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Williamsfield optimistic after tour of facility that ‘never made a dime’

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD –

The village’s most recent major property acquisition appears to be in good shape, for the most part.

A tour last week of the former Williamsfield Retirement Center revealed plumbing problems in the north wing of the building, according to Village President Robert Johnson. That section had long been dormant before the owner decided in June to donate the facility to the village.

“Everything on the south side is functional,” Johnson said Monday night during a Williamsfield Village Board meet-

Inside

• Illinois State Fair opens 11-day run. **Page 14**

ing. “It looked pretty nice, really. It was lived in, but it was clean.”

Johnson was expected on behalf of the village to sign a property-acceptance agreement Wednesday with Galesburg-based Achievement Unlimited Inc. A closing date within 30 days after that is probable. Then, village officials intend to sell the property by sealed bid.

At least four parties have shown interest in purchasing the building, according to Johnson. He

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Duplexes freshen Farmington stock

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON –

Two new residential duplexes have replaced decrepit homes in Farmington, thanks in part to help from the City Council.

Credit for improvement in the city’s housing stock goes also to developer Todd Abraham, who

worked quickly to build the structures and on Monday was approved to receive reimbursement from the city’s Tax Increment Finance district.

The city council voted unanimously to approve a \$10,000 payment to Abraham for completing the duplexes, located at 35 N.

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BRIDGES TO THE PAST



The Red Bridge near Princeton is the most photographed bridge in Illinois and is one of six original, period covered bridges in the state. Photo by Pam Lange of the Bureau County Historical Society. Below is the Wolf Covered Bridge near Gilson, one of five covered bridges in the state built since the 1970s. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

Landmarks of rural landscape

Six original Illinois covered bridges cherished in their communities

By TOM EMERY

For The Weekly Post

Few images evoke Americana more than a covered bridge. Thousands of the rustic structures dotted the nation in the 19th century and have become synonymous with rural landscapes of days gone by.

Today in Illinois, only six covered bridges remain in their original form. While some have seen renovations, the original spans are still true to the period in which they were built.

Mostly nestled in out-of-the-way rural locales,



many have become indelible landmarks of their nearby communities and neighborhoods.

In addition to the six, there are at least five covered briges that were built or rebuilt since the 1970s, including the Wolf Covered Bridge (above) that

spans the Spoon River. The Wolf Covered Bridge was destroyed by fire in 1994 and the replica that stands today was rebuilt in 1998-99.

The most recognizable original covered bridge in Illinois is the Red Bridge, located less than a mile

north of Princeton. Built in 1863 at a cost of \$3,148.57, the 93-foot Red Bridge is a short drive off Interstate 80 at Exit 56.

Spanning Big Bureau Creek, the Red was a hallmark on the legendary Galena Trail, connecting Peoria and Galena. Today, it has become a significant tourist attraction in Princeton, a welcoming community with an attractive downtown and enticing shops. The picturesque structure is the most photographed of the Illinois bridges.

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WILLIAMSFIELD: Early interest in the facility

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said it might be worth as much as \$1.2 million, although no formal base bid has been established.

The 16-apartment structure along Illinois Route 180 was initially a retirement facility but evolved into a group home for the developmentally disabled. Frequency of medical trips to and from Galesburg for Williamsfield-facility residents became problematic, according to an ownership representative.

Remaining residents moved last month to other Achievement Unlimited

facilities in Galesburg.

Johnson said area residents have suggested the village reopen the facility for its original purpose. He rejected that idea, based on Achievement Unlimited’s experience.

“They have 33 properties, and this one here in this town has never made a dime,” Johnson said. “It was set up as a retirement home. They could never keep it filled. That’s when they started moving people with disabilities in there, so they could pay the bills.

“What are the odds that we could run it as a retire-

ment home? ... There’s a lot of interest in it, so I think somebody will pick it up.”

Regarding action items, trustees decided not to renew a contract with Spoon River Landscape of Dahinda for village-park lawn maintenance. That deal expires Dec. 31.

Spoon River Landscape is charging the village \$32 an hour for labor, Johnson said. He would rather have village employees perform the work. Public Works Supervisor Mark Niebuhr said his department can handle the work.

But Trustee Kyle Gibbs suggested the local-labor situation might not always be so robust, among other issues.

“We’re good until we’re not,” he said. “There could be some hard feelings there, and maybe that rate’s a good rate.”

The board also:

- Approved buying 21 tons of road salt. The village missed an April deadline to participate in a state-organized salt purchase, but Johnson said he has investigated several options for a similar price.
- Authorized acquiring a new laptop computer to help process water bills. Johnson said the expense should be about \$300.
- OK’d an expense of \$900 with Microsoft for internet services.
- Approved updating village liquor ordinances to harmonize with state statutes.

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6:00-10:00 PM Boden Carnival Rides	
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH

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 9TH

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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• **Maquon Homecoming** – The 118th annual Maquon Homecoming is Saturday, Aug. 9, and Sunday, Aug. 10. CandyLand is the theme for the 2 p.m. parade on Aug. 9. Live music, food stands, small Boden carnival, bingo, baking contest, ice-cream social, talent show and more.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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BACK TO SCHOOL

This Week’s Events

• **Book Group**– Morrison & Mary Wiley book group meets today, Aug. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elmwood library to discuss “The Berry Pickers” by Amanda Peters. Sept. 4 book is “The Conjure Women” by Afia Atakora. Open to ages 18 and older.

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

• **School Prayer** – Local community members will hold an optional For the School Prayer on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Elmwood High School parking-lot entrance. Event open to all.

• **Farmers Market** – Farmers markets held every Friday 4-6:30 p.m. through Aug. 29 at Elmwood’s Central Park.

Publicize Events

Email information about your upcoming event to news@wklypost.com.

Future Events

• **Harvest Home** – The Harvest Home Festival is Aug. 15-16 at Harvest Home Park and the town park in Yates City. Live music, Boden Amusements carnival, food stand, 11 a.m. parade (Aug. 16), craft show, baby contest, half-hog raffle drawing and more.

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

• **Food Pantry** – Christ Alive Church in Kickapoo opens its food pantry the third Monday monthly, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• **Food Pantry** – Farmington has a drive-through food pantry the third Wednesday each month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at New Hope Fellowship Church. Call (309) 231-8076.

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

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Sometimes it’s just good to still be alive – like after trimming way-up-there tree branches from a ladder poking through the roof of a side-by-side and fairly well supported by the steel vehicle’s roll cage. Fortunately, this recent exercise in stupidity did not require a chainsaw. My excuse is that the pole pruner is never where it needs to be. ... It’s also good to be alive when there’s a Brimfield Men’s Club chicken dinner on the horizon, as there is this weekend at Old Settlers Days. The festival also features a very good schedule of live music in one of the

area’s liveliest beer tents. Even the 5K race/walk – a dying event at most festivals – is still going strong for a 34th running on Saturday at 8 a.m.

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As I contemplated eating a big tomato hauled into the office last week by **Mike Sullivan**, a less-pleasant thought occurred to me. We have not yet publicized the annual Weekly Post Big Tomato contest. Perhaps that’s the reason we have not received any entries? Or is this, as some are saying, a bad year for tomatoes? Either way, the contest is still on until 9 a.m. on Sept. 9. ... One bumper crop of ours this summer – even surviving rampaging ringtails – are peaches. In the spring of 2023 we planted a 10-gallon Contender peach tree in the apple orchard my son requested and has seldom worked to maintain (college is not a suitable excuse). As of this writing, with peach juice oozing into the keyboard, the

peach tree is performing much better than the apples. So also is our lone blackberry bush. ... This wet year has also produced an abundance of walnuts and numerous chestnuts in the trees we’ve been planting since 2019. But things are too wet. There is standing water in places I’ve never seen it in August, not to mention too much mowing. ... Parting shot: Free shotgun shells sure generate the calls. Unfortunately for most of you, the 16-gauge shells mentioned in this space last week went to **Rich Knapp** of Princeville, who called hours after papers were delivered. It was nice to chat with Knapp, a retired taxidermist who made some cool mounts of pheasant skins back in the day. Thanks to the generosity of **Ted** and **Ron Gilles**, one of those Knapp conversation pieces was here in the office to greet Rich.

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FARMINGTON: Council passes five ordinances

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Wall St. and 63 W. Pearl St. Abraham will also receive 75% of the net real estate tax increment generated by the project during the life of the TIF district. That total is not to exceed \$100,000.

The city got the ball rolling on development by tearing down vacant homes on both properties this spring. Abraham then purchased the lots from the city for \$5,500, spent \$50,000 on site preparation and within six months had new, grey-sided duplexes in place.

Farmington Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said estimates are the new structures could each generate a \$10,000 incremental increase per year.

That was one of five ordinances or amended ordinances passed Monday.

The council also agreed to vacate a 33-x-90.5-foot portion of Adrienne Street located adjacent to Walters Ag Service on the west side of the city. The street ends in a dead end. Stufflebeam said the city will continue to maintain and plow the remainder of Adrienne Street.

Under terms of another



This duplex at 63 W. Pearl St. is one of two new built in Farmington this year by developer Todd Abraham. Both duplexes occupy lots that had been home to vacant buildings. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

approved ordinance, The Smalltown Circus, LLC will receive a grant of \$16,205.91 to replace siding on its property at 35 N. Main St. That represents 75% of TIF-eligible costs.

The council OK'd amending two other ordinances, one providing a \$7,500 grant to Reflective Properties, 165 E. Fort St., for work on its east façade. The other ordinance was amended to include roof repairs to a previous grant for Scott Anderson's Subway store at 17 E. Fort St.

Other in-TIF grants recommended by the CEDC at its July 26 meeting included \$2,500 to Rachel

Ray for tree removal and \$1,000 to Steven Peters for window replacement. Out-of-TIF grants were \$1,650 to Larry Stephens for demolition and door replacement and \$1,000 to Kyle Essex for sidewalk replacement.

Police Chief Chris Darsham reported that his department received a \$500 donation from the owners of Mid-Town Convenience store. The donation was used to purchase trauma

bags for all squad cars. Darsham said officers have been trained to use the bags during emergencies.

In other business, city staff were added as contacts for The Illinois Funds, which allows government agencies to invest funds through the Illinois State Treasurer.

Finally, Stufflebeam said work should start any moment on the reconstruction of Oak Street.

At its July 21 meeting, the council discussed an ordinance on vacant and neglected buildings. No action was taken and the matter was not discussed Monday because Stufflebeam said he is still working on changes to the ordinance.

Also on July 21, representatives from the YMCA and Graham Hospital in Canton gave a presentation on the new Community Wellness Center proposed for the north of Elmwood and the council gave approval to get quotes for a new two-ton truck for city staff.

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BRIDGES: Popular tourism spots

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Scenes depicting the Red Bridge adorned the cover of recent Illinois road maps. “It’s a real icon of the community,” said Pam Lange, director of the Bureau County Historical Society. “It’s on advertisements and billboards and has been photographed so many times. It’s been an important landmark for a lot of years in Bureau County.”

On Labor Day 2013, the society hosted a sesquicentennial celebration at the bridge that attracted large crowds. Remarkably well maintained, the Red Bridge is the only one of the original Illinois bridges open to traffic.

Ten miles south of Springfield, the Sugar Creek bridge near Glenarm is a proud symbol of both the local park districts and the Sangamon County Historical Society. Built in 1880, the pristine, 58-foot bridge is surrounded by a spacious park that has become a popular spot for picnics and parties.

“I can’t tell you how many people use that park,” said Nancy Chapin of nearby Chatham, a past president of the Sangamon County Historical Society. “There’s always someone out there. People have held weddings there, and there are all sorts of reunions and get-togethers.”

Like many renovated bridges, the Sugar Creek bridge is equipped with surveillance and sprinkler systems, as well as fire alarms. Once under the care of the Sangamon County Historical Society, the park is now administered by the city of Chatham.

In recent years, there has been a boom in new homes built near the Sugar Creek bridge, another indication of the bridge’s modern appeal. Even with the uptick, the park maintains its peaceful ambiance.

The Little Mary’s River bridge in southern Illinois has also become a popular tourist site. Two miles north of Chester in Randolph County, the bridge is the oldest of the Illinois spans, constructed in 1854 largely with hand-hewn, white-oak timber. The 98-foot bridge was renovated in 2005.

The bridge originally connected a plank toll road between Chester and Bremen and was in use until 1930. For decades, it has been the anchor of a tranquil roadside park along Illinois Route 4.

“We hear from people who want to see the bridge, and we send them out to it,” said Emily Lyons, a board member of Southern Illinois Tourism. “It seems that every time you drive by the bridge, there’s one or two cars parked there.”

In eastern Illinois, the Thompson Mill bridge crosses the Kaskaskia River east of Cowden, a village in Shelby County. That bridge, the longest of the surviving Illinois spans at 110 feet, was built in

1887 at a cost of \$2,500. Narrowest of the Illinois bridges at 10 feet, 7 inches in width, the span was named for one of the first mill owners in the area. The bridge was built in Michigan and shipped to nearby Shelbyville, where horse-drawn wagons hauled the pieces to the current site. The bridge was closed to foot traffic in 1987.

Three miles south of Oquawka in Henderson County, motorists along Illinois Route 164 can catch a glimpse of the Allaman-Eames bridge, constructed in 1866 and open to traffic until 1934. The bridge required major repairs after extensive damage from a 1982 flood.

Its 104-foot span crosses Henderson Creek and is the centerpiece of a roadside park. The bridge was constructed by Jacob Allaman, a Pennsylvania-born farmer who had built three covered bridges in his native state.

The other surviving Illinois covered bridge is the Young Bridge, just east of Rockford. The 75-foot bridge, erected in 1890, crosses Kinnikinnick Creek and is accessible only with permission.

Other modern Illinois spans built since the 1970s are near Long Grove in Lake County (1972), at Lake of the Woods near Mahomet, near Interstate 70 in Cumberland County and at Glen Carbon.

Illinois has fewer bridges than some neighbors. Nearly 100 survive in Indiana, including 31 in Parke County alone. Six of 10 remaining bridges in Iowa are in Madison County, basis for the novel “The Bridges of Madison County” that later became a Clint Eastwood movie.

However, only four covered bridges remain in Missouri. Those bridges are under the care of the state’s Department of Natural Resources and are designated as state historic sites. Only one bridge survives in Wisconsin.

Covered bridges are susceptible to a variety of threats, including destructive floods. Arson is another factor. Southeast of Knoxville in Knox County, the 120-year-old Wolf Covered Bridge was destroyed in a set fire on Aug. 20, 1994.


In 1976, a fire wiped out the Spring Creek bridge north of Springfield, taking a piece of history and a lot of memories.

“I remember when my husband and I were courting in the 1950s,” said Chapin. “We used to ride horses across that bridge.”


A primary purpose for covered bridges was to protect the beams from the elements. Frequently the bridges, including the Red Bridge near Princeton, carried posted warnings at either entrance, prohibiting fast crossings.

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Police reports

• GALESBURG – A Yates City boy was stabbed multiple times with a box cutter at a Galesburg youth-detention facility, according to authorities.

The incident took place shortly before 5 p.m. July 12 at Mary Davis Detention Home, 1319 E. Fifth St., according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report. The 17-year-old victim said he was sitting at a table when a 17-year-old Rock Island boy attacked him.

The victim sustained injuries but did not appear to require out-of-facility medical attention. A juvenile counselor who subdued the suspect was cut on his upper-right arm, the report stated.

The suspect was accused of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, booked at the Knox County Jail and returned to the detention facility.

• HANNA CITY – A single-vehicle wreck south of Hanna City resulted in a Glasford woman being pinned against the steering wheel.

The accident happened shortly after 9:30 p.m. Monday in the 12700 block of W. Lancaster Rd., according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The vehicle was found in a steep ditch about 25 feet off the road and appeared to have struck a tree.

Inside was Mari E. Doubet, who appeared to have a broken left forearm. Logan-Trivoli firefighters extricated Doubet from the vehicle. A helicopter took her to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Transported by ambulance to St. Francis was a boy, who sustained minor injuries. He exited the vehicle on his own and had been riding in a child-restraint seat. The vehicle sustained disabling damage.

• EDWARDS – A head-on vehicle crash east of Edwards resulted in two people being treated at a Peoria hospital. The accident happened shortly before 4:45 p.m. July 18 in the 6400 block of Illinois Route 8. Jesse J. Eldridge of Elmwood was driving an eastbound 1996 Chevrolet GMT-400 pickup truck that hit a westbound 2014 Chevrolet Impala, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

Kaitlyn N. Cooper of Hanna City was the other driver. She said the pickup truck entered her lane. She sounded her vehicle’s horn to no avail. Eldridge said he recalled seeing the other vehicle approaching but

couldn’t remember much else.

Both drivers were transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. Eldridge was admitted with a left-arm injury and a possible head injury. Cooper had back and head pain.

• EDELSTEIN – A two-vehicle accident west of Edelstein resulted in no injuries to the drivers, both of whom were from Princeville.

Jacob S. Beutel was driving a northbound 2025 Chevrolet Malibu shortly after 5:30 p.m. July 14 on Illinois Route 91 that was slowing to turn left at Lake Shore Drive when a 2008 Mazda 3 sideswiped it, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report said.

The Mazda also was headed north. Its driver, a 16-year-old boy, said he couldn’t stop in time behind the Malibu and swerved into the southbound lane to try to avoid a collision. Both vehicles sustained minor damage.

• YATES CITY – A London Mills man was accused of drunken driving following a single-vehicle wreck at the west edge of Yates City.

Robert D. Bowles, 54, was transported to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria following the accident, which happened about 3:30 p.m. July 11 in the 2100 block of Illinois Route 8, a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

Bowles was driving from Elmwood in a westbound 2007 Hummer H3 that did not negotiate a curve, entered the ditch, struck two road signs and came to rest against a tree.

Methodist emergency-room staff said Bowles’ blood-alcohol level exceeded the .08 legal limit. Bowles was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol and for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

• PRINCEVILLE – A domestic dispute at a Princeville-area residence resulted in a local woman’s arrest. Abigail M. McCune, 19, was implicated after the incident, which happened about 2:30 p.m. July 11 in the 7100 block of W. Lake Shore Drive, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The apparent victims were 48-year-old and 18-year-old Princeville men. McCune was accused of domestic battery and taken to the Peoria County Jail.

• FARMINGTON – A Missouri man had a blood-alcohol content more than 2½ times the legal limit after a police officer noticed him driving erratically in Farmington.

Tyler J. Smallwood, 29, of Kansas City was behind the wheel of a 2000 Chevrolet Trailblazer parked shortly before 1 a.m. July 11 in a driveway

on Gold Street near Spring Street, according to a Farmington police report.

Smallwood’s blood-alcohol content was .219. The legal limit is .08. Smallwood was accused of illegal transportation of alcohol and two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol.

• TOULON – A Princeville man was cited for various crimes following a traffic stop in Stark County.

Mattue H. Riggen, 49, was accused July 10 of disobeying a stop sign, driving on an invalid license, illegal transportation of alcohol and driving without vehicle insurance, according to the Stark County Sheriff’s Office.

Riggen’s vehicle was impounded.

• OAK RUN – A single-vehicle crash in Oak Run led to an Indiana man’s arrest for drunken driving.

Colin J. Anderson, 19, of Cedar Lake had a blood-alcohol content of .172 following the accident, which happened shortly after 12:45 a.m. July 6 in the 400 block of Hillcrest Rd., a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

Deputies found vehicle debris, tire marks and a damaged tree when they arrived at the accident site. They also found a heavily damaged Volkswagen Tiguan sport-utility vehicle parked nearby, in the driveway of a residence in the 400 block of Greenfield Court, where Anderson was staying.

Anderson said he was driving to an Oak Run store when the vehicle went off the pavement and struck a tree. Anderson was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol. He was taken to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg.

• KICKAPOO – Neither driver reported injuries after a two-vehicle crash at an Interstate 74 interchange south of Kickapoo. Shortly before 5:15 p.m. July 14, Bo H. Windish of Brimfield was exiting the interstate in a 2006 Mercury Marquis at Kickapoo-Edwards Road and turning south when his vehicle struck a southbound 2020 Honda Accord, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

The other driver was Zakary R. Wardlow of Athens. Windish was cited for not having insurance.

• GALESBURG – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff’s Office responded between July 13-19: two harassment cases, Yates City; theft, Yates City; prowler, Dahinda; civil dispute, Douglas.

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Local players compete in Dominican Republic

Three local baseball players made the cut for a unique baseball experience, competing for the United States in the Latin America Baseball Classic.

The LABC is held annually in the Dominican Republic each summer and finished last weekend. Brody Kenney of Brimfield made the 16-and-under roster, incoming Williamsfield High School freshman Oliver Dykeman played for the 14U team and Sam Ott of Brimfield earned a spot on the 12U LABC team.

Dykeman, a catcher, infielder and pitcher, enjoyed a third-place finish in the event, which typically attracts teams from Canada, Mexico and other Latin America countries. He also got to trade hats with a Dominican player. In addition to playing baseball, participants learn about Dominican culture and baseball traditions.

ICC begins process of naming next president

EAST PEORIA – The Illinois Central College Board of Trustees officially launched the search for the college’s next president.

At a special board meeting on July 31, the board approved the hiring of R. H. Perry, a nationally recognized executive search firm with extensive experience in community college presidential searches. The board expects the new president to begin on



Phil Blackburn (left) presents Mike Aldrich of Princeville with a plaque honoring Pheasants Forever for 20 years of sponsoring Illinois hunter-safety classes held in Princeville. Also pictured (left to right) are Pheasants Forever members Bob DeSutter and Ken Daniels. Over the past 20 years, the classes have certified 1,702 students, according to Aldrich. Ted and Ron Gilles of Princeville also received a plaque for their participation in hunter-safety classes over the years. Photo by Rob Aldrich.

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To support a smooth transition, the board has appointed Bruce Budde to serve as interim president from Jan. 1 through June 30, 2026, in the wake of Sheila Quirk-Bailey’s recent retirement.

Illinois closes gray fox hunting, trapping

SPRINGFIELD – Hunting and trapping seasons for gray fox are closed effective immediately in Illinois.

Surveys and preliminary results of current research indicate a substantial decline in gray fox distribution and abundance in the last 10 years. Even though Illinois hunters and trappers harvest very few gray foxes, this closure will remove any additional pressure and additive mortality from harvest. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources will continue to conduct annual surveys and evaluate the gray fox population.

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(especially Rummikub) and spending winters in Florida with Alf, family and friends. Ginny dearly loved all her family, parents, siblings, in-laws, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church of Princeville and attended the Apostolic Christian Church of Peoria since moving to Skylines. She volunteered at the Apostolic Christian Skylines and Meals on Wheels for several years.

Funeral services for Ginny were held Aug. 4 at the Apostolic Christian Church in Princeville. Church ministers officiated. Burial was in the Princeville Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peoria Apostolic Christian Skylines Inc. or OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

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

John M. Schlobohm

PEORIA – John M. Schlobohm, 78, of Edwards, passed away Friday, July 25, 2025, at Lincoln Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

He was born on Feb. 12, 1947, in St. Louis, to John “Jack” Schlobohm, and Margaret (Hess) Schlobohm. They preceded him in death, did one brother, Dennis (Kim)

Schlobohm, and great-grandson Beau.

John married Cheryl (Binegar) Schlobohm on May 15, 1976, at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Elmwood. Cheryl preceded him in death on Feb. 26, 2018.

He is survived by two sons, Ryan (Carolyn) Schlobohm of Arizona and Jeremy (Michelle) Schlobohm of Louisiana; four grandchildren, Brock, Hailey (Ethan), Bryce and Seth; and three brothers, Michael (Jodie) Schlobohm, David (Steve) Schlobohm and Jimmy (Colleen) Schlobohm.

John was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He served in active duty for four years during the Vietnam War. He then served in the U.S. Army Reserves for four years at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

John graduated from Illinois Central College in Peoria. He first worked for Emro marketing company at the Speedway station in Peoria and later in Chillicothe. John also worked for Proctor & Gamble in Peoria.

John was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and was able to attend their 1964 and 2011 World Series victories. He also enjoyed following the St. Louis Blues. He enjoyed listening to music and, most of all, John enjoyed being with his family.

Cremation rites will be accorded with Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A celebration of life will

be held and announced at a later date.

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Diane C. Willis

EDWARDS – Diane C. Willis of Edwards, formerly of Peoria, passed away on Aug. 2.

Diane was born an only child to Thomas and Margaret Dismang Hardy on Aug. 5, 1955. Her grandmother, Anna Dismang, was a very important person in her life. Both her parents and grandmother preceded her in death.

Diane met her husband, Joseph “Joe” Willis in 1980 and they were married May 26, 1985, in Tucson, Ariz.

One of Diane’s favorite pastimes was spending time with her friends, as she considered them family.

Diane is survived by her husband, Joe, of Edwards; her sons Matthew (Mary) Willis of Germantown Hills and Andrew Willis of West Peoria; and her two beloved cats, Snowflake and Franceese.

A funeral mass will be at St. Ann Catholic Church in Peoria on Friday, Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. Visitation is Thursday, Aug. 7, from 5-7 p.m. at Wright & Salmon Mortuary in Peoria, and also half-hour prior to the mass on Friday. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery in Peoria.

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

Sunday 9:30 am Divine Service

Brimfield E-Free Church
Pastor Donald Blasing
11724 Maher Road
Brimfield IL 61517 (309) 446-3571
brimfielddefree.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
Sunday Worship: 9 am
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Ecclesiastes (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 17, when Jesus healed 10 lepers, how many came back to thank Him? 1, 2, 5, All 10
3. Who had seven sons who always celebrated their birthdays with a feast? Eli, Job, John, David
4. From Genesis 32, whose thigh went out of joint while wrestling with an angel? Adam, Moses, Jacob, Lot
5. The pool of Bethesda is/was

• First Sunday is Communion Sunday (gluten-free offered)
• Grief & Loss Group meets Tuesday afternoons 3-4:30 pm until further notice.

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

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

EDWARDS

near which gate to the city of Jerusalem? Sheep, Camel, Horse, People

6. Who was Caiaphas' father-in-law? Annanias, Annas, Pilate, Nicodemus

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 1, 3) Job, 4) Jacob, 5) Sheep, 6) Annas
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Baptist Church
7422 N. Heinz Ln. Edwards (309) 692-1755
bethanycentral.org
Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 am
In person and livestream
(Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)
Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
9910 W. Knox St. Edwards (309) 691-2030
stmaryskickapoo.org
Sat. Confession: 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
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
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 (309) 742-7221
elmwoodumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9 am NEW!
Youth Sunday School: 10 am

FARMINGTON Farmington Bible Church
Pastor Tony Severine
497 N. Elmwood Rd. 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
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
Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship: 10:30 am
Live on Facebook also
Fellowship: 11:30 am

New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God
Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
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
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
(309) 403-4626

Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)
18015 W. Smithville Rd., Trivoli
Pastor Mark Schoenhals
Pastor Jay Johnson (309) 696-1300
zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com
Sunday Worship: 9:00 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

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
107 W. Bishop St. Yates City (309) 358-1170
Worship: 9 am
Sunday School: 10:15 am
Thursday Choir: 7 pm



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Pages From The Past

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5 Years Ago

- The Elmwood Board of Education approved a Return to School Plan for at least the first quarter of the new school year that considered the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and had contingency plans for in-person learning, a remote-learning option and a blended-learning approach (combining remote and in-person learning). “The term that we continue to stress and utilize is ‘temporary,’” said Superintendent Chad Wagner.
- For generations, the start of football season meant hot August practices. Not this school year, not with a rejiggered schedule that now has football practice starting in February and changes to nearly every other high school sport.

The Illinois High School Association announced widespread modifications for prep sports seasons due to the ongoing COVID-19

pandemic.

25 Years Ago

- Paula Waggoner of Williamsfield, a senior at the University of Illinois, received a \$500 scholarship from the Fertilizer Institute of Washington, D.C.

75 Years Ago

 - The Civic Association planned to purchase street signs for the village of Princeville.

80 Years Ago

 - Two houses are under construction near the Henry Jarman home west of Elmwood, one by Robert Lou and one by Clyde Degroot.

85 Years Ago

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

90 Years Ago

 - The Farmington Telephone Company was installing cable on its line on North East Street from

Fort Street to Court Street.

95 Years Ago

- A contractor was going to start pouring concrete on Illinois Route 97 near Middle Grove.
- The Butler Meat Market was entered and robbed of \$6 in cash.
- Clyde Bateman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bateman of Elmwood, had his foot badly crushed by a box of castings falling on it at the Holt Manufacturing Co. of Peoria, where he is employed.

115 Years Ago

 - S.G. Taylor and D.Z. Thrush purchased the Erfore Restaurant in Farmington.
 - The 1910 census gave Peoria a population of 66,950 people.

125 Years Ago

 - Farmers were getting from 55 to 80 bushels of oats to the acre.
 - A traveling company was going to present “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” under a tent in Maplewood.

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CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF
MARY L. HORWEDEL,
Deceased.

NO.2025-PR-0000148

Notice is given of the death of Mary L. Horwedel, 1920 West Willow Knolls Drive, Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 15, 2025, to Lorraine McCreight, whose mailing address is 14820 Carlton Court, Brimfield, Illinois 61517, as Executor, and whose attorney is HOLLAND AND HOLLAND, 397 West Main Street, P.O. Box 298, Bushnell, Illinois 61422.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois 61602, or with the representatives, or both, on or before January 23, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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DATED: July 10, 2025

Lorraine McCreight, Executor

Holland and Holland
Attorneys for Representative
397 West Main Street
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Bushnell, Illinois 61422
Telephone: (309) 772-3178
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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 NON-RECORD 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, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 6 IN BLOCK 3 IN BURTON VILLA, A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 IN SLOUGH'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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 any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR

CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF
THOMAS J. COYLE,
Deceased.

CC 2025-PR-0000198

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **THOMAS J. COYLE**, on April 13, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **KIMBERLY A. COYLE, of 12710 North Bell School Road Brimfield, Illinois 61517**, 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 9th day of July, 2025.

KIMBERLY A. COYLE, Executor of the Estate of THOMAS J. COYLE, Deceased.

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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; UNKNOWN OWNERS & NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants.
Case No. 2024-FG-174
Property: 2230 N. Winnebago Ct. Peoria, IL 61614

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, Court-

room 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:

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

CLAIM NOTICE

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

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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room 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:

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.

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 Mortgagee, 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

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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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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 following 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, 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.
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

ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT			ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND			
State of Illinois - Township of Elba - County of Knox			Beginning Balance April 1, 2024			
OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR			Property Tax	77,000.66	100,304.17	
TOWN FUND			Replacement Tax	4,239.39		
Beginning Balance April 1, 2024			Interest Income	635.37		
			Misc.	437.00		
Property Tax	79,801.06	128,344.41,	Total Revenues	82,312.42	82,312.42	
Replacement Tax	3,560.87		Administration	81,879.52		
Interest Income	1,470.77		Total Expenses	81,879.52	81,879.52	
Rental Income	15.00		Ending Balance March 31, 2025		100,737.07	
Misc. Income/TOIRMA	710.00		To Whom Paid: Marty Emmerick 3,754.02; Jared Ekstrand 83.11; Jordans Service 378.86; Metals culverts inc 3,011.24; THC of IL 85.00; Galva Iron 260.00; Raff Sand and Gravel 2,351.45; EFTPS 1,168.23; Napa 171.78; Roland Ekstrand 2,200.00; Lozier Oil 5,513.85; Roy Swanson 1,211.00; barrys 4,405.00; Burgess Bros service 930.00; Burgess Bros 8,230.81; Bank of Yates City 20,409.54; Goedeke and Sons 16,253.87; IPRM 3,853.05; Schockency Fire Equipment 311.00; Galena Road Gravel 333.88; Galva Iron 0.00; Kaser Power 178.50; Riverstone Group 3,260.52; Brimfield Hrdwr 493.48; ACE 16.58; Tiber Creek 2,000.00; Koenig Body 584.19; Midwest Truckers 98.00; martin and sul-livan 332.56;			
Relief Fund Interest Transfer	247.82		Total Administration			
Misc.	30.00					
Total Revenues:	85,835.52		81,879.52.			
Administration	53,856.48		JOINT BRIDGE			
Insurance	4,874.00		Beginning Balance April 1, 2024			
Social Security	7,825.14		Property Tax	8,100.95	40,416.48	
Total Expenses:	66,555.62		Interest Income	265.36		
Ending Balance March 31, 2025			Total Revenues	8,366.31	8,366.31	
To Whom Paid: Roland Ekstrand 24,420.00; IL Dept. of Revenue 1,485.00; Ameren Illinois 1,609.79; Township Supervisors of Il 30.00; Bank of Yates City 40.00; EFTPS 7,825.14; TOIRMA 4,874.00; Home Comfort 11,360.00; Illinois Trustees Accociation 30.00; TOI 201.85; Julie Newell 664.92; Roger Newell 4,432.80; Philip Goedeke 1,569.95; Lora Ramp 764.92; Mike Lafollette 664.92; David Lynn 664.92; Salem park board -donation 500.00; Meals on Wheels 250.00; T.R.I.A.D. 250.00; B.Y.E. 500.00, FISH pantry 250.00; Whitney & Potts 2,147.50; US Postal 73.00; WICHCA 55.00; Lampe Publications LLC 233.60; Cavanaugh, Davies, Blackman, Cramblett 285.00; American Pest Control 450.00; Byers 323.31; Kay Emmerick 175.00; Roling Door 425.00. Total Expenses: \$66,555.62.			Total Expenses	0.00	0.00	
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND			Ending Balance March 31, 2025			
Beginning Balance April 1, 2024			48,782.79			
			MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT			
Property Tax	0.00	31,047.91	Beginning Balance April 1, 2024			
Interest Income	252.64		23,892.51			
Total Revenues	252.64	252.64	Property Tax	5,251.03		
			Interest Income	7.51		
Expenses			Total Revenue	5,258.54	5,258.54	
(2023-24 interest to town fund)	247.82		Administration	0.00		
Ending Balance March 31, 2025			Total Expenses	0.00	0.00	
CEMETERY FUND			Ending Balance March 31, 2024			
Beginning Balance April 1, 2023			29,151.05			
Property Tax	3,001.08	6,105.29	SPECIAL ROAD FUND			
Interest	4.29		Beginning Balance April 1, 2024			
Total Revenues:	3,005.37		49,945.25			
Administration	3,215.00	3,215.00	Property Tax	27,446.80		
Ending Balance March 31, 2024			Interest Income	506.34		
To Whom Paid: Wyatt Davis 2,470.00; Donnie Gladfelter 250.00; Kay Emmerick 165.00; Darla Kovanda 165.00; Diane Potts 165.00;			Total Revenues	27,953.14	27,953.14	
Total Expenses	3,215.00.	3,215.00.	Total Expenses	5,022.37	5,022.37	
			Ending Balance March 31, 2024			
			72,876.02			
			To Whom Paid: Burgess Bros. 3,478.69; Riverstone 1,543.68; Total Expenses 5,022.37.			
			Published 8/7/25			

ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2024-25

TOWN FUND

Balance as of 4/1/2024 \$60,160.99
Income \$115,057.20
Other Expenses -\$35,086.29
Expense Over \$2,500 -\$76,270.90
(Drug Dog Program \$3,000, MANNA Meals \$5,000, Mark Ryan Assessor \$7,200, TOIRMA \$4,941, Salaries \$56,129.90.)
Balance as of 3/31/25 63,861.00

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Balance as of 4/1/2024 \$71,952.52
Income \$2,956.80
Other Expenses -\$300.00
Balance as of 3/31/2025 \$74,609.32

CEMETERY FUND

Balance as of 4/1/2024 \$102,307.40
Income \$70,162.89
Other Expenses -\$13,619.39
Expense over \$2,500 -\$55,414.00
(Davis Landscape \$10,014, Heartland Fence \$10,000, Meyers Mowing, \$35,400.)
Balance as of 3/31/2025 \$103,436.90

COMMUNITY CENTER

Balance as of 4/1/2024 \$66,228.62
Income \$47,959.15
Other Expenses -\$9,415.07
Expense over \$2,500 -\$31,222.25
(ADT \$3,381.94; Ameren \$7,146.31, Peggy Whitby \$14,700, Pure Fitness \$5,594.)
Balance as of 3/31/2025 \$73,550.45

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Balance as of 4/1/2024 \$75,116.06

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

AMERIHOMEMORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- MICHELLE N. HARRIGAN et al Defendant
2025-FC-0000058

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 9, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 5, 2025, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, NE Jefferson St., Main Entrance, PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
LOT 25 IN JOANNE HILLS SECTION 1, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 6925 N PATRICIA LN, PEORIA, IL 61614
Property Index No. 14-08-378-016
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the

Income \$95,923.61
Other Expenses -\$14,233.27
Expense over \$2,500 -\$113,202.23
(Ace in the Hole \$18,288.50, Bank of Yates City \$31,817.43, J&L Dock \$23,501.75, No Limb It \$6,000, Peoria County Highway \$12,639.99, United Contractors Midwest \$22,911.56, TOIRMA \$4,043.)
Balance as of 3/31/2025 \$43,604.17

GRAVEL FUND

Balance as of 4/1/2024 \$34,265.31
Income \$80,791.37
Other Expenses -\$13,491.86
Expense over \$2,500 -\$65,333.77
(Ace in the Hole \$5,451, AKW Excavating \$7,435.03, Crimson Farms \$3,014.39, Hoerr Blacktop \$36,671, J&L Dock \$5,311.29, Metal Culverts \$7,451.06, RiverBottom Tree \$4,500.)
Balance as of 3/31/2025 \$36,231.05

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

Balance as of 4/1/2024 \$2,102.39
Income \$16,639.98
Other Expenses \$0
Expense over \$2,500 -\$12,599.43
(Caterpillar Financial \$12,599.43.)
Balance as of 3/31/2025 \$6,142.94

JOINT COUNTY BRIDGE FUND

Balance as of 4/1/2024 \$17,345.46
Income \$23,982.77
Other Expenses \$0
Expense over \$2,500 -\$8,000.00
(Hoerr Blacktop \$8,000.)
Balance as of 3/31/2025 \$33,328.23

Published 8/7/25

ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-25-02173 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025-FC-0000058 TJSC#: 45-1961
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2025-FC-0000058 I3270959
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

Super Crossword

COMMON FEATURES

ACROSS

1 Devices for basement water removal

10 Moves joltingly up and down

17 Possesses

20 Repetition of a process

21 Faze

22 #1 hit for the Jackson 5

23 Clickers for couch potatoes

25 Letter before omega

26 Bygone Brit

27 Bklyn., e.g.

28 Neck backs

30 Fire remains

33 Food zappers

38 Luge, for one

39 "— your best behavior"

41 Starving

42 Really liking

43 Tops worn at proms

47 Rudolph, e.g.

49 "— changed man!"

50 Headlining hip-hopper

51 Lilylike garden staple

52 — Moines, Iowa

53 De Mille of dance

55 Irene of "Fame"

57 Figure skater

59 Pointing symbol

60 Xbox or Switch accessory

68 Spiteful

69 Freak out

70 Italian actress

71 Piece for two

72 Events to rouse

75 Start a volley

76 Op. — (kin of "bid.")

77 Dwarf planet beyond Pluto

78 — cavate (big blood vessels)

79 City of the White Sox, for short

82 Turnpike exit structures

85 More savage

89 Bro's sib

91 Sweetums

93 Some dueling swords

95 Kett of the comics

96 "Am not!" rejoinder

98 Actress

99 Beer grain

100 Floor numbers appear on them

104 Monetary penalties

105 "R.U.R." playwright

106 Like a res. of the U.S.

107 On the job

109 Every once — while

110 Theme of this puzzle

119 And more, in brief

120 Small hardware item split lengthwise

121 Drink with tapioca pearls

122 Squealer

123 Toppers for certain auto engine parts

124 Wandering pooches

8 Luau chow

9 Lead-in to cone

10 Court case hearer

11 Very taxing

12 Like lawns needing to be cut

13 Lead-in to con

14 Passé PC screen type

15 Lead-in night

16 Emmy-winning journalist

17 Occurred

18 No-show

19 Barber's tool

24 Seth Meyers' network

29 Very eager

30 — Spumante

31 Potential target of urban renewal

32 Certain six-pointed polygon

33 — scale of hardness

34 Still having a shot to win

35 Hendrix hairdo

36 Victory signs

37 Book version

39 Big snakes

40 Psychic "gift"

44 Sketched

45 Indy vehicle

46 — II (Gillette razor brand)

48 Pl. of NBA or NCAA

51 Vietnamese capital

54 Like sexist jokes

56 Arrives like fog or the tide

58 Of time past

59 "Better Call Sau!" channel

60 Practical joke

61 "Raggedy" doll

62 Sticks in the mud

63 Lug's three

64 Notes after dos

65 Like Russia, continent-wise

66 Morning bugle call

67 Enhaloed Fr. woman

69 Sound of falling rain

73 Ethereal

74 Animation peasant

75 Feudal

78 "Luka" singer

79 More impudent

80 Nickname for Georgia's capital

81 Affect one another

83 Musliet Joan

84 Look intently

86 "Green" sci.

87 Jamaica's Ocho

88 Anderson Cooper's network

90 Retired JFK jets

92 Roof edge

93 Gets latherly

94 Left out

97 Madrid's land, in Italian

101 In spite of the fact that, for short

102 Colorful salamanders

103 "— tu" (Verdi aria)

104 In a suitable manner

107 Truncated form of a wd.

108 Huge horn

111 "Ball —"

112 Unwell

113 Org. for the Eagles, but not the Ravens

114 0.5 fl. oz.

115 Crude house

116 Plains tribe

117 Like nos. below zero

118 Carrier to Stockholm

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Fri., Aug. 15 & Sat., Aug. 16 8 am to 6 pm

Sun., Aug. 17 – 8 am to 4 pm

Lots of clothing all sizes: Girls, Boys, Jr's, Misses, & Mens (all kinds of name brands), shoes, authentic purses: Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, etc., Pink I-otions, Bath & Body soaps, Barbies, Disney, Rainbow High, Nickelodeon, etc., DVD's, Thirty-One, lots of Pioneer Woman, home décor, Hearth & Hand, Beautiful items, Longaberger, Tupperware, and much more, way too much to mention!

Come check us out! Well worth the drive, lots of new & used items. Come do some early Christmas and school shopping! Not responsible for accidents!

Huge Multi-Family Sale

Farm Bureau Park

6825 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. Thurs., Aug. 7 - 4 to 7pm

Fri., Aug. 8 – 8am to 4pm

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Rain or Shine

Hunting & fishing, clothing & jewelry, Dyson vacuum, kid's stuff, old irons, Norwex, tools, dog crate, .22 bullet catcher, treasures of all kinds priced to move. Raising money to help families in need. See you soon!

Amber Waves

OOH, HERE COMES A BIG ONE! GO ON, FISHY FISHY, TAKE A BITE OF THAT YUMMY LURE.

OK, LET'S SEE JUST WHAT THE FARMER IS TRYING TO FOOL ME WITH TODAY.

HMMM, OH, COME ON. THIS ONE IS SO FAKEY. IT ACTUALLY SAYS "MADE IN CHINA" ON IT.

HOLY SMOKE... I SWEAR THAT FISH JUST LAUGHED AT ME.

by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats

WHICH CAME FIRST... THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

ARE WE TALKING ABOUT PHILOSOPHY OR SALADS?

by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs

NOW THIS IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. ONLY QUALITY RESTAURANTS HAVE PICTURES OF THE PLATTERS ON THE STAINGUARD MENUS!

GRIN & BEAR IT

by Dave T. Phipps

Weekly SUDOKU

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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 10

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.

Q GDWDKHRZD NVP RU NVP

HDADAKDH ZSD FVCDH VE

THRGD RIJ FHQJD, RIJ Q

GSRWWDITD NVP ZV GSVVUD

EHDDJVA VBDH EDRH.

— MRIDWWD AVIRD

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State Fair emphasizing affordability

By CATRINA BARKER

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Fair opens today, Aug. 7, promising 11 days of concerts, live-stock showcases, carnival rides and family-friendly fun, with organizers putting extra emphasis this year on affordability.

Rebecca Clark, manager of the state fair, has announced a variety of special promotions.

Children 12 and under get in free daily, and adult admission is \$5 most days, with a \$2 admission day on Aug. 12. Ride discounts include \$2 and \$3 days, \$3 food deals are offered in the Village of Cultures and parking is \$5.

Opening-day parking passes can be redeemed for free parking later in the week.

Grand Central Stage features free concerts every night at 7:30 p.m. The grandstand lineup features Jake Owen, The Black Crowes, Sheryl Crow, Snoop Dogg, Brad Paisley, The Chainsmokers, Def Leppard and Turnpike Troubadours.

Fairgoers can expect tighter security, including walk-through metal detectors at the grandstand.

Trivia test by Pili Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which is the only state named after a president?

2. MYTHOLOGY: Which goddess is queen of the Roman gods?

3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "Paradise Lost"?

4. HISTORY: Which monarch was known as the Sun King?

5. MOVIES: How many movies did Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers make together?

6. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Malta is on which continent?

7. CHEMISTRY: What is a substance that speeds up a chemical reaction?

8. FOOD & DRINK: What is tzatziki?

9. TELEVISION: What is the name of the family in the sitcom "Arrested Development"?

10. ANATOMY: What part of the brain converts short-term memory into long-term memory?

ANSWERS

1. Washington.

2. Juno.

3. John Milton.

4. Louis XIV of France.

5. 10.

6. Europe.

7. Catalyst.

8. A cold condiment of yogurt, cucumbers, garlic and seasonings.

9. The Bluths.

10. The hippocampus.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. The Fantastic Four: First Steps (PG-13)

2. Superman (PG-13)

3. Jurassic World: Rebirth (PG-13)

4. F1: The Movie (PG-13)

5. Smurfs (PG)

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

7. How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

8. Eddington (R)

9. Oh, Hi! (R)

10. The Home (R)

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We Cover The News of West-Central Illinois With A Passion

Aquifer protection among new state laws

From Capitol News Illinois
Gov. JB Pritzker on Friday signed into law 124 of 436 bills sent to him by lawmakers in the spring legislative session. Measures signed last week expand what must be covered by state-regulated insurance plans, require libraries to stock opioid antagonists and add new training requirements for various workers.

Two of the most closely followed measures aim to protect the drinking water of a wide swath of central Illinois and boost the pension benefits for first responders in Chicago.

After the state moved to regulate carbon sequestration last year, advocates called on lawmakers to codify protections for the Mahomet Aquifer – a measure Pritzker signed last week.

The aquifer is the sole source of drinking water for more than a dozen counties in central Illinois, including communities in and around Peoria and Champaign.

Supporters of carbon-sequestration technology, which sees carbon dioxide pollution buried deep underground, say the process wouldn't affect drinking water because the carbon

dioxide is hundreds or thousands of feet below where water sits.

But environmental advocates pointed to leaks last year at ADM, a major agriculture business that operates one of the few active carbon-sequestration wells in the country in Decatur.

The bill passed unanimously in the Senate and with bipartisan support in the House.

Other bills

• **AI use in therapy:** House Bill 1806 regulates the use of artificial intelligence in mental-health therapy sessions. It specifically prohibits therapists from using AI to make independent therapeutic decisions, directly interact with patients or detect emotions or mental states. AI use would be allowed for other specified support services. The law took effect upon the governor's signature.

• **Paid time for nursing mothers:** Senate Bill 212 requires employers to compensate mothers who take breaks at work to pump breast milk for up to a year after their child is born. The bill prohibits employers from requiring employees to use paid leave time for pumping. It takes effect in January.

• **Naloxone in libraries:** HB 1910 requires that libraries maintain a supply of opioid overdose medication, like naloxone. This drug is often administered through a nasal spray like Narcan. The law also requires that at least one staff member be trained to identify overdoses and administer the drug.

• **Police training on sexual assault:** SB 1195, also known as Anna's Law, requires police officers in training to participate in tprograms, procedures and practices designed to reduce trauma for victims. The bill takes effect in January.

• **Implicit-bias training:** HB 2517 requires health-care providers to receive one hour of training on historic racial discrepancies in maternal care prior to renewing a state license, starting in July 2026.

• **Underground Railroad commission:** SB 1607 establishes a Freedom Trails Commission to identify, preserve and promote historic sites in Illinois linked to the Underground Railroad.

• **Predatory towing:** Senate Bill 2040 gives the Illinois Commerce Commission new powers to punish predatory towing

companies, which sometimes tow cars under false pretenses only to charge drivers afterwards.

• **Lift-assist fees:** HB 2336 allows municipalities or fire districts to charge assisted-living facilities or nursing homes for calls requesting help lifting a resident when it is not an emergency. Fees start being implemented in January.

• **Anesthesia coverage:** HB 1141 requires insurance companies to cover the cost of anesthesia for the entirety of a procedure, rather than limiting coverage to a certain period of time.

• **Therapeutic horse riding:** Beginning in January, state-regulated insurance plans will be required to cover therapeutic horseback riding.

• **School-bus seat belts:** Beginning in July 2031, any newly purchased school bus in Illinois will be required to be equipped with seat belts that go over the lap and shoulders of all passengers. It does not mandate schools or bus drivers to ensure seat belts are properly fastened.

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118TH MAQUON HOMECOMING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH



10:00am "FOREVER FAITH"
3rd Annual Memorial Walk
Parade - 2pm CANDY LAND
3-8pm - Small Carnival From Boden's
Free to All! Thanks to our sponsors & The Maquon Homecoming





3 - 4pm - Drop Off Your Baking Contest Entries
3:00 - Bingo (Maquon Historical Assoc.)
4:30pm -? - Bar-B-Q Pork Dinner
6pm - Baking Contest Auction
(After the winners are announced)
7pm - The Night Life Band



FOOD STAND



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH
11am - Worship in the Park
Noon - Homemade Chicken & Noodles
1pm - Pedal Tractor Pull
2-7pm Small Carnival from Boden's
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4pm - Ice Cream Social
5pm - Talent Show
6pm - CB Radio Acoustic

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With Your Gift or Pledge!



Thank you to Farnsworth Group for generously providing our new schematic drawing of the new Community Wellness Center & YMCA!

We are 70% of the way to our goal and we need YOUR help to bring it across the finish line.

NOW IS THE TIME!

Construction cannot begin until we have the full \$12.4 million documented in gifts and/or pledges. Your first pledge payment is not due until construction begins!

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- Industrial-scale wind turbines can cause significant harm to the environment, wildlife, and people.
- The wind's low power density means massive materials and land/sea area requirements, along with heavy-duty access roads, powerlines, and other infrastructure.
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AUGUST 9TH

12:30pm - Hillbilly Bar Crawl • \$25 Entry
5pm - Food & Drinks • Raffles
50/50 • Bags
6:30 pm - Entertainment with Johnny Quest • Free

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