor damage. The boy was cited for using an electronic communication device while driving and for failure to reduce speed.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Hanna City-area man apparently was scammed out of \$37,000 through social media.

The resident of the 900 block of N. Greengold Rd. reported the theft about 8:30 a.m. May 2, a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The 54-year-old victim was attempting to purchase a piece of heavy equipment on Facebook Marketplace.

No suspect information was available.

• **GLASFORD** – No injuries were reported from a two-vehicle wreck north of Glasford that involved a Hanna City man.

Donald G. Hidden was driving a southbound Buick Estate Wagon about 1:30 p.m. April 27 on Hanna City-Glasford Road at Lancaster Road when his vehicle struck a 2014 Ford SUV driven by Sandra L. Sweet of Glasford, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Sweet was westbound on Lancaster Road when she stopped at the intersection before she turned right. She turned too far into the southbound lane, where the front of her vehicle hit the driver's side of Hidden's. Sweet said she didn't see the other vehicle.

• **HANNA CITY** – Shortly after 10:45 p.m. May 5, Ellen M. Huddleston of Canton was driving a 2021 Nissan sport-utility vehicle east in the 13200 block of Illinois Route 116 west of Hanna City when the vehicle struck a deer that emerged from the north. Huddleston declined medical treatment, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle was towed. The impact killed the deer.

• **MONICA** – Shortly after 11:30 p.m. April 30, Dean J. Shaw of Ke-wanee was driving a 2007 Saturn Vue sport-utility vehicle east in the 17000 block of Illinois Route 90 west of Monica when the vehicle struck a deer in the roadway. Shaw appeared to escape injury, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained disabling front-end damage and was to be towed.

• **YATES CITY** – Chief Randy Benson reported the following Yates City Police Department activity for April: one arrest, 22 reports, seven traffic stops, two citations and seven warnings.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between May 4-10: order-of-protection violation, Williamsfield; fire, Yates City; domestic disturbance, Williamsfield.

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Farmland values showing mixed signals

By KEVIN BROOKS

University of Illinois Extension

Farmland values began to soften in late 2024 following decreasing farm profits in 2023 and 2024.

This was the consensus of professional farm managers at the 2025 Illinois Farmland Values and Lease Trends Conference, facilitated in March by The Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

The value of farmland varied across the 10 regions analyzed across the state. Sales were analyzed by soil productivity indexes as defined by Bulletin 811, a rating system commonly used in Illinois to compare farms by soil productivity.

What held true in one district was not necessarily the same in another. However, a noticeable softening of land values occurred in the last quarter of 2024.

Western Illinois sales of excellent farmland suffered the most significant declines. In the southern part of the state, farmland sales per acre were steady to considerably higher, with strong sales values reported in the far south.

Farms by soil type showed differences but were inconsistent across various locations. Average sales per acre across the state showed a modest decrease in Excellent soil types (Productivity Index 133-147). Good Soils (PI 117-132) were, on average, flat to slightly down. Average and fair soils showed a modest increase in sales values per acre.

Farmland sales increased slightly in 2024 over the previous year, except for average farms, which experienced a noticeable decrease in sales. Estate sales contributed to 59% of the farms sold.

Retired farmers and investors represented 13% and 12% of the farm sales, respectively.

Six percent of the farms sold were by active farmers. Some of the sales by active farmers were to improve cash positions (5% of sales).

Public auctions accounted for 53% of farm sales, while 27% were private. Farmers purchased 59%, and non-farming buyers represented 30% of the purchasers. Non-local investors represented 13% of the buyers, and institutions came in at 6%.

Farm profits in 2025 will impact future farm values. Interest-rate uncertainty, lower grain prices and trade-war concerns will cause headwinds holding back values. A farmland market analysis would be remiss not to compare 1980 to the present. A sharp acceleration of the above-mentioned factors caused the economic devastation of the 1980s farm depression.

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

vs. 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

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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.

Plaintiff, -v.- RAYMOND DEMARIA, KRISTINA DEMARIA, CAMPUSTOWN, LLC Defendant 2024 FC 0000231

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Brimfield School Board adds two members

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield School Board has two new members, although one of them really isn’t new.

Jason Snyder, whose four-year board term ended last month, was appointed May 21 to fill one of two vacancies following elections in April. A true newcomer, Edwards resident Clint Drury, also was appointed.

Snyder was among three board incumbents who did not run for re-election. There were only two candidates for four seats. Immediately following the board meeting last week, Snyder said he wasn’t sure if he could juggle job and family responsibilities and another four years in public office.

But Snyder also suggested he had unfinished board business, particularly regarding physical improvements to the Brimfield campuses.

“We had some stuff that we started that isn’t done yet,” said Snyder, an electrical contractor with Laser Electric, Inc., in Peoria. “I just kind of wanted to see that stuff through. We’ll see where

we’re at in two years and maybe go from there.”

Both appointed seats are to be contested in the April 2027 election.

Drury is executive director of the Peoria-based West Central Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council. A parent of three Brimfield students, Drury said he hadn’t considered running for election but probably would run in two years.

Drury also is a trustee at Eureka College, his alma mater.

“Every board member should be able to bring something,” Drury said about his new assignment. “I think I’ll be able to bring a lot of contacts and a lot of opportunities for the students for job shadows and internships and things like that.”

Drury and Snyder were among five applicants the board interviewed during a special meeting May 19 that lasted about two hours, according to Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones.

After Drury and Snyder were inaugurated, they and the other five board members approved a lengthy list of items. Among them were the fol-

lowing:

- All-inclusive student fees for the 2025-26 academic year. Those will be \$100 for kindergarten through 4th grade, \$150 for 5th-through-8th grades, \$245 for high school freshmen, \$255 for sophomores, \$265 for juniors and \$280 for seniors.
- A \$15,050 deal with Gorenz and Associates, Ltd., of Peoria for Fiscal Year 2025 audit services.
- A \$147,183 contract with Unland Insurance & Benefits of East Peoria for district coverage, an increase of about \$10,500 from the previous year.
- A tentative amended budget for the 2025 fiscal year. Final approval is expected in June.
- A bid from Alpha Baking Co., Inc., of Chicago for bread, hamburger and hot dog buns and dinner rolls. Prices vary per package and piece
- A capital-projects plan for this summer.

The capital-projects plan includes extensive work at Brimfield Grade School. Among the items are new lighting, doors, ceilings and a refinished gymnasium floor. Not included in the plan is long-anticipated construction of a bus barn along Brimfield-Jubilee Road east of the high school.

Unanticipated additional expenses, some resulting from soil issues at the construction site, have put the barn in limbo, according to Jones. He suggested bids might be available for board consideration next month, but a temporary bus-storage lease elsewhere is possible.

“We’re concerned,” Jones said after the meeting. “It’s going to be a lot of money and a lot more money than I think we originally wanted to spend on this project. We’ve got to see where the bids go and then we have to figure out (if) we want to invest in that this time or do we want to maybe not.”

The all-inclusive student fee covers registration, sports, technology, books, parking and fundraising, among other things. Separate fees had been collected for each item.

“It just makes it simpler, and we haven’t raised them in a while,” Jones said about the new fee. “This just kind of covers everything.”

The new fee also allows for free student admission to regular-season home athletic events. It’s an effort to boost student attendance at games, according to Jones.

Regarding personnel, the board authorized extracurricular and support-staff assignments for 2025-26, the resignation of Taylor Pope as grade-school cheer coach and the hiring of Troy Tilly as grade-school athletics director. The board also accepted the 2028 retirement of grade-school teacher Kelly Walker.

There were no changes in 2025-26 high school head-coaching assignments.

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Libraries participating in read, eat, play road trip

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Local libraries participating include the Williamsfield Public Library, Brimfield Public Library, Farmington Area Public Library, Lillie M. Evans Library in Princeville, Morrison and Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood and Salem Township Library in Yates City.

This year's Library Road Trip started May 27. Libraries are distributing passports to interested patrons and wishing them safe travels as they embark on their journey to visit as many of the participating libraries as possible by Aug. 2. Passports returned with 10 stamps by Sept. 5 qualify participants for a chance to win a prize from their home library.

Anyone wishing to participate should visit their home library and pick up a passport book. Inside is all the information needed to guide you to participating libraries, as well as to many local parks, restaurants and attractions.

Other nearby participants include Alpha Park Public Library in Bartonville, Cambridge Public Library, Chillicothe Public Library, Dunlap Public Library, Fondulac District Library in East Peoria, Galesburg Public Library, Galva Public Library, Lacon Public Library District, Marquette Heights Public Library, Parlin-Ingersoll Public Library in Canton, Spoon River Public Library in Cuba, Warren County Pub-

lic Library in Monmouth, Wyoming Public Library and the Illinois Prairie District in Benson, Germantown Hills, Metamora, Roanoke, Spring Bay and Washburn.

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ARREST: Man had set up a campsite

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Acting on a tip, a K-9 deputy discovered smoke rising from woods Sunday. Shortly thereafter, the dog tracked down Barrilleaux. He had established a campsite, where deputies found a laptop computer that contained evidence of his conversations with the pretend juvenile.

Peoria County Sheriff Chris Watkins told The Weekly Post that Barrilleaux apparently was staying with someone in Hanna City, although he was moving frequently.

"This is a good reminder to monitor your children's activity online and which apps they are using," Watkins said in a statement. "There are a large (number) of online predators across the country, trying to make contact with our children, and some will go to great lengths to meet with them in person."



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Black bear spotted in southern Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is monitoring sightings of a black bear in southwestern Illinois.

The bear was first observed May 19 in St. Clair County. An IDNR district wildlife biologist confirmed the sighting May 20, and the animal was observed again May 21-22, still in St. Clair County.

This is the fourth time in the past five years that a bear has made its way into southern Illinois, according to The Belleville News-Democrat.

The bear has had no interaction with humans, though it has damaged some beehives on private property.

IDNR’s wildlife division reminds residents that although sightings of black bears in Illinois are rare, the potential exists that animals from neighboring states may be observed in Illinois over the next few months. With established populations in the adjacent states of Missouri and Wisconsin, occasional summer movements by bears into

Illinois are anticipated, including past confirmed sightings in Jo Daviess, Lake, Saline, Pope, Williamson and Jackson counties.

IDNR encourages people to avoid direct encounters with bears and to check their property for food sources that could attract a bear if one is reported in the area. Bears can follow their powerful noses to food sources and can pick up nearly anything with an odor from more than a mile away.

Through learned behavior, bears often investigate anything that may yield a food reward, such as bird feeders, barbecue grills, garbage cans and dog food. Once a bear finds a food source, they will likely return, so prevention is key.

During early summer months, yearling bears disperse from their birth ranges in search of food and a permanent home range. Adult males travel far and wide looking for mates, and nursing females venture further from home-range core areas to meet the energetic demands of raising cubs.

Bears are omnivores that will consume a wide range of plants or animals that provide calories. The bulk of their spring and early-summer diet is plant based, with whatever available protein they can locate – small mammals, fish, insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians or dead animals.

The DNR says human conflicts with bears can be prevented by following this BearWise checklist:

- Never feed or approach bears.
- Secure food, garbage and recycling.
- Remove or limit use of bird feeders when bears are active.
- Avoid leaving pet food outdoors.
- Thoroughly clean and store grills and smokers after each use.

People who encounter a bear should give the animal space and back away slowly and quietly. If encounters persist, contact Chris Jacques, IDNR large carnivore program manager, at chris.jacques@illinois.gov or an IDNR district wildlife biologist for advice.

For more information on living with bears, visit wildlifeillinois.org.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Weir of Princeville for graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from Methodist College of Nursing on May 17, 2025.

She graduated with Cum Laude academic honors and was also a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. She'll be starting her nursing career with Carle Health.





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BRIEFS

Knox County property taxes running late

GALESBURG – Knox County real estate taxes have not been mailed because the clerk’s office is still completing its portion of the tax cycle, according to County Treasurer Robin E. Davis.

Davis said in a press release that once needed information is received from the clerk’s office, tax bills should be mailed out within three weeks. She said her office has received an influx of taxpayer phone calls and questions regarding their real estate taxes payable in 2025.

Davis said there are three steps in the tax cycle. The first step is in the Knox County Supervisor of Assessments office. The second step is in the county clerk’s office. The final step is in the treasurer’s office.

Elmwood City Council names committee chairs

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood City Council announced new committee chairs at its May 20 meeting.

Nathan Brunnelson will continue in his roles as chair for Water and Sewer, Rules and Ordinances and Trees.

Tim Teel will chair Streets, Storm Sewers and Sidewalks and Building Codes and Zoning.

Julie Davis is new chair of Public Buildings, Christmas Lights and Events Décor and Animal Control.

Bob Paige will continue as both chair of Finance and Parks.

Kristen Strom will be chairing General Nuisance as well as Eco-

nomic Development and Growth. Mayor Andrew Almasi will continue as the chair of Public Safety.

The city is working to replace software used to manage utility billing, accounts payable, the general ledger and payroll. The software provider gave notice its product won’t be supported when the license expires in 2026. Replacement software recommended by the provider is much more expensive and is not worth the increase, in the opinion of the council. Four or five companies have been contacted thus far, and a replacement is expected to be found before licensing expires.

– Molly Richeson

College graduate

• **Kaitlyn Weir** of Princeville graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing from Methodist College of Nursing on May 17 cum laude. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society.

College honors

• Several local students were named to the Illinois Wesleyan University spring Dean’s list (3.5 gpa or better). Honorees are **Dax Alger** of Elmwood, **Izzy Beoletto** of Farmington, **Eileen Conklin** of Elmwood, **Elizabeth Dale** of Brimfield, **Josh McMillin** of Hanna City, **Liv Meyers** of Elmwood and **Bri Steil** of Edwards.

• **Miles Donahue** of Brimfield was named to the Drury University spring Dean’s list (3.6 gpa or better).

Illinois turkey hunters post record harvest

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois hunters

harvested a preliminary record total of 18,189 wild turkeys during the 2025 spring season. That compares with the previous record total of 17,208 turkeys harvested in 2024.

Top five counties for harvest were Jo Daviess 628, Jefferson 518, Pike 468, Marion 428 and Pope 425.

Turkey harvest in local counties was as follows (with a comparison to 2024 harvest): Fulton 304 (+17), Henry 153 (+22), Knox 197 (-37), Peoria 178 (+40) and Stark 25 (+7).

Peoria Co. Courthouse undergoing renovation

PEORIA – Renovations to the Peoria County Courthouse started Tuesday. As a result, additional metered parking around the courthouse will be bagged and unavailable.

The World War I and II Memorial and A Final Salute Memorial will be inaccessible, and the sidewalk in front of these memorials will also be closed.

The courthouse entrance on Jefferson Avenue will remain open.

In May, the Peoria County Board approved a \$6.76 million maximum price with CORE Construction Services of Illinois, Inc., to perform the work for the Courthouse Plaza and Block renovation project. Renovations are funded by federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

Plans call for installation of new permeable pavers, water jets, lighting, electrical and irrigation systems, vehicle-protection bollards, benches, picnic tables and landscaping.

The project is expected to be completed this fall.



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Barbara L. Anderson
HANNA CITY – Barbara Louise Anderson, 80, of Hanna City, formerly of Mason City, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at The Arc in Chillicothe.

Barbara was born on March 31, 1945, in Santa Monica, Calif., to Chester Wheeler and Regina (Schreiner) Arnold. She married Jerald Lee Anderson on Oct. 19, 1966, in Munich, Germany. Jerry preceded her in death on April 11, 2010. Also preceding her in death are her parents and her brother, Chester L. Arnold.

Surviving are her daughters, Julie (Daniel) Detrick of Huntsville, Ala., and Regina (Steve) Crowe of Brimfield, Ill.; her grandchildren, Aaron (Jennifer) Detrick, Samuel (Linzee) Detrick, Maggie (Alex) Kopek, Wyatt (Ali) Detrick, Billy Crowe (Sarah Johnson) and Sean Crowe (Addy Turner); and her great-grandchildren, Mila Detrick, Gianssen Valdez and Noah James Detrick. Also surviving are her sisters, Carol (Roger) Rochlen and Regina Alonte; her brother Chester W. (Frances) Arnold; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved friend and sister-in-law, Jackie (Jack) Anderson.

Barbara graduated from Glen Burnie High School (Maryland) and then attended cosmetology school. She retired from Affina in April 2010 after 15 years. Barbara enjoyed cooking for her grandchildren and sketching, and she loved spending time with her family.

Barbara's family would like to thank the Arc staff for providing her such love and care.

Cremation rites will be accorded through Weber-Hurd Funeral Home in Chillicothe. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to EPIC of Peoria or Cats of West Central Illinois.

Gala S. Bates
PRINCEVILLE – Gala Sue Bates, 56, of Princeville, Ill., passed away on May 19, 2025. Gala crossed into heaven at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria, Ill., surrounded by loved ones.

Gala came into this world in Peo-

ria on Sept. 10, 1968, to Donald and Virginia (Martin) Schneider of Princeville.

Her father preceded her in death. Gala has four siblings, Roger (Linda) Schneider of Astoria, Ann (John) Johnson of South Pekin, Kristie (Greg) Blakey of St. Charles, Mo., and Terry (Kelly) Schneider of Princeville. Gala married Patrick Bates Sr. of Canton in 2003. Gala and Pat had two sons, Chase Bates and Seth Bates, both of Princeville, who she deeply loved.

Gala worked for the American Red Cross for over 18 years. She enjoyed walking in state parks and getting to travel to Branson, Mo., for a yearly vacation with her family. But the things she enjoyed the most were being with her sons, family and friends. Gala also loved a wide range of music, anything from Billy Idol to Patsy Cline. From an early age, Gala loved animals.

Gala graduated from Princeville High School in 1986, and she later graduated from Midstate College.

The family would like to thank OSF Cancer Institute and OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home for the excellent care she received.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life and graveside service will be held at a later date.

Kerry R. Cordis
PRINCEVILLE – Kerry Reynold Cordis, 81, passed away on May 21, 2025, at Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria. Kerry was born on June 20, 1943, in Princeville to William and Ruth (Koontz) Cordis.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ann; their children, Matthew Cordis, Daniel (Sarah) Cordis and Jennie (Les) Boswell; as well as his five granddaughters, Margaret, Elizabeth, Madeline, Claire and June.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Bill Cordis; and his sister, Caryl D'hondt.

Kerry was a 1961 graduate of

Princeville High School, where he excelled at football and baseball. He attended the University of Illinois on a football scholarship and graduated from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago with honors. In later years, he was honored as a distinguished alumnus of the law school.

Kerry loved living in Chicago and often reminisced about his time in law school, tending bar in the Rush and Division neighborhood and meeting Ann in the city. His legal career began as an assistant attorney general in Chicago. He and Ann married in 1970 and moved to Princeville in 1971. While working part time as an assistant state's attorney, Kerry started his law office in Princeville, where he practiced for over 50 years.

All three of his children practiced law with him in Princeville at various times. Kerry was a steadfast presence in Princeville for decades. Beyond his legal work, Kerry served on the Princeville School Board and the board of the Seven Oaks Child Development Center.

A passionate traveler, Kerry and Ann traveled to Europe countless times, and he enjoyed trips to Europe with his children and their families. He also cherished trips to family reunions, where he was known to "hold court" with his nieces and nephews with his signature storytelling and humor.

In addition to travel, Kerry was an avid reader. If not at the office, he could be found most reliably with a book in hand reading in his wing-back chair by the fire or on the screened-in porch.

Kerry loved his family and was always quick to tell them that he loved them. He was proud of Princeville and his family's roots there.

He was a gifted conversationalist with a quick and lively wit and certainly never knew a stranger, including during his time at Lutheran Hillside Village. The family wishes to thank the staff at Lutheran Hillside Village for the care provided to Kerry, especially in his final days.

Visitation took place at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. A memorial service was to be held at the Princeville United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. Rev. David



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OBITUARIES

Pyell will officiate. An additional visitation was to be at the church from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Burial in Princeville Township Cemetery will be at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Akron-Princeville Ambulance.

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

Adolph C. Zeglen Jr.
FARMINGTON – Adolph C. Zeglen Jr., 90, of Farmington, passed away on May 22, 2025, at his residence. He was born on Feb. 10, 1935, in Gilchrist, Ill., to Adolph and Marie (Gnyla) Zeglen Sr.

Adolph is survived by his son Daniel Zeglen of Green River, Wyo.; one brother, John Zeglen of Palm City, Fla.; sister Cynthia (Jim) Schreiner of Farmington; five grandchildren, Chris (Amber) Quartier of Denver, Bryce (Jenna) Quartier of Washington, Ill., Nicole (Nathan) Jones of Farmington, Melissa (Adrian) Lopez of Laramie, Wyo., and Austin (Brianna) Zeglen of Green River, Wyo.; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two children, Jonathan Zeglen and Kathryn Quartier; three brothers, Thomas, Michael and Rudolph; and three sisters, Loretta, Helen and Debra.

Adolph worked at Caterpillar Inc. for 35 years, retiring in 1992. He also worked at Perardi Fur and Wool Company for many years.

His hobbies included farming, fishing, trapping and hunting. He



Zeglen

was a member of the Farmington Moose Lodge. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1957-59.

Cremation rites have been accorded through Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Canton. There will be no services. Memorials can be to the Farmington Rescue Squad.

To make online condolences please visit www.oakshinesfuneral-home.com.

Andrea Lankford
FARMINGTON – Andrea Lankford, 63, of Farmington, passed away May 21, 2025, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

She was born March 7, 1962, in Peoria to Edward and Rosemary (James) Lankford. They preceded her in death, as did one brother, Durland “Butch” Lankford.

She is survived by her son Chad (Jessica Crossland) Lankford of Macomb; one sister, Linda (Mike) Geier of Missouri; and two granddaughters, Trinity and Coraline Lankford.

A memorial visitation will be at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood on Thursday, May 29, 2025, from 4-6 p.m.

James W. McKeever
CANTON – James W. McKeever, 62, of Canton, passed away on May 14, 2025, at his residence. He was born on May 19, 1962.

He married Sherry Christy in 1994. She survives. Other survivors are four children, Matthew (Laura) McKeever of Fairview, Nathan Christy and Terra McKeever, both of Canton, and Shad McKeever of Farmington; two brothers, John (Lisa) McKeever and Mitch (Kelly) Stobaugh, both of Canton; two sisters; Debbie VanHouten of Farmington and Cathy (Roger) Passmore of Canton; and two grandchildren.

There will be no services.

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

Rosemary T. Oppe
CHILLICOTHE – Rosemary T. Oppe, 92, of Chillicothe, passed away on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at her home surrounded by her family.

Rosemary was born Nov. 15, 1932, in Farmington, a daughter of Gazel and Eva (Yonkowski) Almasi. She graduated with the class of 1950, and on Feb. 14, 1953, she married Joseph D. Oppe in Farmington. Together they cherished 39 years until his passing on Jan. 13, 1992.

Rosemary worked as a unit clerk at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center for many years. She later worked at the Boys & Girls Club and Illinois Mental Health Association. Rosemary enjoyed reading, crocheting and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Most importantly she was a devout wife, mother, grandmother and sister who deeply loved her big family and cherished all the times she could spend with them.

Survivors include three children, Suzanne Hartley of Peoria, Joy Wolfe of Las Vegas and Steve Oppe of Washington; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Joseph Almasi of Elmwood.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents, husband Joseph, son Jeffrey Oppe, two sisters and one brother.

Services were May 27, 2025, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Chillicothe. Graveside services were in Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria.

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Father Deogratias Mpewo
314 W. Clay Brimfield
(309) 446-3275
stjosephbrimfield.org
Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm
Sat. Mass: 5 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 10:30 a.m. (starting Sept. 1)
Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 a.m.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church
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Rev. Michael Wagnitz, Pastor
204 W. Clay St. Brimfield, IL
(309) 446-3233
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Brimfield E-Free Church
Pastor Donald Blasing
11724 Maher Road
Brimfield IL 61517
(309) 446-3571
brimfieldefree.org
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 p.m. ages 3-12

Union Church at Brimfield

United Church of Christ
Pastor Stephen Barch
105 W. Clay Street Brimfield
(309) 446-3811
brimfieldunionchurch.org
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of 3 Thessalonians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who went to the city gate every morning to hold a court of justice trying to win people from David? Nain, Rehoboam, Absalom, Felix
3. Where did the first miracle of Jesus take place of His turning water into wine? Cana, Antioch, Berea, Corinth
4. Which queen died by being thrown from a window and

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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

EDWARDS

trampled by horses? Elisabeth, Jezebel, Vashti, Abigail

5. In what book does Paul promote the public reading of scripture? 1 Timothy, 1 Samuel, 1 John, 1 Thessalonians

6. From Judges 9, who had 70 of his brothers killed on one stone? Abraham, Abimelech, Samuel, Amos

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Absalom, 3) Cana, 4) Jezebel, 5) 1 Timothy, 6) Abimelech
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Bethany Baptist Church
7422 N. Heinz Ln. Edwards
(309) 692-1755
bethanycentral.org
Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 a.m.
In person and livestream (Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)
Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

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

ELMWOOD

Crossroads Assembly of God
Pastor Don Nuttall
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood
(309) 742-6409
crossroadselmwood.org
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sun. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Elmwood Baptist Church
Pastor Bill Cole
701 W. Dearborn St. Elmwood
(309) 742-7631 642-3278

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.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

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

PRINCEVILLE

Princeville United Methodist Church
Pastor David Pyell
420 E. Woertz Princeville
(309) 385-4487
princevilleumchurch.com
Sun. Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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

TRIVOLI

Brunswick Community Church
4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli
Pastor Terry England
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

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.
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Saturday, May 31 8am - 4pm
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OBITUARIES

Dale J. Schultz
TRIVOLI – Dale Joseph Schultz, 83, of Trivoli, passed away on May 19, 2025, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. He was born on April 14, 1942, to William and Clara (Siebels) Schultz. After Clara passed, William married Mildred Lightfoot Threw.
Dale married Connie (Cruise) on June 22, 1996, at Christ Lutheran Church in Canton; she survives. Also surviving are his four children, Daniel (Lori) Schultz of Tipp City, Ohio, Richard (Sarah) Cadle of Gerry,

N.Y., Jon Schultz of Knoxville and Melanie (Mark) Hanlin of Fairview. Other survivors include Bridget (Joel) Gore of Peoria and Nathan Kalb of Trivoli; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Donna (Toney) Xidis of DeKalb.
Funeral services were May 23. Condolences can be left online at www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.
Stanley R. Turbett
HANNA CITY – Stanley Richard Turbett, 80, of Hanna City, passed away on May 21, 2025, at his res-

idence. He was born on July 9, 1944, in Peoria, a son of Stoy and Audrey (Kepler) Turbett.
He married Carolyn Bliss on Jan. 27, 1968, in Peoria. She survives. Also surviving are his children, Carrie (Dave) Drake of Glasford, Matthew (Riquel Hawkins) Turbett of Peoria and Amy (Gregory) VanAusdall of Florida; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Timothy (Jeanne) Turbett of Bloomington.
A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Officials say rabid bat found in Peoria County

PEORIA – A rabid bat has been found in Peoria County, officials confirm.
“With the identification of a bat with rabies in Peoria County, I caution any person having exposure to bats to report that exposure immediately to Peoria County Animal Protection Services and the Peoria City/County Health Department to assess the need for rabies treatment,” said Becky Spencer, PCAPS director.
Rabies is a dangerous but preventable viral disease that affects the cen-

tral nervous system of humans and other mammals. It is often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal, including bats, skunks or raccoons. Domestic animals also account for some reported cases.
Here are tips to help protect people and pets from rabies:
• If you see a bat in your home, leave the room and close the door. Place a towel under the door to block escape and call PCAPS at (309) 672-2440 or (309) 674-3131 after hours.
• Report all animal bites to PCAPS.

• Notify PCAPS or the Peoria County Health Department if you suspect you, a family member or a pet has been exposed to a bat.
• Tightly close all outside doors to prevent bats from entering living quarters or occupied spaces.
• Carefully examine your home for holes that might allow bats entry. Openings larger than a quarter-inch by a half-inch should be sealed.
• Be sure dogs and cats are updated on rabies vaccinations.
• Do not handle wild animals.

For Answers See Page 18

Super Crossword

MIXED-UP SINGERS

ACROSS

1 Fuel dispenser

8 Lord's home

14 Made untidy

20 The Beatles' Rigby

21 Coated with gunky stuff

22 Box up

23 "Sk8er Boi" singer making an exit?

25 Stir to action

26 Go kaput

27 Italia's capital

28 Very sad tune from the "Sir Duke" singer?

30 Stephen of the screen

32 Very big bird

34 Seattle-to-L.A. dir.

35 Jaded

36 Hazard encountered by the "Thank U, Next" singer?

42 By birth

44 Diatribe delivers

45 Many a stencil user

48 Dog in "The Thin Man"

52 Consent (to)

53 "Lean on Me" singer makes twisting movements?

55 Pub potable

56 Unit of petrol

57 "6" signs

58 Total up

59 Cambodian money unit

61 Part of QED

63 Actor Carroll O'—

64 "Grease" singer's big country home?

69 Subway system named after the "Care-less Hands" singer?

72 UFO crew

73 Czech-German river

75 Infirmary-free sentence?

76 Leah's father, in the Bible

77 Ellipsis part

79 "That's someone — problem!"

81 Lacking hair

85 Webpage for devotees of the "Don't Speak" singer?

88 Spain's peninsula

90 Morays, e.g.

91 Creator of body designs

92 Splash, as cooking oil

93 Stanley Cup org.

94 Person painting a portrait of the "All My Ex's Live in Texas" singer?

96 Port in Iraq

100 Hawaiian strings, for short

103 Binge-watching aid, in brief

104 Part of R&R, in brief

105 "Toxic" singer dissects a sentence?

110 Soothe

112 Cut (off)

115 California city

116 "Hound Dog" singer's noisy pet dogs?

119 Totally ruins

120 Ornamental tuft on a hat

121 Funeral tunes

122 Set of nine

123 Dior dresses

124 Jean Arp or Max Ernst

DOWN

1 Neuter, as a horse

2 Jai —

3 Pay to a fired worker

4 — gow poker

5 Not marked, as a test

6 Not stereo

7 People studying to be docs

8 Suffix with Sudan

9 Deli dish

10 Brand of 103-Across

11 Despot Idi

12 Ministers (to)

13 Sword parts

14 Honey drink

15 Clothe

16 Angry look

17 Sweatbox

18 Twisty turns

19 John of plows

24 Dalai —

29 Freshens up

31 Key in

33 Dark

36 Snatch

37 Relay, say

38 Prior to

39 "Dream on!"

40 Rarefied air

41 Map no.

43 Botch it up

46 Poets' Muse

47 Q-U linkup

48 Make up (for)

49 Redirect, as a train

50 Choir voice

51 Jetsons' dog

53 Actor Ferrell

54 "— in peace"

56 Hawaiian string, of a sort

59 Lisa of "Soap Talk"

60 ICU tubes

62 Painter's studio

63 Cartoon pic

64 Dijon dance

65 Off to — start (behind)

66 Insult in print

67 Toronto

68 Maple —

68 Unleash on

70 Syngman of South Korea

71 Family VIPs

74 Make drunk

77 Contact by phone

78 Many a time

80 Fine fiddle

81 Singer Midler

82 Constitution part establishing the executive branch

83 Whoppers

84 Pub missile

86 Final degree

87 Refusals

88 Hoppy brew, for short

89 Drove fast

92 Wandered

93 C.S. Lewis' fantasy world

95 Tony winner Judith

96 Back half of a 45

97 Chef's cover

98 Five plus two

99 Lift

101 Iota follower

102 Flynn of film

106 Mail out

107 Highway rig

108 X Games ailer

109 — gin fizz

111 Actress Ward

113 Rich rocks

114 Hushed

117 Trio in "mammal"

118 Links org.

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

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee No. 2024-FC-0000014of the Bungalow Series IV Trust Plaintiff vs. Paul A. Moore AKA Tony Paul Moore; Marina Moore; The Greater Peoria Sanitary Sewage Disposal District; Unknown Owners and Non-record 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 estate: 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 information. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130. (440) 572-1511. ILF2311008 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3265895 Published 5/15, 5/22, 5/29/25

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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.

CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF JAMES S. DUCKWORTH, Deceased. CC 2025-PR-0000143

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of JAMES S. DUCKWORTH on April 19, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to CHERYL J. FARWELL-DUCKWORTH, of 14921 North Wayne Road, Chillicothe, Illinois 61523, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 5th day of December, 2025, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. DATED this 16th day of May, 2025. CHERYL J. FARWELL-DUCKWORTH, Executor of the Estate of JAMES S. DUCKWORTH, Deceased. ASHLEE E. STABLER, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executor 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 ashlee@whitneyandpotts.com Published 5/29, 6/5, 6/12/25

Plaintiff, -v- 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
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Trustees of the BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, located in Peoria County, Illinois, that a tentative Budget and Annual Appropriation Ordinance of said District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, is on file and available for public inspection at the Fire Houses at Brimfield, Illinois, and Kickapoo, Illinois. A public hearing on said Budget and Annual Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:00 P.M. on August 1, 2025, at the Fire House at Brimfield, Illinois.
DATED: June 2, 2025
/s/ Ralph E. Peters
/s/ Merle L. Turner
/s/ Jerry L. Weaver
Trustees of the BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Published 5/29/25

LEGAL NOTICE
5/20/25
Be it ordained by the Brimfield Board of Education of Brimfield C.U.S.D. #309, County of Peoria, State of Illinois as follows:
That the 2024-25 tentative amended budget, as hereto prepared by Mr. Chad Jones, Superintendent, is hereby approved as a tentative amended budget only.
That the tentative amended budget shall be available for public inspection from May 21, 2025 to June 25, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the District Office located in Brimfield High School, 323 E. Clinton St., Brimfield, IL: and that a public hearing shall be held as to such tentative amended budget on the 25th day of September at 7:00 p.m. at Brimfield High School in the city (village) of Brimfield at the regular meeting of the Brimfield Board of Education.
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sale is further subject 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 POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in

CLAIM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS – PEORIA COUNTY
In Re ESTATE OF
FANNIE M. MOORE, CC 2025-PR-0000125
Deceased.
NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **FANNIE M. MOORE** on April 9, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **DANIEL J. SCHAUB**, of **1567 Knox Road 550 N, Maquon, Illinois 61458**, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Court-house, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 5th day of December, 2025, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.
DATED this 29th day of April, 2025.
DANIEL J. SCHAUB, Executor of the Estate of FANNIE M. MOORE, Deceased.
STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, Esq.
WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.
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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 & ASSOCIATES, 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 CORPORATION
TION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET
NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Peoria and Knox Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection weekdays from and after the 6th day of June, 2025, between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 4:00 P.M. at the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP HALL, by contacting David Wagner, President of the Board of Trustees, at (309) 231-3774.
NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 2:00 P.M., Monday, the 7th day of July, 2025 in the ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP HALL, located at 111 West Main Street, in Elmwood, Illinois, and that final hearing and action on this Ordinance will be thereafter taken at a meeting of the Trustees of the ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.
DATED this 5th day of May, 2025.
CHAD JORDAN,
Secretary, Elmwood Rural Fire Protection District.
Published 5/29/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET
NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Knox and Peoria Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection from and after 5:00 P.M. on the 13th day of June, 2025, at the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE STATION, 200 East Gale Street, Williamsfield, Illinois.
NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P.M., the 14th day of July, 2025 in the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE STATION, 200 East Gale Street, Williamsfield, Illinois, and that final hearing and action on this Ordinance will be immediately thereafter taken at a regular meeting of the Trustees of the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.
DATED this 20th day of May, 2025.
MICHAEL GIBBS,
Secretary, Williamsfield Fire Protection District.
Published 5/29/25

E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS
CTP Funding Corporation
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Horejs Enterprises, LLC; Andrew Horejs; Unknown Owners and Non-
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The Spats



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



by Dave T. Phipps



by Jeff Pickering



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 18

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

QTB NVWD FMD FB RMV
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- MPD XNBTWBJ

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Trivia test by Phil Rodriguez

- ACRONYMS: What do the acronyms "AM" and "PM" stand for?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the Jack Russell Terrier in the sitcom "Frasier"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which vice president went on to win a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007?
- MOVIES: How many Infinity Stones are in "Avengers: Endgame"?
- U.S. STATES: In which state would you find the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is Scotland's official national animal?
- LITERATURE: Which cities are the settings for Charles Dickens' novel "A Tale of Two Cities"?
- SCIENCE: Which two planets in our solar system have no moons?
- HISTORY: Who was the first woman Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which branch of the U.S. military uses the recruiting slogan, "It's not just a job; it's an adventure"?

ANSWERS

- Ante meridiem and Post meridiem (before noon and after noon)
- Eddie Crane (real name is Moose).
- Al Gore, vice president to Bill Clinton, won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in climate change.
- Six.
- Idaho.
- The unicorn.
- London and Paris.
- Venus and Mercury.
- Nancy Pelosi.
- The Navy.

TOP 10 MOVIES

- Final Destination: Bloodlines (R)
- Thunderbolts (PG-13)
- Sinners (R)
- A Minecraft Movie (PG)
- The Accountant 2 (R)
- Hurry Up Tomorrow (R)
- Friendship (R)
- Clown in a Cornfield (R)
- Until Dawn (R)
- The Amateur (PG-13)

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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.

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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 22, 2025, under the Assumed Name of FIATFRIENDS.CO, with the business located at 308 E. Hicks Hollow Rd., Chillicothe, IL 61523. The true name and residence address of the owners is: Coral and Christopher Darrow, 308 E. Hicks Hollow Rd., Chillicothe, IL 61523.

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record 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 made by:

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 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 DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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

AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Michelle N. Harrigan; United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

DEFENDANTS

No. 2025-FC-0000058

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Michelle N. Harrigan

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:

6925 N Patricia Ln

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 Branch Mortgage, Inc., as Mortgagee, 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

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

Berenice Palominos Talavera
Petitioner,
No. 2025FA0000079
vs.
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 parental 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 Tapia.

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. (See Attached Exhibit A).

8. That the Respondent is biological father of the minor child, and his name appears on the minor child’s birth certificate as his biological father. (See Attached Exhibit A).

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

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 neglect 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 him.

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/ Isuf Kola
Isuf Kola, Attorney for Petitioner

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AKRON PRINCEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

240 EAST MAIN STREET
PRINCEVILLE IL 61559
REQUEST FOR SEALED

APFPD is seeking sealed bids for replacement of current blacktop on north side of fire station and building approach to substation which also on north side of property. Bids are to be sealed and bid opening on JUNE 9th 2025 at 240 EAST MAIN STREET PRINCEVILLE IL 61559 AT 1:00 PM Bid specs are listed below for each project to bid separately. All bids need to show that prevailing wage is included.

BID NUMBER 1

Substation Approach: Remove old sunken concrete to bay doors, add CA-6gravel as needed. Place 6” of 4,000 lb. concrete with ½ inch rebar (51’x 5’)

BID NUMBER 2

Blacktop for north side parking lot. Mill down old asphalt along concrete, side of building and entrance-ways. Clean with power brooms and blowers, apply tack for adhesion of new asphalt, skim low areas with hot mix asphalt, place 2” asphalt over approximately 4524 Sq. Ft.

Feel free to come and inspect property as stated above. Contact information will be Greg Down (President) APFPD 309-360-2133 email gdown@apfd.com or Rick Pope 309-696-1906 rope@apfd.com APFPD reverses the right to reject or accept any and all bids based on cost, specifications and service.

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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 DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

vs.

ESTATE OF DAVID NIERENHAUSEN, STEPHEN EVANS A/K/A STEVEN EVANS, DARRIN NIERENHAUSEN, EDWARD NIERENHAUSEN, TERRANCE NIERENHAUSEN, TIMOTHY NIERENHAUSEN, S. LINN PERKINS AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RUMIKO MYLES A/K/A RUUICKO MYLES, SHEMAKA COLE-CARTER, LATASHIA MYLES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVID NIERENHAUSEN, UNKNOWN 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

Shemika Cole-Carter Unknown Heirs and Legatees of David Nierenhausen Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Rumiko Myles a/k/a Ruuicko Myles Unknown Owners 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 wit:

LOT 5 OF WESTWOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION SECTION ONE, BEING PART OF THE NORTH ONE HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF

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

Berenice Palominos Talavera
Petitioner,
vs.
Uriel Gaspar Tapia
Respondent.

No. 2025FA0000079

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 efilng 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 efilng, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

/s/ Isuf Kola,
Attorney for Petitioner

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THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN RICHWOODS TOWNSHIP, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, EXCEPT THAT PART OF LOT 5 OF WESTWOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION SECTION ONE, BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE SOUTH, 80 FEET ALONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NORTH STERLING AVENUE; THENCE WEST, 4.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST, 80 FEET; THENCE EAST, 4.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 345.6+ SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3517 N. STERLING AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61604

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 DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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Notre Dame nips Farmington in regional

By PHIL JOHNSON
For The Weekly Post

MINONK – A record-setting season for Farmington baseball ended in a 1-0 loss to Peoria Notre Dame in a Class 2A regional championship game May 24 at Fieldcrest High School.

Farmington (26-8) came up just short in a classic high school championship game to Notre Dame (16-17), which won its second straight regional title. Seeded No. 7 in its sub-sectional, Notre Dame won three games at the regional, including the finale against No. 3 seed Farmington and a semifinal against No. 2 Brimfield-Elmwood.

A two-out, RBI double by Notre Dame’s Joe Culp in the first inning provided the lone score in the game against the Farmers.

“It was a great season. Winning 26 games in a season is not an easy task,” Farmington Coach Justin Begner said. “We broke a 57-year record in getting the most wins in a season.”

Irish pitchers scattered eight Farmington hits without yielding a score. The Farmers did come close later in the game and had Carter Lambin rounding third for a score when a loosely plugged base came out, causing him to fall.

“We had our chances. We just couldn’t finish,” Begner said. “Landon Crawford pitched a good game.”

Crawford recorded eight strikeouts in seven innings pitched. He gave up four hits and four walks in the complete-game outing.

Lambin hit three singles. Crawford, Ben Marvel, Henry Easley, Brody Evans and Braden Brewer each recorded a single.

Notre Dame advanced to the Chillicothe Sectional to face Illinois Valley Central on Wednesday.

The Farmers advanced to the title game with an 11-7 semifinal win over Fieldcrest last Friday.

Farmington trailed 4-0 after two frames but scored four runs in the third and fourth innings. Three more in the fifth proved to be enough for FHS.

Lane Wheelwright hit 2-for-4 and drove in four runs. Bronson Atchley went 2-for-3 and collected three RBI. Marvel had a 2-or-3 line with one RBI and a triple. Crawford batted 3-for-4. Brewer hit 2-for-3.

Wheelwright threw 6.1 innings. He gave up 11 hits, seven earned runs and walked two. He struck out nine opposing hitters. Lambin re-

lived to get the final two outs.

• **Brimfield-Elmwood** – A great season for the Indians (26-5-1) ended last Thursday in a 7-3 Class 2A regional setback to a Notre Dame team firing on all cylinders.

Notre Dame struck for five runs in its first at-bat and then added single tallies in the second and third innings.

“We just came up short to a hot Notre Dame team,” Brimfield-Elmwood Coach James Sams said. “We had a great year. They were a fun group to work with.”

Winner of 14 straight games to close the regular season, Brimfield scored one run in the second inning after Brody Kenney doubled to drive in Sean Crowe, who reached on a double.

The Indians followed that with two runs in the third on two walks, a single by Kaden Schatsiek and a Notre Dame error.

B-E loaded the bases in the fourth inning with no outs on two walks and a single by Evan Patterson. But the threat ended after a strikeout and double play.

B-E also committed three errors in the game.

Brady Johnson took the loss for B-E, pitching two innings and yielding five hits, three earned runs and no walks. Schatsiek threw five innings in relief, yielding three hits, one earned run and one free pass while striking out seven.

Schatsiek recorded two hits and Dane Fagerburg doubled.

Notre Dame had reached the semifinal with an 8-4 win over El Paso-Gridley on May 19.

• **Princeville** – The Princes (11-20-1) lost 7-3 to Class 1A regional host Putnam County in the second round on May 22.

The Princes were behind 7-0 at the end of five innings. A three-run sixth inning then provided some hope for Princeville, but the Princes were unable to plate another run.

Putnam County (19-13) lost to Henry-Senachwine in the regional title game, 1-0, just 11 days after beating Henry, 10-0.

“This season was a bit frustrating as we were hit pretty hard by injuries and even illness throughout. However, this gave a lot of our underclassmen opportunities,” Princeville Coach Brett Williams said. “They did a great job stepping up.”

Logan Olshawsky drove in two runs for Princeville. Trent Buffum recorded the other RBI. Carter Peterson collected two hits.

Parker Dickinson pitched four innings. He yielded nine hits, six earned runs and just one walk while striking out two. Olshawsky threw two frames and allowed one hit, no earned runs, no strikeouts and two walks.

“I give a lot of credit to our upperclassmen through all of this, as not only did they produce on the field, but helped the young guys catch on to varsity baseball,” Williams said. “This was a great team culture to coach and to see their contributions to Princeville baseball.”

The Princes had reached the second round after a 17-1, four-inning win over Galva on May 19.

• **ROWVA-Williamsville** – The No. 5 sub-sectional-seed Cougars (18-14) fell 3-0 to No. 4 Varna Midland in the semifinals of the Class 1A Toulon Regional last Friday.

R-W could manage only two hits and two walks off of Midland pitcher Dom Rosa, who pitched a complete game and struck out 13 batters. Drake DeJaynes doubled and Jaxson Strom singled for R-W’s two hits. Midland did not commit an error.

“With a final record of 18-14 we finished the regular season strong but ran into a tough pitcher in the regionals,” R-W Assistant Coach Mike Weitekamp said. “Throughout the season our offense and pitching stayed pretty consistent and our defense got sharper as the season went on.”

Strom kept the Cougars in the game from the mound. He fanned 10 Midland hitters while giving up two earned runs, four walks and four hits.

Midland went on to defeat Peru St. Bede in the regional title game, 4-2.

“The boys got continually better and once we got some guys back healthy, we were able to go on a nice run to end the regular season,” Weitekamp said. “This season was one of our best offensive seasons in program history, with seven different players hitting home runs and driving in 17 or more RBI. Our staff is very proud of the season these young men put together.”

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BOYS TRACK: E-B

4x800 relay top seed

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That’s lofty company, as Hill has four top-four finishes in the 800 and 1,600 (including last year’s state title) and Harmon twice medaled in the 800.

But Herman did his best to live up to it at Wethersfield. First he finished E-B’s latest sectional-champion 4x800 relay in a 8:14.2 clocking. Then Herman ran a personal-record 1:59.04 to win the 800 ahead of senior teammate Reed Florey (2:01.79).

To cap it off, Herman topped a strong 1,600 field in 4:27.81.

“At the start of the year it was kind of surprising, but I’ve gotten used to it slowly,” Herman said. “I’m just going to try to keep doing what I’m doing. I want to get three state medals, that’s the goal.”

Four other runners qualified for state in the 1,600, including runner-up junior teammate Aiden Faulkner (PR, 4:29.13) and Farmington junior Dax Ulm (PR, 4:29.59), who scratched out of the 800 to focus on the mile.

“We decided to focus on the 1,600 as this has been his more competitive race so far and has put him in the best position to possibly medal at state,” Farmington Coach Brad

Whitcomb said. “I couldn’t be happier to see a guy qualify for state.”

Ulm had a strong freshman season until an injury sidelined him before sectionals. Last year he was still recovering from injury when sectionals arrived.

The Wethersfield mile was the state’s strongest last week, producing four of the top 10 seeds.

Nearly as strong was a 3,200 field that sent seven to state led by Nelson’s 9:48.9 and including E-B freshman Danny Sharp’s PR of 10:01.88, good for fourth place. Nelson is third among state qualifiers based on sectional times.

“He sat back and let things develop in the first mile, then took over in the last mile,” Meyers said. “When you win a race and negative split (4:59 first mile followed by a 4:49 second mile) it usually means you’ve run a really good, smart race.”

Highest seeded for E-B is the 4x800 of Florey, junior Kam Stevenson, Faulkner and Herman. At least that was the quartet that ran together at sectional for E-B, which has 18 medals and six runner-up finishes in the distance relay, but is still seeking a title.

“Who runs prelim day might be different than final day,” Meyers said.



ROWVA-Williamsfield sophomore Emerson Ponce won the 300-meter hurdles race in 41.73 seconds last Friday at the Class 1A Wethersfield Sectional to advance to state this week. Ponce is seeded 14th in the state after the sectionals. Photos by Jeff Lampe.

“We’re going to have to figure out where the pieces fit the best.”

Next-highest seed from the area is junior Collin Lowery, who stands fourth in Class 1A after winning shot put at Wethersfield with an explosive first throw of 54 feet, 10.75 inches. That was a personal best for Lowery and shattered the Princeville school record by two feet.

“He’s usually cranked up for his first throw,” Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers said. “If he gets his form a little better, he might go 55.”

Lowery last threw shot in 8th grade but did not use the glide technique.

“He has made great improvement with his glide this year,” Carruthers said.

“He just has to continue to put it all together.”

Princeville’s other state entry is a 4x400 relay ranked seventh. The quartet of junior Brock Butler, senior Jack Lied and sophomores Oliver Melick and Jacob Bosch won at Wethersfield in a school record 3:28.75.

Sophomore Jack Kraft is a relay regular but is dealing with an injury, and Lied could get the call at state.

Farmington sent both sprint relays to state after placing second to Mercer County in both events. The 4x100 of Jerett Fauser, Jack Martin, Ethan Martin and Jack Gronewold ran in 43.69 to earn a No. 9 seed after sectionals.

The 4x200 of Kyle



Elmwood-Brimfield junior Darwin Herman won the 1,600-meter race at the Class 1A Wethersfield Sectional in 4:27.81 ahead of his junior teammate Aiden Faulkner (4:29.13) and third-place finisher Dax Ulm of Farmington (4:29.59), also a junior.

Miller, the Martins and Gronewold is seeded 11th with a 1:31.35 clocking.

“Prior to our sectional we hadn’t been in a position to chase someone as we’d had the lead going into that fourth leg of every relay we had run,” Whitcomb said. “We tweaked some handoffs, specifically in the 4x1, and I think that definitely paid off as we saw a big PR in that race. I know we are right on the edge of qualifying for finals in both relays.”

The Farmers also got a win in high jump from repeat state qualifier Barrett Demmin, who cleared 6-0.75. After struggling early this spring, he has come on strong, Whitcomb said.

“This last month he’s really dialed things in and

been much more consistent at the higher heights,” Whitcomb said. “It seems like he’s relaxed and let go of those expectations and just started to compete and he’s really benefited from doing so.”

Other local state qualifiers are R-W sophomore Emerson Ponce (first in 300 hurdles, PR, 41.73), R-W junior Taven Ostrander (second in the 100, 11.3); E-B junior Garrett Webster (2nd in 110 hurdles, PR, 17.09), Princeville sophomore Collin Carruthers (2nd in discus, 138-9.25) and Farmington junior Ryan Helle (2nd in pole vault, 10-2).

Mercer County won the sectional with 95 points, ahead of E-B (88 points) and Farmington (77).

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GIRLS TRACK: E-B relay overcame illness

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their school record.

“They were determined to break their record one more time,” R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand said.

“With us not having a track to do handoffs on, we had to go elsewhere. We had a few rough handoffs throughout the year, but Saturday’s were just about perfect.”

Construction on a new all-weather track at ROWVA High School has

displaced the team for this spring, but Gullstrand said even the school’s old cinder track was without exchange zones or lines to gauge handoffs.

“We practiced at Galva, Galesburg and Mattoon throughout the year and they have never complained,” Gullstrand said.

Quite the opposite, actually, as R-W dropped more than three seconds between May 2 and May 24 and improved one spot from prelims.



ROWVA-Williamsfield’s seventh-place 4x200 relay consisted of (left to right) junior Lauren Johnson, senior Haven Manning, senior Brooke Stickle and junior Erin Welch.

Manning (200) and Stickle (300 hurdles) also ran individual prelims but did not advance. The same was true for R-W’s 4x100 relay.

Also moving up from its prelim spot was Elmwood-Brimfield’s 4x800 relay. The quartet of sophomore Taylor Forney, senior Olivia Stage, freshman Mya Hill and freshman Bristol Schmidgall finished eighth last Saturday in a season-best 10:00.64 after running 10th Thursday in 10:21.26.

E-B has now won seven state medals in the 4x800.

“The 4x800 overcame some adversity with some illness running through

the team in the first part of the week that lingered into prelim day,” E-B Coach Kyle Anderson said. “We did enough to qualify for finals Saturday and when we spoke after the race Thursday, there was an overwhelming amount of confidence with the girls. They knew that with another day or so of rest that they were going to be closer to normal for finals.

“On our off day, the team’s spirits were good. Natalie Babcock, Riley Kelly and Addy Turner were our alternates and they were tremendous teammates building up the girls and keeping them

confident.

“We raced very well Saturday. We were hoping to break 10:00, but given the circumstances, we were very pleased to walk away with a season best and all- state medals. Senior Olivia Stage got to leave on a high note, qualifying for finals for the first time in her career and leaving with a medal.”

Schmidgall also ran a PR of 5:23.84 in prelims for the 1,600 and Anderson said senior Chloe Howerton had “maybe her best anchor leg ever” in the 4x100 relay.

E-B also returns all members of its state-qualifying 4x400 relay.

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The only way we can get by in this world is through the help we receive from others.

— Amy Poehler

SOFTBALL: B-E started faster

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spot,” he said. “You don’t always have that. Sometimes you have five line-outs. But it just shows you in softball, you have to put the ball in play and then hopefully get something out of it.”
Said Riverdale Coach Randy Creen: “They just put the ball in play where we weren’t.”
Putting the ball in play was something Riverdale couldn’t do much against Drury. The senior who is headed to play at Creighton University allowed two hits, struck out seven and walked nobody.
The only spot of bother Drury had came in the fourth, when the first two Riverdale batters reached base, on an error and a single. Drury struck out the next three batters.
Hersemann, a sophomore, was 3-for-3 with three RBI. Classmate Kendyl Binder also drove in three.
“We’ve been kind of struggling the past couple of games,” Hersemann said. “We wait until like the fourth inning to start going. Today we started right off, then we just kept adding runs and adding runs and adding runs and

just never taking off the pedal.”
Indeed, B-E was scoreless against Knoxville in the regional semifinal May 21 until the fourth inning. But the Indians finished strong to win 10-0 in six innings. Binder and Reese Legaspi each drove in two. Drury struck out 11 and allowed only one hit.
• **At Farmington** – Class 2A regional host Farmington trailed early and never led in a 10-2 semifinal loss to Sherrard.
The seventh-seeded Lady Farmers (16-13) cut the deficit to 3-2 in the third as Sophia Anderson’s single drove in a run. But fourth-seeded Sherrard scored three in the bottom of the inning.
Farmington finished with four hits. Only two of Sherrard’s runs were earned. Sherrard upset top-seeded Taylor Ridge Rockridge 2-1 in an eight-inning regional final May 23.
• **At Williamsfield** – If Princeville Coach Chad Gardner was told before the season that his young team would advance to a regional final, he would have taken it.
Princeville (11-23) won its last two regular-season games, then its regional

semifinal at Billtown before losing 9-0 to Ridge-wood in the title game May 23.
Fifth-seeded Princeville managed only two hits against the second sub-sectional seed. But Gardner saw the bigger picture.
“My expectations probably weren’t to get to the regional championship earlier this year,” he said. “For what I have kids-wise and age-wise, I’m super happy. At the beginning of the season, I thought if we won six or seven games, we’d be lucky.”
Gardner credited growth among his freshmen, including three who were starters by season’s end – Laurynn Bowers, Tori Catton and Annie Hoffman. He also cited improvement from sophomore pitcher Claire Sutherland. Leadership from the team’s two seniors, Mekaya Cihla and



Members of the Brimfield-Elmwood Class 2A regional champion softball team are: Front row (left to right) - Josie Wiewel, Ashlyn Vauhn, Addison Pryzbylo, Sawyer Drury, Reese Legaspi, Teagan Drury and Anja Nelson. Back row (l to r) – Schyer Meinders, Layni Linthicum, Brooke Allen, Kendyl Binder, Layla Hersemann, Adelyn Magee and Lola McFarden. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

Sierra Stahl, didn’t hurt. “They’re both quality kids,” Gardner said.
Cihla had two home runs in an 8-1 semifinal victory May 22 over host ROWVA-Williamsfield. A six-run second inning included three RBI from walks and two from batters being hit by pitches. R-W

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Farmington 7th grader wins 3 IESA medals

By The Weekly Post
EAST PEORIA – Farmington 7th grader Lane Shelby won three medals last Saturday at the IESA Class 3A state track meet at EastSide Centre.
Shelby placed third in the 400-meter race with a personal-record time of 56.55 seconds.
Shelby also placed seventh in long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 9.75 inches.
Shelby also ran a leg on Farmington’s 7th-place Class 3A 4x400 relay, which included runners Paxtyn Brewer Ted Lewis and Drake Joplin and alternates Garrett Crow and Logan Layer. The quartet finished in a time of 4:06.66.
Brewer was fifth in Class 3A high jump, clearing 5 feet, 0.24 inches.
Shelby and Brewer were also part of Farmington’s 11th-place 4x200 relay, which also included

Lewis and Joplin and alternates Crow and Layer.
In the 8th grade 3A state meet, Farmington’s Joshua Ginther placed ninth in the 400 in a time of 55.37.
Teammate James Kilpatrick was 11th in 8th grade pole vault after clearing 9-6.25.



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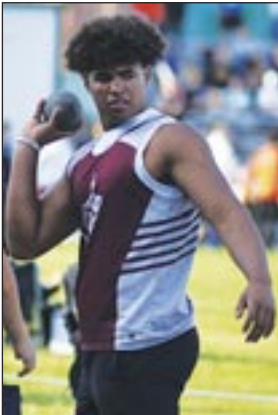
Locals seeded top 10 in nine events

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

KEWANEE – He still had a lap to go Friday in the evening’s longest race. But Mika Nelson smiled all the way around Wethersfield’s oval on his way to a Class 1A sectional title in the 3,200-meter run.

“Typical Elmwood runner,” a track official said as Nelson passed. “Everybody else looks gassed and he’s smiling.”

So it went for Nelson and for an impressive contingent of E-B runners, not to mention 22 other area athletes who advanced from the sectional to compete in the state meet. Class 1A prelims start today at 10 a.m. at Eastern Illinois University in



Princeville junior Collin Lowery had a personal record throw of 54 feet, 10.75 inches to win in the shot put at sectional. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

Charleston, and finals begin Saturday at 10 a.m.

While Nelson may have had the biggest smile last Friday, he’s not the Trojan runner with the biggest expectations. That falls to junior Darwin Herman, who two years ago was an E-B tight end in football and missed a cross country season.

Now firmly ensconced as a runner, Herman won twice at the sectional and anchored the winning 4x800 relay. His winning 1,600 time of 4:27.81 has him seeded second heading to state, while his 800 clocking of 1:59.04 was the sixth-best finish at Class 1A sectionals. E-B also has the top-seeded 4x800 relay (8:14.2).

Herman did not run the



Elmwood-Brimfield senior Mika Nelson is all smiles as he finishes the seventh of eight laps in the 3,200-meter race at last Friday’s Class 1A Kewanee Wethersfield track sectional. Nelson won in 9:48.9 and advances to this week’s state meet, as did six other runners in the race. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

400, in which he holds the E-B school record of 50.79 seconds. But that speed is part of what sets him apart, according to E-B Coach Gregg Meyers, who compared Herman to recent Trojan greats Isaiah Hill

and Thomas Harmon.

“All three of them have had that great combination of speed, endurance and air system,” Meyers said. “They have air systems like a freight train.”

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B-E wins regional

Lady Indians rout 2 regional foes 20-0

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Sometimes you just have to hit ‘em where they ain’t, or at least where they can’t do much about it.

The Brimfield-Elmwood softball team took that concept to heart May 23 in a Class 2A regional championship game. B-E used infield and seeing-eye hits to build an early lead, then pitcher Sawyer Drury shut down Port Byron Riverdale in a 10-0, five-inning victory.

“It takes a weight off my shoulders,” Drury said about her team being ahead 3-0 before she threw a pitch. “Knowing that my team has my back is just great. And I have full confidence in them all the time.”

B-E won its first regional title in three years and advanced to the Chillicothe Sectional semifinals. The Indians (31-3) were to play Tuesday night at Illinois Valley Central against

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Canton (19-10). The winner advanced to the title game, set for 4:30 p.m. Friday. Peru St. Bede faced Sherrard in the other semifinal.

Riverdale (26-6) was seeded third in the sub-sectional, one spot behind B-E and two behind Canton. But the regional hosts wasted no time asserting themselves. Layla Hersemann’s first-inning infield hit drove in two runs, followed by Schyer Meinders’ RBI triple that eluded Riverdale right fielder Danika Saddoris.

B-E finished with 11 hits. Many were not screaming line drives, but that didn’t appear to faze B-E Coach Kurt Juerjens.

“Not all our contact was real hard. It went to a good

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R-W, E-B relays earn medals

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

CHARLESTON – To practice handoffs, the ROWVA-Williamsfield sprint-relay crew has logged some miles. Galva, Galesburg and, most recently, Mattoon are among the places the Lady Cougars have journeyed to get a feel for exchanging the baton while running.

Last Saturday, those trips paid off, as R-W earned a seventh-place medal at the IHSA Class 1A state track meet at Eastern Illinois University.

The quartet of junior Lauren Johnson, senior



ROWVA-Williamsfield’s Brooke Stickle reaches for the baton from teammate Haven Manning while running in the 4x200-meter relay at the IHSA Class 1A state track meet. R-W finished seventh in Class 1A. Photo by PhotoNews Media/Clark Brooks.

Haven Manning, senior Brooke Stickle and junior Erin Welch finished in 1:46.31 – 2.17 seconds

faster than in last Thursday’s prelims and the fifth time this spring they broke

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Elmwood-Brimfield 4x800-meter relay runners (left to right) Taylor Forney, Olivia Stage, Mya Hill and Bristol Schmidgall respond to cheers from fans in the stand while waiting for their seventh-place medals at the IHSA Class 1A state track meet on Saturday at O’Brien Field. Photo by PhotoNews Media/Clark Brooks.

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