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## New component for graduation

Brimfield superintendent proposes community-service requirement

By NICK VLAHOS  
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – A community-service graduation requirement for Brimfield High School students probably will take effect in about one year.

Details are to be determined, according to Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones. He presented the proposed requirement July 23 to the Brimfield School Board as part of a review of the district’s five-year strategic plan, which is in its second academic year.

The community-service component wouldn’t be implemented until the

Inside

Elmwood CUSD 322 board approves selling house for \$777. Page 7

2026-27 academic year. Jones said he has heard from district stakeholders about a need to get students more involved in the community.

“We wanted to try to start that this year,” Jones said about a 2025-26 term that begins Aug. 13. “We thought it would take a year to get more buy-in with the kids.

“We don’t want it to be a chore. We want them to

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## Springing into new manufacturing site

By NICK VLAHOS  
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – A long-planned expansion for a Princeville manufacturing company might begin ahead of schedule.

Greenfield Contractors officials suggested a possible autumn start for construction on 15½ acres at the north edge of town,

Princeville Public Works Superintendent Chad Gardner told the Village Board when it met July 22.

According to Gardner, Greenfield owner Lucas Young previously indicated the expansion might commence next spring. Greenfield specializes in constructing fabric-cov-

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### BRIMFIELD AREA MUSEUM



Board members Kim Hanks, Kelly Fletcher, Brandi Lester and Emily Mathias pose behind a display at the new Brimfield Area Museum. Below, Nancy Jenkins works on framing a vintage photo at a workspace at the Museum. Photos by Molly Richeson.

## Showcasing Brimfield’s history

Brimfield Area Museum ‘a dream come true’ and will open to the public

By MOLLY RICHESON  
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – It began with a dream imagined by the Brimfield Historical Society as far back as its 1986 inception: a place for Brimfield-area artifacts, memorabilia and documents.

Until now, the historical society has only been able to accept documents because it lacked a place to store donated items. The Brimfield Public Library once had a history room that dis-



played some items, but somewhere along the line, that room was quietly removed.

When the village decided to move town hall to the former Methodist

church, a space became available for the Historical Society’s vision of a museum. Brimfield Village Board established the Brimfield Area Museum on July 7 and ap-

proved a budget. Kim Hanks, the museum co-ordinator, described the opportunity as “a dream come true.”

“It’s a huge gift to the community,” she said. “We’re honored that we’re a part of it. I just can’t even believe it.”

Once the work began, volunteers became the backbone of the museum’s progress. The fruits of their work will be open for public perusal starting Saturday, Aug. 2, during the Super Cruise-In. The museum

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# BRIMFIELD: Service part of strategic plan

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be able to want to do it.”  
Service time is to be prorated by class, according to Jones. He acknowledged he isn’t sure how many hours of service is appropriate, but 100 hours has been discussed.  
The impending requirement is part of the community aspect of the strategic plan, one of four prongs. The others are district health, teaching and learning and climate and culture.  
Among other potential implementations for the

upcoming two academic years are activities designed to promote school spirit. A reunification drill, in case of a campus emergency, also is planned.  
The Peoria County Sheriff’s Office was to visit district buildings this week, in part to learn the lay of the land, according to Jones. He also highlighted recent security upgrades, including new doors and key-fob entry systems.  
“I don’t want to make our schools look like

prisons, but you can always be safer,” Jones said. “We’ve got to make sure we’re doing everything we can within our budget to make our schools as safe as can be.”  
Following the presentation, board members authorized the transfer of \$1 million from the district working-cash fund to its capital-projects fund. The planned transfer is to help cover outstanding expenses from renovations at Brimfield Grade School, among other things.  
Other items approved included a three-year contract with the Brimfield teachers’ union. The annual salary schedule for 2025-26 ranges from \$45,725 to \$88,175, depending on experience and education level. The ranges for 2026-27 and 2027-28 are \$47,125 to

\$90,701 and \$48,525 to \$93,226, respectively.  
The board also OK’d a \$15,437.50 deal with C.J.L. Landscaping, Inc., of Brimfield for mulch at the grade-school playground area.  
Regarding personnel, the board approved hiring Rich Monk as a grade-school paraprofessional, Jeff Blundy as a grade-school volunteer assistant basketball coach, Maggie Butterfield as a grade-school volunteer cross country and track coach, Jason Snyder as a grade-school boys and girls golf coach, Dalton Wills as grade-school baseball head coach and Chris Yocum as 7th grade boys basketball coach.

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6:00 PM Beer Tent Opens	7:00 PM Taylor Bruninga and The Bandits (F&M Bank Stage)
6:00-10:00 PM Boden Carnival Rides	
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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00 PM Men’s Club Food Tent	6:30 – 8:00 PM Race Registration (Legion Hall)
5:00 PM Fried Chicken Dinner	7PM Mixtape Mayhem
6:00 PM Boden Carnival Rides	Decade of Decadence
6:00 PM Beer Tent Opens	F&M Bank Stage

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>**

6:30 AM Race Registration (American Legion Hall)	2:00 PM After the Parade
7:00-10:00 Legion Breakfast (American Legion Hall)	Beer Tent Opens
8:00 AM Brimfield Old Settlers 5K Walk/Run (Proceeds to benefit people in need of the Brimfield Area)	Kids Pedal Pull
10:00 AM Kid’s Bicycle Race (West of rides)	Garden Tractor Drive (West of rides)
11:00 AM Arts & Crafts Fair (Located East of F&M Bank)	Powered by Wieland’s Lawn Mower Hospital
11:00 AM Men’s Club Food Tent	Guyer Log House (East of library)
5:00-8:00 Fried Chicken Dinner	Boden Carnival Rides
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Hot Picks

- **Cruise-In** – Brimfield’s annual Super Cruise-In For Diabetes is Saturday, Aug. 2. Registration starts at 2 p.m. Food and drinks available, raffles, silent auction, music by DJ Dan Keyt.
- **Band Concert** – The Elmwood Municipal Band performs its last concert of the summer on Sunday, Aug. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Central Park.
- **Frog Fest** – Dahinda United Methodist Church has its annual Frog Fest on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 4-7 p.m. Train rides, live music, frog-jumping contest, bounce house and dinner (including frog legs and pulled pork). Bring lawn chairs. Free-will donation.

This Week’s Events

- **Hunter Safety** – Youngsters at least 9 years old by Dec. 31 can attend a hunter-safety class July 31 and Aug. 1 at Princeville United Methodist Church, 420 E. Woertz Rd. Must attend 5-10 p.m. both nights. Dinner served. Call (309) 229-4090.
- **Manna Meal** – A Manna Meal will be held July 31 at noon at Elmwood United Methodist Church. Doors open 11 a.m. \$8. Fried or baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, a roll, choice of salads and deserts. Bring table service.
- **School Supplies** – The Friends of the Pantry has a school-supply giveaway Aug. 4 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Union Church.
- **Farmers Market** – Farmers markets held every Friday 4-6:30 p.m. through Aug. 29 at Elmwood’s Central Park.

Future Events

- **Old Settlers** – Brimfield’s 135th Old

Settlers Days is Aug. 7-9 featuring live music all three nights in the beer tent, food, Boden Carnival rides, parade (Aug. 9, 2 p.m.) and 5K walk/run (Aug. 9, 8 a.m.)

- **Creek Festival** – The fifth annual Kickapoo Creek Festival is Aug 8-10 at Sommer Farm, 6329 Koerner Rd., Peoria. Camping, geology hike, live music (Aug. 8) and hands-on healing/restoration workshops. Visit [www.friendsofrockyglen.org](http://www.friendsofrockyglen.org)

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

- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays, 6 p.m.in Brimfield Public Library. \$4. Classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Princeville’s Lillie M. Evans Library.

- **Food Pantry** – Elmwood United Methodist Church has its food pantry on the last Friday each month from 10-11 a.m.

Publicize Events

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The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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# SCATTERSHOTS



# Of gerrymandering, postal issues & sunflowers

Rambling through central Illinois, thrilled that we get to return to the office.

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People have been inquiring about how our vacation went. Nice of them to ask. My stock answer is, “Too short.” The problem with vacation is that reality always awaits your return.

In my case, that reality was long grass, readers who did not get papers we paid to have delivered, trees broken by raccoons in search of wasp pupae and a governor who is far too busy grandstanding these days.

Some people have told me I’m too hard on Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker. Too one-sided. Well feel free to stop in and explain to me the Guv’s latest purely political pronouncement designed to look presidential.



Jeff LAMPE

Last week, Pritzker said he is leaving open the possibility that Illinois lawmakers could redraw congressional maps to create more Democrat-leaning districts. This, he said, would be to counterbalance an effort by Texas lawmakers to send more Republicans to the U.S. House from that state.

Seems that perhaps JB forgot his quote from 2018 when he said, “I 100% oppose gerrymandering. Legislative districts should adhere to both the Federal and Illinois Voting Rights Acts, and I support redistricting reform that advances fairness and removes politics from the process.”

Besides, is it possible that Illinois districts can be redrawn to send more Democrats to the House? Hasn’t the Democratic Party already done that to death in Illinois, whose districts

have been gerrymandered for so long they make no geographical sense at all. The most recent change came in 2021 and we now have 14 of 17 congressional districts in the state that lean toward Democrats.

An independent group called the Princeton Gerrymandering Project has already awarded an F grade to Illinois’ congressional map, saying it failed in every category of political fairness and competition and geographic compactness.

How can the governor of such a state criticize another? Whatever the excuse, it’s lame. Illinois and Texas are equally culpable in doing voters a disservice.

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I apologize to those calling and wondering why you are not getting the paper. We wonder the same thing. No, not last week. That was vacation. But for weeks before that it seems delivery has been an issue for too many readers. All I can tell you is that we still pay the post office to deliver the papers. If you don’t get your copy, let us know, but please also call the post office! ... If the phone can label a call as “Spam” or “Probable Fraud” the phone should not let the call go through – something Verizon today informed me can be accomplished with an app. While that’s some progress, don’t talk to me about how far we’ve come in our communicating. Nobody wants to answer the phone any longer, mail may or may not get delivered and the main form of communication, social media, is a den of thieves and liars. ... On a more positive note, Princeville’s gazebo in Stevens Square looks even better after a fresh paint job and new interior lighting was installed. Kudos. ... Some things you can’t make up, such as this recent report from the Knox County Sheriff’s

Office. Recently convicted murderer **Marcy Oglesby** was on suicide watch in the Knox County Jail. She complained to deputies that they had provided her the means with which to kill herself. Seems one of her meals included peas, a food to which she claims to be allergic. The deadly peas could, theoretically, send her into anaphylactic shock – a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. Sigh.

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A recent story about Lefty’s Parlor receiving a grant to create an ice cream parlor in downtown Farmington prompted a trip down memory lane for frequent office visitor **Keith Dollar**. Dollar said **Pete Murphy** used to run a thriving barbershop in the space Lefty’s will be remodeling. Seems that back in the early 1970s, the shop required the services of three barbers and a little office in the back of the building housed a Hartford Insurance office. Amazing how much commerce there used to be in our small towns – and great to see some coming back. ... Jubilee College State Park grows sunflowers every year to provide food for wildlife and a place for hunting. In recent years, those flowers have become very popular with folks in search of selfies – sometimes scantily clad people, I am told. Odder still, a passerby recently saw someone drive up to the field and remove several sunflowers – roots, stalk and all. “I don’t understand the fascination with sunflowers,” the caller said ... Parting shot: Anybody with a valid FOID card and a 16-gauge shotgun who wants some free shells (4s, 5s and 6s) should pay a visit to the office. My search for a Sweet 16 is over and we need to clear space.

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GUEST VOICES

Two issues require resolutions for Trump

While I must admit to being impressed by how President Donald Trump has fulfilled his campaign promises, especially with border security and immigration, there are two glaring promises that appear to be unfulfilled.

The Epstein files and Ukraine are two issues that Trump promised the American public with resolutions. Both issues are worthy of public attention and resolution.

Jeffrey Epstein made his name by hosting parties at his private island with prominent world leaders and young ladies. Epstein would eventually be charged in federal court with sex trafficking. Epstein would die in prison while awaiting trial. The official cause of death was listed as a suicide.

Many people of all political persuasions questioned the finding of suicide and believed he was murdered. Additionally, Epstein was believed to have a very sensitive record of his clientele. Trump and

Richard  
KORITZ

Attorney General Pam Bondi promised to get to the bottom of the case and release the client list. Earlier this month, Bondi released a statement that her office believes that Epstein died from suicide and that no client list was ever found.

That statement infuriated many of Trump's most ardent supporters and many on the other side of the aisle. Trump would then issue his own statement in support of Bondi, which was also not well received by Trump's base.

This issue needs a resolution that the public can understand and accept. Is the public interest worthy of a special prosecutor? Or is this simply a flare up that will die down in a couple of weeks? This event bears watching as to which way it progresses.

Trump has been very effective at the negotiating table. Trump's style is totally unorthodox and gets him many attacks, that is until he prevails.

The Ukraine/Russia conflict may be different. Trump has always had a working relationship with Rus-

sia's Putin. However, Putin views Ukraine as an integral part of Mother Russia of the Czarist times. That attitude has a negative bearing on rationale negotiations. Putin views the conflict as a family matter and Trump views it as a business matter. Those are major value differences.

Trump by his own comments has stated that he believed that he and Putin had an agreement to end the conflict in Ukraine, only to see the negotiations fail.

Trump acknowledged that it was his wife who told him to look at the TV to see how the negotiations have failed. Trump has now reverted to his basic policy of peace through strength. Trump is at his best when he is driving the issues. It is obvious that Trump's original statement that he would achieve peace in Ukraine on day one in office has not succeeded. Will playing the strength card work for Trump? Let us hope so.

*Richard Koritz is an Illinois native and former DeWitt County state's attorney.*

250 miles can make a difference in politics

To the Editor:

I left Elmwood as someone who had never voted a straight ballot but a staunch conservative.

In Iowa, I am considered a moderate Republican. So be it.

The people I have spoken with are as incredulous as I am at the Democrats' difficulty understanding how they lost a substantial portion of the black and Latino vote.

Many people of both those communities are Christians who believe marriage is reserved for a union between a man and a woman, that there are only two genders and most of the "woke" positions are wrong. They felt deserted by the progressive far left who were aided by the constant barrage of left-wing media.

Many of these people still get dressed in their Sunday best to attend church as a sign of respect; most of the immigrants came to the United States following the rules.



They assimilated, and they are now seeing themselves lumped into a group of rioters because of their ethnicity. They don't like it, and they turned to the candidate who respected them.

– Dimitri Beres, Ankeny, Iowa

Words of encouragement for Yates City board

To the Editor:

A few complimentary words are due Yates City Mayor Mark Hostetler and our village trustees for shepherding our well project toward

completion. I was pleased to see credit given to the Biden Administration's bipartisan role in funding this project.

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– George Tanner, Yates City

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2025, the Sheriff of Peoria County will on September 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the Peoria County Courthouse, Courtroom 203, 324 Main St., Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Common Address: 312 4th St., Dunlap, IL 61525 PARCEL ID (PIN): 08-11-354-010 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$173,235.77. Sale terms: 10% due by cash or certified funds at the time of sale and the balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. Failure to pay the remaining balance within twenty-four (24) hours shall result in the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment. The subject property is subject to 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 or to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchase shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The 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 and to verify all information. For more information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's Attorney Wiley Law Group LLC 53 W. Jackson Blvd. Ste. 1510 Chicago, IL 60604 filings@wileylaw.net 815-685-4203 (T); 815-390-1643 (F) 13270478 Published 7/31, 8/7, 8/14/25

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS F STREET INVESTMENTS LLC, A WISCONSIN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PLAINTIFF,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS M&T BANK, PLAINTIFF, VS. JOHN LYDON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF BETTY J CARRELL, DECEASED; CITY OF PEORIA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BETTY J CARRELL; BRITTANIE JO CARRELL, DEFENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 0000181 910 WEST VIRGINIA AVENUE PEORIA, IL 61604 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on July 23, 2025, will on September 8, 2025, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, TAX NO. 14-32-258-019 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 910 West Virginia Avenue, Peoria, IL 61604 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has no garage. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is white. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied. The Judgment amount was \$62,234.32. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without

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# Board OKs sale of district-owned house

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board on July 21 approved a bid of \$777 for a house owned by the school district at 205 W. Ash St.

Barry Shoop of Elmwood submitted the only bid for the house and attached garage. He now has 90 days to move the house from the property and an additional 30 days to remove all debris and reclaim the house site.

Shoop has indicated he plans to move the house to a lot he owns in Elmwood.

Not all construction news was

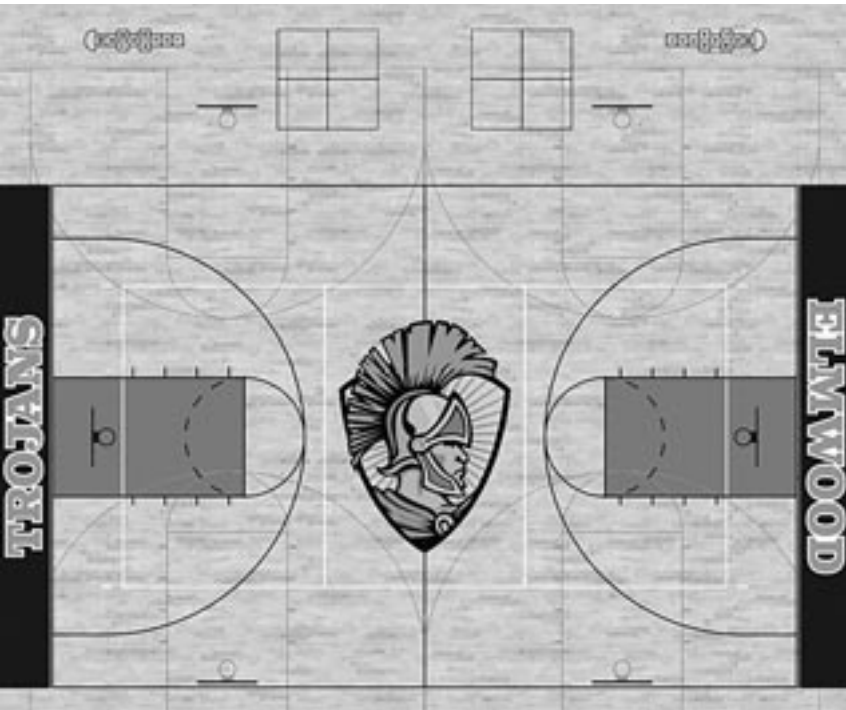


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good, as the width of the main court in the remodeled elementary school gym was inadvertently reduced by nearly 8 feet. The flooring company, TSI Commercial Floor Covering, had used IESA regulations of 42 feet, 8 inches for the court, but the school wanted a width of 50 feet. The company remedied the mistake for no additional cost by installing new flooring on the edges of the court. The gym is ready for the first day of school on Aug. 14.

At the start of the meeting, the board also honored Tony McCoy, who has retired after serving the district for 32 years as a teacher, coach and, most recently, as junior and senior high school principal.

“McCoy’s passion for education, steady leadership and genuine care for every student have shaped a legacy of excellence and integrity,”



The new Elmwood Elementary School gym floor has a simulated wood look.

Elmwood Superintendent Joel Schmieg said.

The board also approved several personnel matters for the 2025-26 school year, including hiring Katherine Janovetz as a special-education teacher, Emily Bonebrake as a high school biology teacher, Thomas Huffcutt as an elementary aide, Garrett German as a part-time media center aide, Rachel Wintern as a substitute aide and Ian Smith as a substitute custodian.

Extracurricular approvals were Cooper Hoffmann as high school girls track coach, Karla Begner as high school JV volleyball coach and Tara Lim as a volunteer junior-high scholastic bowl coach.

Finally, the board approved ele-

mentary-school teacher Shauna Blum’s letter of notice for retirement at the conclusion of the 2028-29 school year. The letter was submitted after the June 1 deadline, but Schmieg said because it is based on unique circumstances it does not create a precedent.

In other business, the board approved Schmieg to develop a tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2026, substitute-teacher pay rates of \$150 per day and \$200 for long-term substitutes, various PRESS policy changes, an updated extracurricular activities policy and code of conduct. No changes were made to previous expectations or to the consequences for violations of the code of conduct.

## PRINCEVILLE: Greenfield plans to build office

*Continued from Page 1*

ered and steel-framed agricultural buildings. It also has offices in Iowa and Kansas.

Young has inquired about possible connection to village water and sewer systems, Gardner said. That could be accomplished in the spring, depending on construction bids. Septic-system installation at the site also is possible.

Greenfield has planned to build an office and a 20,000-square-foot area for fabrication and inventory storage, among other uses. The site is just north of the Dollar General store at 1107 N. Santa Fe Ave. That’s across the street and north of the current Greenfield facility.

In 2023, Young first presented his plan to the board. The 15½-acre plot was unincorporated, but the village later annexed it. At the time, Young said construction was about two

years away ideally.

Shortly after Gardner addressed trustees, some of them expressed reservations about children operating motorized vehicles in the village. Of particular concern to Trustee Donald Peterson Jr. was two kids aboard the same electric scooter, something he’s seen recently.

“When you’ve got two people on one scooter, it’s a recipe for disaster,” Peterson said. “I’d rather be safe than sorry when it comes to that type of stuff.”

Village President Jeff Troutman also cautioned about underage kids driving golf carts in town. Only licensed drivers are allowed to operate them. Peterson suggested more rigorous law enforcement.

Regarding action items, the board approved a \$27,500 deal with The Best Roofing of Yorkville to install new roofing at the

Village Hall and the municipal water-treatment plant. Gardner said he considered metal roofs, but the expense was prohibitive. The new shingles have a 30-year warranty.

“Metal roofing is nice, but 30-year shingles, that’s a good warranty,” Trustee Spencer Wilson said.

The Village Hall roof hasn’t been replaced in at least 30 years, according to Gardner. The roof at the water-treatment plant last was replaced in 1998.

Also approved was a tax-increment-financing redevelopment agreement with Princeville Prints, Inc. The screen-printing business located at 132 E. Main St. is to be reimbursed up to \$5,471 for a new heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system.

The board authorized placement of a 12-by-16-foot prefabricated storage shed at 419 W. Blanchard St. It also approved Res-

idential Rehabilitation Program reimbursements of \$2,500 each for a roof and siding at 614 E. Main St. and garage and driveway improvements at 430 E. Spring St.

Solar-panel building permits were issued for structures at 210 N. Ellen Ave. and 1475 N. Town Ave.

When the board met July 7, it approved Residential Rehabilitation Program reimbursements of \$1,273.34 for a garage roof at 112 E. South St. and \$2,500 each for windows at 410 N. Santa Fe Ave., a garage roof at 324 E. North St., paint at 216 E. North St. and siding at 213 W. Spring St.

Building permits were reported at that meeting for a pool at 415 N. Walnut Ave., alterations and dock expansion at 917 N. Santa Fe Ave., a wood pergola at 611 N. Aten Ave. and a 4-foot chain-link fence at 602 N. Town Ave.

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### Police reports

- **PRINCEVILLE** – Law-enforcement authorities were searching for an apparent reckless driver whose vehicle collided with another south of Princeville.  
The wreck at Princeville-Jubilee and Parks School roads was reported about 9:30 p.m. July 5, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The victims – a 62-year-old man and a 40-year-old woman, both from Wyoming – said they weren’t injured.  
A Kia sport-utility vehicle headed east on Parks School Road failed to stop at the intersection and T-boned the victims’ vehicle, a 2011 Buick Lucerne that was northbound on Princeville-Jubilee Road. The impact spun that vehicle 180 degrees. The SUV continued east with its hazard lights activated.  
Subsequently, another person told authorities an eastbound SUV on Parks School Road almost hit him while he was riding a side-by-side. One of the SUV’s headlights was missing. The Lucerne sustained major damage to the driver’s-side rear door, rear wheel, rear fender and rear bumper and was towed.
- **TRIVOLI** – A faulty riding lawnmower might have caused a fire that destroyed a barn west of Trivoli.  
The blaze began shortly before 4:30 p.m. July 6 in the 20900 block of Illinois Route 116, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. A deputy arrived to find the barn fully engulfed in flames.  
A 49-year-old man owns the property. He said he had just finished mowing the yard and backed the mower into the barn. He spent the next 20 minutes or so unloading his camper, then looked out one of its windows and saw flames around the mower, the report stated.  
The fuel-line valve on the mower had been malfunctioning, the owner said. The barn appeared to be a total loss. Firefighters from the Elmwood, Farmington and Logan-Trivoli departments responded.
- **HANNA CITY** – A Hanna City man was charged with two counts of aggravated battery following an apparent fight at a local residence.  
The incident happened about 2:15 a.m. July 8 in the 200 block of N. Pekin Lane, according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. Mitchell K. Wileman, 38, was arrested and transported to the Peoria County Jail. He possessed a knife when he was apprehended, the report indicated.  
At least one person was transported to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria.  
Taken into custody were Malayah R. Drowns, 18, of Bartonville; Ayden M. Fowler, 19, of Pekin; Russell R. Jones, 18, of East Peoria; and Brianna S. Shrum, 19, of Bellevue. Accusations were not specified individually, although illegal possession of alcohol and a controlled substance were listed in the report.
- **KICKAPOO** – Someone drove away from a Kickapoo-area gasoline station without paying for more than \$200 in diesel fuel, according to authorities.  
The apparent theft from Freedom Oil Co., 7200 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd., was reported shortly before 4:30 p.m. July 7. An employee said the driver of a white semi-trailer pumped \$225.02 of gas into the truck, then left in an unknown direction, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated.  
No description of the driver was available, and additional searching was fruitless.
- **HANNA CITY** – A Hanna City man was suspected of public indecency and disorderly conduct following an incident at his residence but was released without charge.  
The 57-year-old suspect’s name was among numerous redactions in a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. He was taken into custody shortly after 8:15 a.m. July 2 in the 500 block of N. Lakeshore Drive.  
According to the report, a sheriff’s-office deputy was summoned to a residence in the 300 block of N. Lakeshore Drive regarding a welfare check. A witness reported a man was outside the residence with a golf club and a bow and arrow and was acting erratically.  
When law enforcement arrived, all the doors of the residence were open. The house appeared to be in disarray consistent with someone experiencing mental-health issues, the report stated.  
The man was transported to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria for observation.
- **LAWN RIDGE** – A vehicle apparently ran off the road near Lawn Ridge, struck a mailbox and destroyed it.  
The damage in front of a residence in the 100 block of E. County Line Rd. was reported shortly before 10 a.m. July 10, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The resident said the incident happened between 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m.  
Pieces of the mailbox and its post were found about one-quarter mile east of the residence. Tire tracks indicated a vehicle struck them. The mailbox and post were valued at \$150.
- **HANNA CITY** – A Hanna City man required a hospital visit following a two-vehicle accident south of his hometown.  
Dennis R. Dunn was driving a northbound 2021 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck at 7 a.m. July 8 in the 1500 block of Hanna City-Glasford Rd. when it entered the opposite lane and collided with a southbound 2008 Ford Taurus, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.  
Jerel S. Peters of Trivoli was the other driver. He said he attempted to reverse when he saw the Silverado headed his way. The Silverado struck a utility pole and continued to head north, although the report was unclear about the sequence of events.  
Dunn was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. A nurse there said Dunn has a history of seizures. The Silverado sustained disabling front-end damage and was towed. Peters declined medical help. The Taurus was drivable after it sustained minor front-end damage.
- **HANNA CITY** – A Hanna City-area man was arrested following an apparent domestic dispute.  
A Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputy was called shortly after 5:15 a.m. July 5 to a residence in the 500 block of S. Pinkerton Rd. A man there said his girlfriend was refusing to leave and had assaulted him, according to a heavily redacted sheriff’s-office report.  
Matthew A. Baior, 42, was taken into custody instead. He was accused of domestic battery and transported to the Peoria County Jail. The victim was a 34-year-old Hanna City woman. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was notified.



PUBLIC RECORD

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

Police reports

• **FARMINGTON** – A Hanna City-area woman was accused of multiple vehicle-related offenses following a traffic stop in Farmington.

Desiray K. Bledsoe, 23, was driving a westbound 2016 Ford Escape a Farmington police officer pulled over shortly after 6:45 p.m. July 4 on Fort Street near East Street. Bledsoe’s vehicle was traveling 48 mph in a 35-mph zone, according to a police report. A check revealed Bledsoe’s driver’s license was suspended. She was cited for speeding and for driving with a suspended license and received a notice to appear in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

• **KICKAPOO** – A Peoria woman was accused of stealing \$100 in cash from a business located inside a Kickapoo-area gasoline station.

Tonya S. Luncsford, 51, was arrested and charged with theft shortly after 5:15 p.m. July 4 at Freedom Oil Co., 7200 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. A Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report about the incident was heavily redacted, but the apparent victim was Hunt Brothers Pizza.

• **EDELSTEIN** – An apparent domestic dispute at an Edelstein-area residence resulted in the arrest of two people. The incident happened about 3:15 p.m. July 4 in the 1600 block of W. Singing Woods Rd. Transported to the Peoria County Jail were Richard J. Davis, 48, and Stephanie M. Luzolo, 27.

Davis was accused of domestic battery/bodily harm. Luzolo was accused of the same crime, as well as criminal damage to property of less than \$500.

• **VICTORIA** – A Princeville man

required a hospital stay after he struck his head on a boat dock and fell into a lake near Victoria.

The incident happened about 3:30 p.m. June 30 on Lake McMaster at Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report.

Ricky D. Pope, whose age was unavailable, was attempting to disembark from a boat when it began to drift from the dock and he fell. A 17-year-old boy who was operating the boat jumped into the water and pulled Pope onto a boat ramp. The boy said Pope lost consciousness twice in the process.

An ambulance transported Pope to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg, where he was admitted for observation.

• **HAVANA** – Adam L. Johnson of Brimfield was cited for an unspecified offense shortly before 6 a.m. June 24 at U.S. Route 136 and Illinois Route 78 west of Havana, according to the Fulton County Sheriff’s Office. Johnson was driving a 2021 Nissan, according to a redacted sheriff’s-office report. The sheriff’s office would not provide additional information.

• **ELMWOOD** – Shortly before 7:45 a.m. July 8, Madison S. Hickman, 21, of Maquon was driving an eastbound 2016 Chevrolet Equinox in the 20200 block of Illinois Route 8 east of Elmwood when the vehicle struck a deer. No injuries to Hickman were noted on an Elmwood police report. The vehicle sustained passenger-side front-end damage of at least \$1,500.

• **TRIVOLI** – Darren M. McClister, 59, of Trivoli was arrested shortly before 1:30 p.m. July 8 and accused of indirect criminal contempt, according to the Peoria

County Sheriff’s Office. McClister also was being held for another law-enforcement agency. McClister was arrested again at 8:45 a.m. July 9 and accused of driving on a suspended license.

• **ELMWOOD** – Jesse J. Eldridge, 41, was arrested at 4:30 p.m. July 13 and accused of two counts of retail theft greater than \$300, theft-control intent of less than \$500, unlawful use of a credit or debit card and failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office.

• **BRIMFIELD** – Ryan L. Jackson, 23, of Brimfield was arrested at 12:45 p.m. July 4 and accused of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office.

• **YATES CITY** – Chief Randy Benson reported the following Yates City Police Department activity for June: one arrest, 18 reports, five traffic stops, three citations, four warnings and one notice to appear in court.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff’s Office responded between June 29-July 12: road hazard, Dahinda; burglary, Yates City; fireworks, Williamsfield; theft, Dahinda; trespass, Galva; fireworks, Dahinda; open door, Yates City; disturbance, Galva; order-of-protection violation, Galva; road hazard, Williamsfield; driving complaint, Williamsfield; noise complaint, Dahinda.

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Pages From The Past

Compiled by Walter Lampe

5 Years Ago

- Uncertainty marks this year’s back-to-school time, as parents of 56.6 million American school children this month dread exposing their kids to illness or sacrificing their education.
- The situation: The daily coronavirus death toll topped 1,000 for the sixth straight day; more than 150,000 Americans of many ages have died from the virus. July’s infection total was more than double that of June.
- After unanimously approving projected revenues of \$2.3 million from May 1 through April 30, 2021, the Princeville Village Board OK’d an appropriations ordinance allocating \$3,007,479 to spend.
- Cardinal Primo 56G, a steer owned by Cole Caldwell of Elmwood, won grand champion steer at the 2020 National Junior Angus Show in Tulsa, Okla.

10 Years Ago

- With a large audience and a steamy room as the backdrop, the Farmington City Council approved a TIF agreement with Petersen Health Care. The TIF agreement had been twice delayed due to concerns about waiving \$30,000 in building fees and not requiring Petersen to follow the Prevailing Wage Act in building a 32-unit assisted-living facility.
- Akron-Princeville, Williamsfield and Brimfield fire departments were among those responding to a house fire July 17

15 Years Ago

- Main St. Diner & Ice Cream opened at 608 W. Main St. in Elmwood (formerly the Tastee-Freez) on July 13. The new business is owned and operated by J&G Cafe.
- After being forced to close because of damage due to the June 5 tornado, Elmwood Foods reopened on Aug 4.

25 Years Ago

- Rev. Randy Schreurs is the new pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Elmwood. Pastor Randy and wife Jane have three children, Jonathan, Megan and Becca.
- Paula Waggoner of Williamsfield, a senior at the University of Illinois, received a \$500 scholarship from the Fertilizer Institute of Washington, D.C.

35 Years Ago

- A rain-and-wind storm blew a large tree limb down on the Rodger Depperman home and made three holes in the roof and damaged siding. Neighbors helped clean up the tree.

55 Years Ago

- A tornado hit Elmwood on Tuesday night, striking the home of Frank Reicheneker about 11:15 p.m. The tornado tore the garage up and the whole roof of the house was ripped off. No one was injured. The half-constructed home of Elwood Wheeler was the second house struck. These were the only two houses hit by the tornado.

70 Years Ago

- July was the hottest month on record. The mean temperature was 81.4 degrees; the highest was 105 and the lowest was 61.

75 Years Ago

- Illinois farmers expect to harvest 20.5 millions acres of field crops this season, 1.3% less than last year’s record.
- A fire truck was delivered to Elmwood and was examined and admired by many citizens.

85 Years Ago

- The large farm house occupied by Dewey Smith outside of Princeville was destroyed by fire.

95 Years Ago

- The Palace Theatre in Elmwood has means for cooling air that passes through a large ventilating fan over ice to keep patrons comfortable during hot weather.

105 Years Ago

- Monday afternoon the fire truck was called to the home of C.D. Bane, one mile south of Elmwood, where one of the big hay barns was on fire, having been set alight by a bolt of lightning.

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## Food prices follow inflation uptick

By RHIANNON BRANCH  
FarmWeek

After a few months of a downward trend, inflation is on the rise again, with food prices following suit.

The latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.3% in June and 2.7% in the past 12 months.

Food prices rose faster than overall inflation. The CPI for all food increased 0.3% from April to May, with food prices in May 2.9% higher than a year ago.

Prices for beef and veal jumped 8.6% higher in May compared to a year ago. Overall, beef and veal prices are predicted to increase 6.8% this year due to tight supplies and continued consumer demand.

“U.S. demand for beef has remained strong even as prices hit record highs,” said Bernt Nelson, American Farm Bureau

Federation economist, who noted the domestic cattle supply is at a 74-year low.

Meanwhile, pork prices rose 0.7% from April to May. Pork prices are predicted to increase a modest 0.5% in 2025. In contrast to beef, pork production is projected to increase this year.

“It is a bit of a delicate balance and especially with all the global uncertainty, more measured (pork) production growth is probably beneficial in these times,” said Erin Borrer of the U.S. Meat Export Federation.

Retail egg prices decreased for the second month in a row, falling 7.5%. Egg prices in May were still 41.5% higher than in May 2024, continuing to experience volatile month-to-month changes due to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) that began in 2022.

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### Whitney’s Walk raises \$73,000 at annual event

BRIMFIELD – The 22nd annual Whitney’s Walk for Suicide Prevention and Awareness attracted hundreds of participants to Jubilee College State Park on Saturday and raised more than \$73,000 to support mental-health education.

Organized by Carle Health Center for Philanthropy in Greater Peoria, the annual event has raised more than \$1.8 million since it started in 2004.

The event was started by the family of Whitney Grotts, who died by suicide. According to organizers, Jubilee College State Park was one of her favorite places and lime green – the color of shirts worn by walk participants – was Grotts’ favorite.

### Graham breaks ground on Galesburg center

GALESBURG – Graham Health System has broken ground on a new \$6.6 million ambulatory surgery center at 2028 N Seminary St.

Graham is investing \$5.1 million in the facility and \$1,500,000 in technology to expand access to high-quality, affordable surgical care in rural and underserved communities.

The new facility will include two operating rooms and 15 pre- and post-surgical bays, offering a wide range of outpatient surgical services, many of which are not currently available in the Galesburg service area.

“This project is a direct response to the needs of the Galesburg community following the closure of Cottage Hospital in 2022,” said Bob Senneff, CEO of Graham Health System.

“The number of outpatient procedures in the Galesburg market have decreased on an annual basis over 65% since 2013. Our goal is to bring that care back to this market, to keep folks here in town.”

Graham Health System, one of Illinois’ last remaining independently

owned rural health systems, entered the Galesburg market in 2022. In just over two years, Graham has opened four clinics, including one on the historically underserved south side of Galesburg.

These clinics have already served more than 12,200 patients across 315 distinct zip codes and conducted nearly 45,000 patient visits.

The center is expected to perform over 1,900 surgical procedures in its first year and is set to be fully operational by September 2026.

### College graduates

- **Emma Wagner** of Princeville earned a bachelor of science degree in education and human sciences, rehabilitation science from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.
- Several local students graduated from Illinois State University this spring. **Ashlyn Winters** of Farmington earned a graduate degree in nutrition. The following students received bachelor of science degrees: **Abigail Anderson** of Elmwood, family and consumer science; **Ty Anderson** of Farmington, elementary education; **Cody Arnold** of Brimfield, cybersecurity; **Cameryn Bromley** of Dahinda, communications science and disorders; **Taylor Catton** of Princeville, business administration; **Anney Cosby** of Elmwood, art; **Gavin Dean** of Edwards, finance; **Regan Duchaine** of Edwards, marketing; **Luis Horton-Meza** of Princeville, early childhood education; **Ashton Johnson** of Brimfield, interdisciplinary studies; **Allison Neff** of Hanna City, interdisciplinary studies; **Greenlee Pulley** of Princeville, communications sciences and disorders; **Jasmine Riley** of Edwards, health promotion and education; **Celine Schick** of Hanna City, exercise science; **Charles Shissler** of Elmwood, agriculture; **Cyrus Snider** of Trivoli, biological sciences; **Holly Stratton** of Elmwood, interdisciplinary

studies; **Ryan Sunderland** of Dahinda, mathematics; **John Terrell** of Farmington, agriculture; **Emily Terrian** of Edwards, mass media; **Claire Wieland** of Princeville, early childhood education; and **Annalise Williams** of Elmwood, communications sciences and disorders.

- **Adian Basalay** of Yates City graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology following the spring 2025 semester with a bachelor of science in industrial design.
- **Steven M. Hanrahan II** of Princeville earned an associate of arts degree from the University of Maryland Global Campus in spring 2025.

**College honors**

- Three local students were named to the Knox College Dean’s list (3.6 gpa or better) for the spring 2025 semester. Honorees were **Aidan Derry** of Edwards, **Aiden Frail** of Brimfield and **Sara Linne** of Edwards.
- **Brooklyn Chatterton** of Hanna City was honored as the Delta Delta Delta Director of Philanthropy of The Year in June at the sorority’s national convention. A graduate of Butler University, Chatterton joined Tri Delta in part because of its affiliation with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Her younger sister was a St. Jude patient.

### Et cetera

- **ELMWOOD** – Farmers State Bank Retail Manager Keitra Sparks has successfully graduated from the Community Bankers School of Illinois, a program hosted by the Community Bankers Association of Illinois.
- **PEORIA** – State Rep. Ryan Spain has officially launched a re-election bid for his 73rd District Illinois House seat. Spain is one of two deputy Republican leaders in the House. The 73rd District consists of parts of Bureau, Henry, Lee, Marshall, Peoria, Rock Island, Stark, Whiteside and Woodford counties.



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## New law addresses gun storage

By **PETER HANCOCK**  
Capitol News Illinois

Gun owners in Illinois will soon be required to take additional measures to keep their weapons out of the hands of children under a new law signed Monday by Gov. JB Pritzker.

In addition, law-enforcement officers in the state must now start tracing the ownership of any firearm that is recovered from a crime scene, used unlawfully or is believed to be associated with a crime.

Pritzker signed those bills into law at a time when federal courts are growing increasingly skeptical of state and local efforts to curb gun violence. A federal court of appeals is preparing to hear arguments in a challenge to Illinois’ most significant recent gun restriction – a ban on assault-style weapons and large-capacity magazines.

“I’m tired, frankly, of treating something completely preventable as inevitable,” Pritzker said at a bill signing ceremony in

Chicago. “I’m tired of forcing our children to duck and cover because too many politicians are ducking and covering for the gun industry’s money.”

Senate Bill 8, known as the Safe Gun Storage Act, prohibits gun owners from storing their weapons in an unsecured manner at any location where they know, or reasonably should know, that the gun could be accessed by a minor, a person at risk of harming themselves or others, or by a person who is prohibited under state or federal law from possessing a firearm.

To secure the weapon, under the law, owners will be required to keep them in a locked container so that

they are inaccessible or unusable by anyone other than the owner.

Gun owners who violate the law could be subject to civil fines of \$500. But those fines could go up to \$1,000 if a minor, at-risk person or prohibited person obtains the firearm, and as high as \$10,000 if such person uses it to kill or injure someone in the course of committing a crime.

In lieu of those fines, courts could instead order the gun owner to perform community service or pay restitution for violating the law.

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OBITUARIES

Ronald E. Black

PEORIA – Ronald E. Black, 77, of Peoria, passed away at 11:48 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Born Feb. 24, 1948, in Peoria to William C. and Marie E. (Snodgrass) Black, he married Fannie F. Plattring on June 7, 1975, in Peoria. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Angela (Jesse) Gilles of Brimfield; one son, Erich (Jennifer) Black of Utah; and three grandchildren, Preston, Keith and Wren; and two sisters, Jackie (Mike) Manz of Metamora and Melody Sweetin of Florida. Also surviving is his beloved English Bulldog, Henry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Edward Black; and two sisters, Donna Harris and Beverly LaHue.

Ron served in the United States Air Force and was a member of the Air Force Honor Guard. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

He had worked in security for OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Ron enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a talented carpenter and took pride in building the family home.

Private family services will be held. Wright & Salmon Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to SAMS Animal Shelter.

To express condolences online, visit [www.wrightandsalmon.com](http://www.wrightandsalmon.com).

Shirley A. Cinnamon

BRIMFIELD – Shirley Ann (Lampkin) Cinnamon, 88, passed away at 3:07 a.m. Friday, July 25, 2025, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. Shirley was born on May 28, 1937, in Tiskilwa, Ill., to the late Clarence and Mary (VanCleave) Lampkin. She married William Davis Cinnamon on Oct. 26, 1957, at St. Louis Catholic Church in Princeton, Ill. He preceded her in death on July 3, 2012.

Surviving are her children, William Marcus (Cindi) Cinnamon of Shabbona, Ill., Michael Lee (Sue Osborne) Cinnamon of Brimfield, Ill., Mary Ann (Roger) Cinnamon of Bella Vista, Ark., and Monte C. (Chris Langley) Cinnamon of Laguna Beach, Calif.; nine grandchil-

dren, Christian Daniel (Courtney) Cinnamon of Toulon, Ill., Cody David Cinnamon of Oak Hill, Ill., Chelsea Jo (Nick) Cinnamon-Di Bari of Parkland, Fla., Erika Ann (Neal) Fowler of Chicago, Jessica Ann (Julian) Richards of Toronto, William Tyler (Nelly) Cinnamon of Nairobi, Kenya, Ashley Ann Murphy of Wilton Manors, Fla., Drew Thomas (Rosie) Murphy of Moreno Valley, Calif., and Andrea Morgan (Ghassen) Murphy of Corona, Calif.; 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She is also preceded in death by six brothers and one sister.

Shirley's life was a testament to her unwavering commitment to her family, her work and her community involvement. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, dedication and service.

For many years, Shirley was a familiar and friendly face to the children of Brimfield School District, where she served both as a dedicated bus driver and a caring cafeteria worker. Shirley's passion for community service extended beyond her professional roles as she generously volunteered her time with the Brimfield Historical Society and most recently with the Brimfield Area Museum, enriching the town's appreciation for its heritage.

Her love for nurturing young minds and spirits was evident through her active involvement in girls summer softball leagues, 4-H and FFA. For over three decades, Shirley's love for sports led her to serve as an official scorekeeper for Brimfield schools, alongside her husband, for nearly three decades. Her dedication to this role was emblematic of her commitment and unwavering support for local athletics.

A devoted mother and grandmother, Shirley was the heart of her family. She never missed an opportunity to support her children and grandchildren in their endeavors, attending every event she could and celebrating their achievements with pride. Her presence was a constant source of encouragement and love. Family was the cornerstone of Shirley's life, and this extended to her role as a host to numerous foreign-exchange students. Through this enriching experience, Shirley welcomed individuals from Sweden,

Brazil, France and other countries into her home, fostering a global perspective within her own family and community.

Shirley's faith was a guiding force in her life, and she was a devout member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Brimfield. Her dedication to her faith community was evident in her active participation and support of church activities.

The Cinnamon family legacy was deeply rooted in the soil of Cinnamon Tree Farm, a family-founded, owned and operated venture that stood as a symbol of hard work and perseverance for almost 50 years. Shirley's involvement in the farm's operations showcased her love for the land and her community spirit.

Those who knew Shirley will remember her as a loving, kind and friendly soul who enriched the lives of everyone she encountered. Her absence will be deeply felt, but her spirit will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Her funeral mass was July 29, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Brimfield. The Rev. Deogratias Mpewo presided. Burial was to follow in Calvary Cemetery in Brimfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brimfield Area Museum. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Shirley's family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

Joseph Stoller

PRINCEVILLE – Joseph Stoller, 95, of Princeville, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

Joe was born on April 17, 1930, in Speer, to the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Streitmatter) Stoller. On March 4, 1951, he married Emily H. Menold. She preceded him in death on June 16, 2014.

A devoted farmer, faithful servant and lifelong fisherman, Joe lived a full and fruitful life rooted in faith, family and the land he loved.

Surviving are three sons, Gale (Sonia) Stoller of Princeville, Bruce (Mary) Stoller of Princeville and Brent (Kay) Stoller of Congerville; a daughter, Sandra (Don) Endress of Morton; 14 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren; and three sisters-in-law, Bernice Stoller of Princeville, Martha Stoller of Bradford and Betty

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— Will Ferrell

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## OBITUARIES

Menold of Princeville.

Aside from his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by six brothers, Earl, Richard, Floren, Lowell, Nathan and Vernon; four sisters, Violet El-sasser, Beulah, Lucille Endress and Geraldine “Pat” Ringger; and two great-grandchildren, Matea Stoller and Easton Andrews.

Joe began farming in 1948, cultivating not only crops but a legacy of hard work, perseverance and dedication. His passion for farming never waned; remarkably, he last operated a combine at the age of 94. His hands bore the story of a life spent sowing and reaping, guided always by a deep sense of purpose and gratitude.

A man of unwavering faith, Joe loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with all his heart. He served his church faithfully over the years in many capacities, always ready to lend a hand or offer encouragement. His quiet strength and servant’s heart left a lasting impact on his congregation and community.

When he wasn’t in the fields or at church, Joe found joy on the water. Fishing was a lifelong passion that brought him peace and connection – with nature, with friends and family and with his creator.

Joe will be remembered for his kind spirit, humble heart and steadfast devotion to the things that mattered most. His legacy of faith, hard work and love will live on in the lives of those who knew and cherished him.

Visitation was July 24, 2025, at Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall. A funeral service was on July 25, 2025, at Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. Ministers of the church officiated. Burial was in Princeville



Stoller

Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to AC Skylines or to a charity of your own choosing. Condolences may be left for Joe’s family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com). Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

### Grant J. Bizosky

KICKAPOO – Grant Jacob “Grantsky” Bizosky, 16, of Kickapoo, Ill., passed away peacefully, next to his family, on July 15, 2025, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Grant was born on March 20, 2009, to parents Kelly (Zinser) and Kenny Bizosky, also of Kickapoo. He has two brothers, Cleveland, 18, and Ziggy, 8. Grant would have wanted to recognize his favorite companion, his dog, Buddy.

Grant was preparing to enter his junior year at Brimfield High School. Outside of his family and friends, academics were always Grant’s top priority. He had dreams of being a pilot one day. There was never a doubt he would have accomplished those dreams had he been given the chance.

Besides hanging with his brothers and friends, his other passion included buying the newest and trendiest shoes and clothes. Grant also loved playing basketball.

Grant’s biggest attribute was his love and compassion for others. He put others problems ahead of his, even when his battle with cancer got worse. He was also an amazing brother to Cleveland and Ziggy.

Grant is survived by his mother and father, Kelly and Kenny Bizosky; his grandmothers, Christine Zinser and Pam Bizosky; and his uncles and aunts, Rob and Mamie Zinser of Kickapoo, Katie and Josh Barnewolt of Kickapoo, Jenni and Mark Vorhees of Mascoutah and Tom Bizosky

of Chicago. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers Bob Zinser and Tom Bizosky.

A memorial Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Kickapoo on July 23, 2025. Private burial of ashes will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, morials may be made to the Grant Bizosky Memorial Fund, c/o CEFCU Bank.

Condolences can be left online at [www.wrightandsalmon.com](http://www.wrightandsalmon.com).

### Burton Cecil Jr.

MAQUON – Burton Cecil Jr., 76, of Maquon, died July 23, 2025, at the Knox County Nursing Home, surrounded by his family.

He was born on June 29, 1949, in Peoria, the son of Burton and Phyllis (Thurman) Cecil Sr. He served his country in the U.S.Army. He married Jody (Curry) Cecil on April 12, 1970.

Surviving are his daughters, Kari Cecil of Galesburg and Leslie (Kent) Jones of Abingdon; and three grandchildren, Hayley Allison, Madison Jones and Kaden Jones.

He was a farmer and mechanic all of his life. In his younger years he worked at Strode’s Garage, Wight Chevrolet in Williamsfield and was owner/operator of Do it Right Auto-body. He was a repo man at Falcon International Corporation in Daytona Beach, Fla. When he moved back to Illinois, he worked for the Elmwood School District until he retired. While retired, he opened and owned BR’s Place in Maquon until 2023. He was a trustee of the Maquon Fire Department.

Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, at Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Homes and Crematory in Knoxville. A memorial service will start at the funeral home at 2 p.m. with military honors.

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**Baptist Church of Brimfield**  
Pastor Doug Seeley  
321 S. Jefferson St. Brimfield  
(309) 678-2208  
Sun. School: 9:30 am  
Sun. Worship: 10:40 am  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
Father Corey Krengiel  
Father Deogratias Mpewo  
314 W. Clay Brimfield  
(309) 446-3275  
**AS OF JULY 1**  
[incarnationcatholic.org](http://incarnationcatholic.org)  
Sat. Confession: 4-4:45 pm  
Sat. Mass: 5 pm  
Daily Mass: Mon. & Thurs. 8 am  
Adoration: Thursday 7 am

**Saint Paul Lutheran Church**  
Missouri Synod  
Rev. Michael Wagnitz, Pastor  
204 W. Clay St. Brimfield, IL  
(309) 446-3233  
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**Sunday**  
**9:30 am** Divine Service

**Brimfield E-Free Church**  
Pastor Donald Blasing  
11724 Maher Road  
Brimfield IL 61517  
(309) 446-3571  
[brimfieldefree.org](http://brimfieldefree.org)  
Worship: 10:30 am  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm ages 3-12

**Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ**  
Pastor Stephen Barch  
105 W. Clay Street Brimfield  
(309) 446-3811  
[brimfieldunionchurch.org](http://brimfieldunionchurch.org)  
Sunday Worship: 9 am  
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

**BIBLE TRIVIA**

1. Is the book of Daniel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which book’s first verse is, "The elder unto the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth"?
3. From Exodus 25, what was the cover on the Ark of the Covenant called? Mercy seat, Mordecai, Mina seat, Myrrhan
4. Which prophet was famous for his vision of the dry bones? Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Nathan

• First Sunday is Communion Sunday (gluten-free offered)  
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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 am Sun-  
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Church: (309) 639-2768  
Pastor’s Office: (309) 639-2389  
Email: [williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com](mailto:williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com)

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

**EDWARDS**

5. From Judges 4:4, who was the first female Israelite leader?  
Deborah, Esther, Ruth, Miriam

6. What is/was the first sin called? The Exodus, Eucharist, The Fall, Ephah

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 3 John, 3) Mercy Seat, 4) Ezekiel, 5) Deborah, 6) The Fall  
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**Baptist Church**  
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[bethanycentral.org](http://bethanycentral.org)  
Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 am  
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(Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)  
Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

**St. Mary’s Catholic Church**  
Father James Pankiewicz  
9910 W. Knox St. Edwards  
(309) 691-2030  
[stmaryskickapoo.org](http://stmaryskickapoo.org)  
Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm  
Saturday Mass: 4 pm  
Sunday Masses: 7 & 11:00 am  
Daily Masses (Mon., Wed., Fri.): 8 am  
Communion Service: Tuesday 8 am

**ELMWOOD**  
**Crossroads Assembly of God**  
Pastor Don Nuttall  
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood  
(309) 742-6409  
[crossroadselmwood.org](http://crossroadselmwood.org)  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm  
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am

**Elmwood Baptist Church**  
Pastor Bill Cole

701 W. Dearborn St. Elmwood  
(309) 742-7631 642-3278  
Sun Worship: 10:00 am and 12:30 pm  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 pm

**First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood**  
Reverend Marla B. Bauler  
201 W. Evergreen Elmwood  
(309) 742-2631  
[firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org](http://firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org)  
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am  
Sun. School: 9:30 am

**St. Patrick’s Catholic Church**  
Father James Pankiewicz  
802 W. Main St. Elmwood  
(309) 742-4921  
Sat. Mass: 5:30 pm  
Sun. Mass: 9 am  
Tues. Mass: 8 am  
Tues. Confession: After mass.

**United Methodist Church of Elmwood**  
Pastor Austin Miller  
821 W. Main St. Elmwood  
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[elmwoodumc.org](http://elmwoodumc.org)  
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**FARMINGTON**  
**Farmington Bible Church**  
Pastor Tony Severine  
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Farmington  
(309) 245-9870  
Sunday School: 9:30  
Worship Service: 10:30

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

[gmail.com](mailto:gmail.com)  
Sunday School 10:15 am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

**First Presbyterian Church of Farmington**  
Pastor Cindy Bean  
83 N. Cone Street Farmington  
(309) 245-2914  
[firstpresfarmington.com](http://firstpresfarmington.com)  
Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Worship: 10:30 am  
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**New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God**  
Pastor Tom Wright  
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Farmington  
(309) 231-8076  
Sun. Worship: 10 am  
Wed. Worship: 7 pm

**PRINCEVILLE**  
**Princeville United Methodist Church**  
Pastor David Pyell  
420 E. Woertz Princeville  
(309) 385-4487  
[princevilleumchurch.com](http://princevilleumchurch.com)  
Sun. Worship: 8:30 am  
Sunday School: 9:45 am

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

**TRIVOLI**  
**Brunswick Community Church**  
4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli  
Pastor Terry England  
Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:45 am  
Sunday Evening: 6:00 pm  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 pm  
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**Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)**  
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Pastor Jay Johnson  
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[zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com)  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am  
4th Sunday of month Worship: 8 am with communion

**WILLIAMSFIELD**  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
Father Deogratias Mpewo  
214 N. State Route 180  
Williamsfield  
(309) 446-3275  
[stjameswilliamsfield.org](mailto:stjameswilliamsfield.org)  
**AS OF JULY 1**  
Sun. Confession: 7-7:20 am  
Sunday Mass: 7 am

**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 am  
Sunday Worship: 11 am

**YATES CITY**  
**Faith United Presbyterian Church**  
Reverend Marla B. Bauler  
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Sunday School: 10:15 am  
Thursday Choir: 7 pm







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In Re ESTATE OF CLARENCE B. KELLSTADT, Deceased.

CC 2025-PR-0000192

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **CLARENCE B. KELLSTADT**, on May 18, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **PAULA E. McCoy, of 17505 Oak Lawn Avenue, Chillicothe, Illinois 61523**, and **BERNICE A. PETERS, of 105 Brentwood Drive, East Peoria, Illinois 61611**, as Executors, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.**, 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representatives or both on or before the **6th day of February, 2026** or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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DATED this 2nd day of July, 2025.

**PAULA E. McCoy** and **BERNICE A. PETERS, Executors of the Estate of CLARENCE B. KELLSTADT, Deceased.**

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CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF JOYCE A. STREITMATTER, Deceased.

CC 2025-PR-0000201

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **JOYCE A. STREITMATTER** on May 30, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **DAVID L. STREITMATTER, of 23218 West Rosenbohm Road, Elmwood, Illinois 61529**, 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 **6th day of February, 2026**, 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.

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DATED this 10th day of July, 2025.

**DAVID L. STREITMATTER, Executor of the Estate of JOYCE A. STREITMATTER, Deceased.**

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lowing described real estate:  
LOT 612 IN ROLLING ACRES SECTION 8, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 23, 1961 IN PLAT BOOK "Y", PAGE 92, IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Common Address: 2230 N. Winnebago Ct., Peoria, IL 61614  
Parcel ID (PIN): 14-18-403-009  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$193,809.25  
Sale terms: 10% due by cash or certified funds at the time of sale and the balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. Failure to pay the remaining balance within twenty-four (24) hours shall result in the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment. The subject property is subject to 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 or to the Peoria

County Sheriff's Office and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file and to verify all information.  
For more information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's Attorney  
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815-685-4203 (T);  
815-390-1643 (F)  
This document is an attempt to collect on a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

ORDINANCE 2025-1

MAY 1, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026

ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF KNOX AND PEORIA COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2025 AND ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

BE IT ORDAINED by the Trustees of the **WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** of Knox and Peoria Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The following Annual Budget and Tax Appropriation Ordinance, containing an estimate of the receipts, expenditures and appropriations for the FIRE PROTECTION FUND, AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, INSURANCE FUND, AUDIT FUND, SOCIAL SECURITY FUND and MEDICARE FUND, is hereby passed, approved, adopted and appropriated for the Corporate use of and by the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Knox and Peoria Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on May 1, 2025 and ending on April 30, 2026.

Section 2: FIRE PROTECTION FUND:

A. ESTIMATED REVENUES

Beginning Cash on Hand (Checking and Debit Card)	\$249,450
2024 PropertyTaxes (Fire Protection Tax)	\$233,375
Interest	\$1,500
Replacement Tax	\$10,500
Foreign iire lusurance Tax Revenue	\$5,000
Grant proceeds	\$200,000
Miscellaneous Income	<u>\$200</u>

TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: **\$700,025**

B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS EXPENDITURES:

1. Equipment Acquisition	\$149,000
2. Reserve for Capital Acquisitions	\$75,000
3. Equipment Repair	\$30,000
4. Fireman Wages	\$20,000
5. Training	\$18,000
6. Compensation of Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs	\$5,400
7. Compensation of Trustees	\$6,500
8. Janitorial Service	\$2,600
9 U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Social Security and Medicare	\$2,750
10. Clerical	\$6,000
11. OSHA / Fire Reports Clerk	\$3,000
12. Disease Prevention	\$1,000
13. Building Maintenance and Equipment	\$173,500
14. Utilities for Buildings	\$12,200
15. Telephone/Internet	\$3,000
16. Gasoline and Oil	\$5,500
17. Supplies	\$8,000
18. Publications	\$1,500
19. Dues, Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts	\$1,000
20. Legal Expenses	\$5,000
21. Debt Service	\$99,000
22. Accounting	\$3,275
23. Contingencies	\$12,000
24. Reserve for Future Debt Service on Equipment Acquisitions	\$40,000
25. Safety Tests	<u>\$12,000</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FIRE PROTECTION FUND **\$695,225**

C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN FIRE PROTECTION FUND \$4,800

Section 3. AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:

Beginning Cash on Hand (Checking)	\$151,933
2024 Property Taxes (Ambulance Tax)	\$225,425
Interest	\$1,200
Loans	<u></u>

TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE **\$378,558**

B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATION/EXPENDITURES

1.Contractual Ambulance Service	\$95,000
2. Equipment Acquisition	\$20,000
3. Equipment Repairs	\$15,000
4. First Responder Wages	\$20,500
5. Clerical	\$3,700
6. Training Materials and Travel	\$8,000
7. Compensation of Trustees	\$1,200
8. Compensation of Ambulance Service Manager\$ (EMS Coordinator)	\$7,000
9. U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Social Security and Medicare	\$2,750
10. Disease Prevention	\$1,100
11. Maintenance Equipment for Buildings	\$8,000
12. Utility Services for Buildings	\$8,000
13. Telephone, Internet and Cell Phones	\$3,800
14. Gasoline and Oil	\$2,250
15. Supplies	\$15,000
16. Publications	\$1,100
17. Illinois Department of Public Health, Licenses for First Responders	\$50
18. Accounting	\$2,750
19. Legal Expenses	<u>\$4,000</u>

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
F STREET INVESTMENTS LLC, A WISCONSIN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PLAINTIFF, VS. S&E MORRIS PROPERTY INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; DAKOTA CREATIVE PARTNERS, LLC, A SOUTH DAKOTA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT; TIERE WALKER; DRIVEN PROPERTY SOLUTIONS, LLC, A UTAH LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;  
UNKNOWNOWNERS & NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS.  
Case No. 2024-FC-174  
Property: 312 S. 4th St. Dunlap, IL 61525  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 9, 2025, the Sheriff of Peoria County will on September 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the Peoria County Courthouse, Courtroom 203, 324 Main St., Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the fol-

20. Contingencies	\$8,000
21. Debt Service on Building and on Equipment	\$80,000
22. Reserve for Debt Service on First Responder Building Expansion	\$ _____
23. Reserve for Future Capital Acquisitions	\$30,000
24. Debt Service on Rescue Vehicle	\$35,000
25. Safety Tests	<u>\$5,000</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND **\$377,200**

C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND: \$1,358

Section 4. INSURANCE FUND

A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:

Beginning Cash on Hand (Checking)	\$22,125
2024 Property Taxes	\$42,000

TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: **\$64,125**

B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONSEXPENDITURES:

Insurance Premiums	\$45,000
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE INSURANCE FUND: **\$45,000**

C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN INSURANCE FUND: **\$19,125**

SECTION 5. AUDIT FUND.

A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:

Beginning Cash on Hand (Checking)	\$3,195
2024 Property Taxes	\$ _____

TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE: **\$3,195**

B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:

Reserve for Audit	\$3,195
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THEAUDIT FUND: **\$3,195**

C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN AUDIT FUND: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 6. SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:

Beginning Cash on Hand	\$603
2024 Property Taxes	\$8,905

TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNING CASH BALANCE **\$9,553**

B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONSIEXPENDITURES:

Employer's Share of Social Security	\$ 9,500
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY FUND: **\$9,500**

C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN SOCIAL SECURITY FUND: **\$53**

. MEDICARE FUND.

SECTION 7. MEDICARE FUND

A. ESTIMATED REVENUES:

Beginning Cash on Hand	\$500
2024 Property Taxes	\$2,100

TOTAL REVENUES and BEGINNMG CASH BALANCE: **\$2,600**

B. ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:

Employer's Share of Medicare	\$2,600
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE MEDICARE FUND: **\$2,600**

C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON HAND AT YEAR END IN MEDICARE FUND: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 8: SUMMARY. The amount appropriated for Fire Protection District purposes for the fiscal year beginning May 1,2025 and ending April 30,2026, by fund is as follows:

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FUND:	\$695,225
AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:	\$377,200
INSURANCE FUND:	\$45,000
AUDIT FUND:	\$3,195
SOCIAL SECURITY FUND:	\$9,500
MEDICARE FUND:	<u>\$2,600</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$1,132,720

SECTION 9: That the total sum of **One Million One Hundred Thirty-two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty and No1100 Dollars (\$1,132,720.00)** is hereby appropriated for the FIRE PROTECTION FUND, AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, INSURANCE FUND, AUDIT FUND, SOCIAL SECURITY FUND and for MEDICARE FUND for the Corporate uses of and by the WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Knox and Peoria Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on **May 1, 2025** and ending on **April 30,2026**.

SECTION 10: All unexpended balances of any item or items of any general appmpriation may be expended in making up a deficiency in any other item or items in the same general appropriation, or for the same general purpose or a like purpose, as herein provided.

SECTION 11: All unexpended balances of appropriations for the fiscal year, which has just been concluded, are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year now begun for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

SECTION 12: This Budget and Appropriation Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, ten (10) days after its publication, as required by law.

Passed July 14, 2025

Approved July 14, 2025

WILLIAMSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
By: /S/Dustin Courson, President

ATTEST:  
/S/ Michael Gibbs, Secretary  
Published 7/31/25

lowing described real estate:  
A part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian. More particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 11; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 11, a distance of 190.0 feet; thence South 87 degrees 54 minutes East a distance of 33.02 feet to the East right-of-way line of State Route 91 and the Point of Beginning of the tract to be described; thence continuing South 87 degrees 54 minutes East a distance of 152.70 feet; thence South 0 degrees 15.5 minutes East a distance of 150.0 feet to the North right-of way line of the  
Dunlap East Road; thence North 87 degrees 54 minutes West along the North right-of way line of the Dunlap East Road a distance of 111.35 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of State Route 91; thence North 49 degrees 0 minutes West along the Easterly right-of-way line to State Route 91, a distance of 55.66 feet to the East right-of-way line of State Route 91, thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes along the East right-of-way line of State Route 91, a distance of 115.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, situate, lying and being in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois.  
LESS AND EXCEPT  
A part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 10 North,

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 14

Super Crossword

MINERAL BOOST

ACROSS

1 Hello, in film

4 Look after

10 Capture on film again

16 Laceration

19 Concerning past events

21 Single-person, as a band

22 Be incorrect

23 Writing a computer program based on a Grimm story?

25 With 67-Across, persona for Snoopy

26 Remove from a crate

27 Iowa's tree

28 Plant plots

30 Wasps' home

31 Diplomatic delegation headed for a meeting with Philippine president Ferdinand?

36 Cards used by psychics

39 Et — (and others)

40 Paris subway

41 Unintelligible message on a warning sign?

47 Wash, VIP

48 Started to cry, with "up"

49 Orig. copies

50 Sugar block

53 Occasionally

55 Signal light shaped like an abdominal organ?

63 — fire (ignited wood, say)

64 Caught up in — of lies

67 See 25-Across

68 Voice a view

69 Hoppy pub quaff, in brief

70 Small group of child prodigies?

74 Scottish cap

75 Mild cheese

77 1982 Disney cyberfilm

78 — tide

79 Actor Noah

80 Very destructive hurricane?

84 Unfamous people

86 Oklahoma tribe

87 Moo goo — pan

90 Doha native

91 U.K. network

94 School chaplain?

100 Vowel quintet

103 iPod variety

104 Win over

105 Have the same remorseful feelings that I'm having?

109 Healing sign

113 Ari of NPR

114 — Canals

115 Huge desert

117 "Science Kid" of PBS

118 Dietary extras given to eight answers in this puzzle?

124 Filmmaker DuVernay

125 Clarke of "Game of Thrones"

126 Eradicated

127 Marks, as a ballot

128 Partner (Chick-fil-A slogan)

129 Tantalizes

130 Afore

3 Athletic shoe brand

4 Playpen array

5 "The Father of Art Deco"

6 Actress Vardalos

7 Nero's 650

8 — Iwon do

9 Butter substitutes

10 Big jukebox brand

11 Brian of Roxy Music

12 Danson of "Ink"

13 Pal, to Pedro

14 Former TWA rival

15 Hypothetical memory imprint

16 Says "no" to 17 Smelter input

18 Keep trying

20 Pasta-serving cafe

24 River nymph

29 Hip-hop "Dr."

31 "Eat — Chik'n" (Chick-fil-A slogan)

32 Tabloid pair

33 IRS IDs

34 Diarist Anais

35 Gift stick-on

37 Attention-getting sound

38 Common sunfish variety

41 Started type

42 Sinus-clearing apparatus

43 Cow-bison hybrid

44 "Bad!" cluck

45 Tarzan player

46 Chafe

51 Tabby's cry

52 Infant food

54 Stockholm's land: Abbr.

56 Cake coater

57 Scooby- —

58 Proper —

59 Additionally

60 Guy living in an urban area

61 Vigilant

62 Archival

65 Outer: Prefix

66 Brian — (11th-century Irish king)

70 Money given for a svc.

71 — angliar (oboe cousin)

72 Enthusiast

73 Belle — (pre-World War I period)

76 Pal, slangily

79 Area drained by a river

81 Instant lawn

82 Middle grade

83 Big head

85 Zero

88 For — (not free)

89 "— it a pity?"

91 Big wind instrument

92 Asian abode

93 Noisy insects

95 "Whichever"

96 Kia or Tesla

97 Like some poor ratings

98 NASA cancellations

99 Six-pt. plays

101 "Alley —!"

102 Social welfare org.

106 Suffix with aero- or velo-

107 It merged with Exxon

108 Wake rudely

110 River vessel

111 Pianist

112 Sew loosely

115 30-day mo.

116 College town in Iowa

119 Everybody

120 Recline

121 Educ. group

122 Ex-Laker

123 Trio after K

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Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian. Peoria County, State of Illinois. being described in detail as follows:

Commencing at a set pk nail marking the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 11 and being recorded in the Peoria County Recorder's Office as Monument Number 2012016106: thence North 01 degrees 19 minutes 49 seconds West on the West line of said Southwest Quarter 189.89 feet: thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 14 seconds East 30.81 feet to the Easterly existing right of way line of the centerline of FAS 1380 (IL91). said point of being on the Northerly property line of said tract of land and the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 07 minutes 07 seconds East 32.16 feet: thence South 03 degrees 35 minutes 04 seconds West 62.73 feet to a set iron pin with cap: thence South 18 degrees 12 minutes 59 seconds East 83.92 feet to a set iron pin with Cap: thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 44 seconds East 101.67 feet to the Easterly property line of said tract of land; thence South 01 degrees 20 minutes 43 seconds East on said property line 9.79 feet to the Northerly existing right of way line of the centerline of East Legion Hall Road; thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 12 seconds West on said right of way line 111.72 feet: thence North 50 degrees 01 minutes 36 seconds West on said right of way line 55.66 feet: thence North 01 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds West on the Easterly existing right of way line of the centerline of FAS 1380 (IL91) 114.69 feet to the Point of Beginning. The said tract land contains 5,554 square feet, more or less or 0.127 acres, more or less.

Common Address: 312 4th St., Dunlap, IL 61525

Parcel ID (PIN): 08-11-354-010

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$173,235.77.

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT  
PERSIFER TOWNSHIP  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING 3/31/25

Revenue Summary:  
Property Taxes \$620,249, Replacement Tax \$25,711, Interest Income \$3,700, Motor Fuel Tax \$142,556, FEMA \$26,116, Dahinda gift \$981. Total Revenue \$819,313.

Compensation Summary by Category:  
Under \$15,000: Patricia Asbury, Jason Beard, Ann Collopy, Michael Collopy, Phillip Gehring, Kevin German, Colby Gibbs, Shawn Glaser, James Gunther, John Lindburg, Harley McGarry, Delvin Powell, Josh Rollins, Cade Shipley, John Williams.

\$15,000 to \$24,000: None

\$25,000 and up: Milo Gibbs

Total Compensation: \$66,671

Expenditure Summary:  
Allied Benefits Systems, Inc. \$1,470; Altorfer, Inc. \$3,871; Blucker, Kneer & Assoc. \$2,945; Blue Cardinal \$1,612; CNH Capital \$1, 399; Collopy Trucking \$1,260; D&D Pavement \$50,275; Daily Excavating \$6,496; David LaFollette \$1,134; Eagle Enterprises \$4,615; Environmental Road \$12,951; G.W. Shores \$1,500; Galena Rock \$17,200; Galesburg Builders \$1,271; Galva Iron & Metal \$2,300; General Assistance \$1,500; Henry Co. Hwy Dept \$5,846; Illinois Dept. of Revenue \$2,879; IPRM \$2,125; IRS \$16,373; Knapheide Truck Equip. \$6,005; Koenig Body Equip. \$14,988; Metal Culverts \$12,901; Mitch Daily Excavating \$20,338; Monroe Truck Equip. \$6,511; Morton Salt \$4,167; Nichols Diesel Service \$1,736; Pomp's Tire \$1,529; Rask Transportation \$58,575; Riverstone Group \$8,803; River Bottom Tree Service \$14,900; Spoon River Landscaping \$2,725; Sunbelt Rental \$6,901; Tompkins State Bank \$12,393; TOIRMA \$12,924; TRIAD \$1,000; West Central FS \$10,315; Whitney & Potts Ltd \$2,146; Williams Trucking \$16,762; All other distributions less than (\$1,000) \$12,246

Total Vendors: \$366,887

Subscribed and sworn to this 8th day of April 2025.

/S/ Patricia Asbury, Supervisor

Published 7/31/25

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14

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.

QIKUQ CNKI FKQ. AYYR

QBINJPHF MDIQU DQ QBY

MDIQGNDIM. MNH'Q VPUQYH

QN QBY ZIPOZU DHM CNK

JPVV WPFKIY PQ NKO.

— JPVV WYIIYVV

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1. MOVIES: Who is Luke and Leia's mother in the "Star Wars" movies?

2. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Suriname is on which continent?

3. HISTORY: Which 5th-century conqueror was known as "the Scourge of God"?

4. TELEVISION: Who is the creator of the quirky sitcom "Community"?

5. ANATOMY: What kind of blood vessels carry blood away from the heart?

6. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, who turned everything he touched into gold?

7. U.S. STATES: Which state was the 50th and last to join the union?

8. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "A Clockwork Orange"?

9. FOOD & DRINK: Which vegetable is used to make baba ganoush?

10. CHEMISTRY: What is the common name for acetic acid?

ANSWERS

1. Padme Amidala.

2. South America.

3. Attila the Hun.

4. Dan Harmon.

5. Arteries.

6. King Midas.

7. Hawaii.

8. Anthony Burgess.

9. Eggplant.

10. Vinegar.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Superman (PG-13)

2. Jurassic World: Rebirth (PG-13)

3. I Know What You Did Last Summer (R)

4. Smurfs (PG)

5. F1: The Movie (PG-13)

6. How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

7. Eddington (R)

8. Elio (PG)

9. Lilo & Stitch (PG)

10. 28 Years Later (R)

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# SPORTS: Elmwood 5-0 in two-day event at Seneca after Macomb mini-camp

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Central, which went 1-1 against Brimfield in a one-day event at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais. Brimfield also played in June at Delavan, Farmington and Princeville.

Doe began this summer with a broken foot he sustained during baseball season. “I’m not sure we ever saw him at 100 percent,” Carlson said.

Incoming seniors Tommy Burkitt and Jackson Kappes and sophomore Griffin Hougham figure to be prominent in Brimfield plans. So do two rising juniors, Luke Estes and Lane Symonds.

“Offensively, I think we’re going to be quite a bit better,” Carlson said. “If we really pick up the defensive end, I think we could be a real threat.”

• **Elmwood** – Trojans Coach Josh Fugitt believes his team might be at a disadvantage physically and skill-wise this season. That’s why part of his summer focus for a relatively young group was on team building. Elmwood players and coaches spent a few days at a mini-camp in Macomb, including a stay in cabins at the Western Illinois University Horn Field Campus. It must have worked, at least in part. Elmwood went 5-0 in a two-day event at Seneca. The competition was tailored to the Trojans’ level, according to the coach. “It was exactly what we needed,” said Fugitt, who used a

seven-player rotation. “We matched up well. I was probably coaching it a little closer to where I would during the season. A lot of times, it’s a glorified scrimmage with officials. A few of the teams we played probably were treating it that way.

“Our guys took a lot of confidence after struggling a lot in the summer. We were playing a lot of sophomores and juniors who have zero varsity experience. It’ll take some time, but it was fun.”

Elmwood also went 1-1 at Illinois College in Jacksonville in an event truncated by a tornado that struck the area the day before it was to begin.

Incoming senior Garrett Webster, junior Quinton Johns and sophomore Karsyn Bolton are expected to lead Elmwood, which finished 15-15 last season. Johns impressed this summer with his aggressiveness, according to Fugitt.

• **Farmington** – Depth appears to be a strength for Farmington. The Farmers went 4-1 in a shootout at Monmouth College without two of their top players, Landon Crawford and Jack Gronewold. According to Farmington Coach Marty Lozier, a lot of his basketball players had baseball and football commitments.

That gave some other Farmington basketball players an opportunity. Among those taking advantage were 6-foot-5 incoming sophomore Logan Gardner,

Correction

The Elmwood golf team will practice from 8-10 a.m. on its first day, Monday, Aug. 11, not from 4-6 p.m.

junior Blake Melz and seniors Kaydon Bollinger and Treyven Haroldson, according to Lozier.

“Last year, we had trouble scoring,” he said about a team that finished 10-20. “This team, they are scorers. Not just shooters, but scorers. This team (also) gets after it defensively. I think we are a lot quicker this year.”

Farmington was host in June to a shootout and a regular league, which attracted 14-15 teams.

Incoming senior Boston Smith led Farmington in scoring last season (17 ppg). Gronewold, who played only about half the season because of injury, averaged 13.2 points and 4.1 rebounds. Helping them will be new junior-varsity coach and Lozier’s heir apparent, former Havana head coach Tyler Southwood.

“It’s going to be a fun year, I think,” Lozier said.

• **Princeville** – Coach Tait Sennett must replace his starting backcourt, among other positions, from a 27-9 team that advanced to the Class 1A sectional finals. He doesn’t appear sure the summer clarified much in that regard. “We didn’t get a lot of partici-

pation,” Sennett said. “Kids are just doing other things in the summer. Getting everybody together was pretty difficult. But I was proud of them. They learned a lot and they did well.”

Princeville lost all five games it played at Monmouth. Its schedule included Class 3A Galesburg and no 1A competition. Princeville also was host to games on Monday nights in June. Brimfield, Peoria Heights and Peoria Christian, which beat the Princes in the sectional, were among the participants.

Returning starter Collin Lowery focused on football this summer, and fellow incoming senior Brady Day played only two nights, according to Sennett. Seniors Caden Blunier and Eli Christianson and junior Blake Dickinson were impressive. Sennett suggested a guard-oriented team in 2024-25 might give way to more post play and height this season. Starters’ heights could range from 6-5 to 6-1.

“I don’t anticipate us being as good as what we were last year. I’m not going to sugarcoat it,” Sennett said. “That was a pretty special group that we had. We could be just as good, just a little different format than what we saw last year.”

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Who might replace Traphagan is a good question, according to R-W Coach Ryan Hart. He indicated that person did not present him-

self during a summer in which the Cougars won only once, against coach-less Bushnell-Prairie City.

“It’s going to be a group effort, because he was going to have the ball in his hands all the time,” Hart said. “He pretty much had the ball in his hands all the time last year. That is the biggest question going into the year. Our sophomores are decent ballhandlers, but they’re not real strong.”

Incoming junior Max Nichols is the only starter returning from an 11-20 team. Classmate Joe Wick hasn’t played basketball since 8th grade but improved steadily all summer, according to Hart.

Nichols, Wick and senior Henry Powers gave R-W some size – all are in the 6-4 range. Hayden Tucker, a junior, emerged as possibly the best R-W scorer.

R-W played Monday nights in Billtown against North Fulton and Peoria Heights, among others. The Cougars also played at Princeville, as well as a one-day event at Granville Putnam County.

“They need to gain confidence offensively,” Hart said. “Defense will be fine, and they’re willing to work. They’re a good group of kids. We’ve got to get over the hurdles of confidence, learning how to win and understanding you can be better than the people you are playing.”



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# Weekly Post Sports

## Brimfield boys enjoy hot start

Indians go 14-2 in summer ball  
By NICK VLAHOS  
For The Weekly Post

The high school boys basketball season doesn't begin for about four more months. But Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson probably wishes it could start next week.

Brimfield probably will return three starters for 2025-26, including senior Connor Doe, who led the Indians in scoring last season (16.3 points per game). But they also are set to return a fourth starter, although he didn't start for Brimfield.

Senior point guard Dawson Traphagan, who led ROWVA-Williamsfield in scoring last season, is transferring to Brimfield, according to Carlson. Traphagan averaged about 15 points per game and was a first-team all-Lincoln Trail Conference selection.

Traphagan's intent to transfer took place just before Brimfield, which was 22-10 last season, began its summer schedule May 31, according to Carlson. Classes begin Aug. 13.



Former ROWVA-Williamsfield point guard Dawson Traphagan drives against Elmwood's Garrett Webster. Traphagan plans to transfer to Brimfield.

"His dad called me and said they were going to make this move and wanted to know if I could incorporate him into the summer," Carlson said. "He's been involved in everything we've had all summer. It just makes (next season) look even brighter. I was thinking we were going to have a pretty

good year.

"One area I was wondering about was our point-guard position. Dawson comes in as a pure point guard. He's going to step right in. He had a really good summer."

So did Brimfield, which was 14-2. Its losses were to Farmington and to Clifton

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