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Caldwell, Bottrell thrive on ‘Coffee on the Couch’

By MOLLY RICHESON
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Every weekday morning, women from across the country log into Facebook to spend an hour for “Coffee on the Couch” with their favorite LuLaRoe consultant, Kim Caldwell, and her friend and colleague Carrie Bottrell.

Caldwell and Bottrell call themselves “The Barn Babes,” and they are here for more than just leggings. What started as a basic LuLaRoe franchise has evolved into a nationwide community and a business that has expanded beyond the clothing brand.

LuLaBarn, just outside of Elmwood, not only supports itself but also has the capability of supporting other small businesses.

Caldwell is an Elmwood native descending from generations of farmers who grew up on a farm showing Angus cattle. She attended Northern Illinois University for nursing where she met her husband, Todd, an Indiana native who also grew up showing livestock.

He founded and still runs Caldwell Show Cattle, where many FFA and 4-H members purchase cattle for livestock projects for competition and where students from Black Hawk College spend time learning the ropes.



Kim Caldwell, left, and Carrie Bottrell have built a nationwide family of listeners to their “Coffee on the Couch” program streamed from Caldwell’s LuLaBarn shop. Photo by Molly Richeson.

Together, the Caldwells have three children – Maddison, Olivia and Cole – and two successful businesses.

While Todd Caldwell managed the farm, his wife spent 22 years as a nurse caring for premature babies at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. Around the 20-year mark, Kim Caldwell noticed a change in her profes-

sion she didn’t like. The part of her job that dealt with personal connection was fading fast.

“Health care was changing and becoming less bedside,” she said.

“There was a lot more charting and a lot less personal interaction.”

Bottrell noticed Caldwell’s discon-

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Graduating to promotion night

Brimfield alters ceremony for 8th graders advancing to 9th

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The 2026 Brimfield Grade School 8th-grade promotion ceremony probably will look a lot like the 2025 8th-grade graduation ceremony.

The only major obvious difference might be the absence of graduation gowns.

Eighth-grade promotion night, scheduled for 7 p.m. May 14 at the high school gymnasium, sprang from a school district survey conducted after Superintendent Chad Jones questioned whether to continue the traditional Brimfield evening graduation ceremony.

Jones advocated for a promotion event to be held during the school day, so other students and staff could join parents in attendance. He sug-

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Pulling the plug on electric buses?

Billtown’s fleet to be inspected

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – The Williamsfield School District electric-bus experiment continues to have problems, as local officials see it.

The district’s fleet of seven, manufactured by Canadian-based Lion Electric Co., was to undergo a state-suggested inspection after a Lion school bus caught fire earlier this month in Montreal.

A driver and six children were inside the bus, but nobody was injured, according to The Globe and Mail of Toronto. The cause wasn’t known immediately. The fire prompted the Quebec gov-

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BRIMFIELD: Budget projects operating deficit

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gested the pomp and circumstance of an evening graduation ceremony might be misplaced at the 8th-grade level.

“To me, 8th-grade graduation is a low expectation of our students in 2025,” Jones said following the Brimfield School Board meeting Sept. 17. “But we don’t want to take away opportunities to honor our kids. I think this is a good happy medium.”

The survey asked respondents whether they preferred evening graduation or daytime promotion, which would include more awards and recognitions. Of 169 responses Grade School Principal Julie Albritton reported, 87 favored promotion and 82 favored graduation.

But among parents and guardians who responded, evening graduation was the clear favorite. Of 70 such respondents, 48 chose that option. Most students (34 of 64 respondents) and staff (31 of 35) preferred daytime promotion.

“It’s more convenient for staff to have it during the day and for students,” Albritton said. “But for parents and families, they would have to

take off work. It disrupts the day-time.”

A promotion-event dress code for 8th graders is to be proposed instead of gowns, which cost \$22 each, although the school has extras, according to Albritton. She and Jones appeared satisfied with the new, hybrid ceremony.

“We want to give our parents and our community an opportunity to voice their opinion. That’s important to us,” Jones said. “We feel like we got a lot of feedback. I feel like we made the right decision.”

Earlier, board members decided to authorize the district budget for the 2026 fiscal year. The budget projects an operating-fund deficit of \$1,255,018. That leaves an estimated fund balance of \$3,968,317.

The situation is far from ideal, according to Jones. He cited rising teacher salaries and health-insurance costs, general inflation and a decrease in revenues from state sources. Monitoring the budget is to be a district focus.

“You can’t continue to deficit spend a million dollars or more on your education fund every year,” Jones said.

The board also approved a \$2 million debt-certificate issue to finance construction of a bus barn, which is to be completed by next August. Bernardi Securities, Inc., of Peru is to facilitate the financing.

Money the district receives from the Peoria County Facility Sales Tax is to pay off the certificates by 2037. According to Jones, the district’s share of that tax is more than \$200,000 annually.

Among other items, the board:

- OK’d a \$16,400 deal with B&H Blacktopping Inc. of Edwards to pave a grade-school driveway that accesses a maintenance garage and new modular preschool classrooms.
- Authorized an eight-student, two-chaperone trip to the FFA national convention Oct. 29-31 in Indianapolis.
- Approved hiring Jacob Allen and Nick Unes as grade-school baseball volunteer coaches, Griffith Inskeep as a grade-school cross country assistant coach, Ella Johnson as a grade-school volunteer cheer coach, Rich Monk as a grade-school softball assistant coach and Charles Sams as a high school boys basketball assistant coach.

Illinois to issue own vaccine guidelines

By **PETER HANCOCK**
For The Weekly Post

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois is among a growing list of states that are issuing their own vaccine guidelines that could supersede those of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Pre-

vention.

Gov. JB Pritzker issued an executive order this month directing the Illinois Department of Public Health to work with other state agencies to develop vaccine guidelines.

Specifically, Pritzker’s directive calls on IDPH Director Sameer Vohra, in consultation with the Illinois Immunization Advisory Council, to issue “standing orders” that authorize eligible health-care providers, including pharmacists, to administer vaccines that IDPH deems appropriate.

Those will include vaccines for seasonal respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19, flu and RSV. They will also include routine child and adult vaccines such as the MMR vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella, and Hepatitis B.

The standing orders will also spell out the authority

providers have to administer vaccines across various age groups, based on IDPH recommendations.

In a statement, Pritzker said he was responding to several recent federal actions initiated by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Among those were the Food and Drug Administration’s decision in August to rescind emergency-use authorizations for COVID-19 vaccines. That meant removing approval of the vaccine for children and adults ages 6 months to 64 years who have no underlying risk conditions. The latest guidelines also removed a recommendation for vaccination for pregnant patients.

Pritzker also noted Kennedy’s recent firing of top CDC administrators, including the agency’s director, Susan Monarez, as well as the abrupt dismissal of

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This Week’s Hot Picks

- **Dahinda Days** – Native American gathering at Da-hinda General Store will be Saturday, Sept. 27. Local vendors and Native American crafts and food. Authentic dancing, drums display starts after lunch into the evening.
- **Free Concert** – Ernie Couch and Revival offer a free-will-offering concert featuring a blend of traditional, country and contemporary gospel music on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. at Elmwood United Methodist Church, 821 W. Main St. Light refreshments served at 6 p.m.

This Week’s Events

- **Trap Shoot** – The Jarred Kosowski Memorial Trap Shoot will be Saturday, Sept. 27, at Elmwood Trap Club. \$40 entry fee for 50-bird shoot from 16 yards. Register at 9 a.m., shoot at 10.
- **Clean-up Day** – The Village of Princeville community curbside clean-up day is Saturday, Sept. 27. Material limited to 5 cubic yards per household. Paint and hazardous waste not accepted. Call (309) 385-4765.
- **History Meeting** – Steve Conklin will discuss the history of Maple Lane Country Club on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. at an Elmwood Historical Society meeting at 102 E. Main St. Free and open to the public.
- **Hershey History** – Laura Keyes gives an illustrated lecture on the history of the Hershey Chocolate Co. on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library. Best for ages 16 and over.

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Future Events

- **Spoon River Drive** – Annual Spoon River Drive through Fulton County will be Oct. 5-6 and Oct. 12-13. Stops include Farmington. Food, vendors and scenic sites along the way.
- **Music Festival** – LaFayette Railroad Music Festival is Oct. 4, 2-5 p.m. outside the Depot Building in LaFayette. Perform open-mic style or in a group singing songs that mention trains, the railroad, hobos or other tunes. No alcohol allowed.
- **Sausage Dinner** – St. Mary’s of Kickapoo has its annual sausage dinner Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school gymnasium. Cost \$20 adults, \$10 children 5-12, free ages 4 and under.
- **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.

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Of magical trees, a bumper crop & tree rats

The brain is a scary place. At least mine is. In 58 years I have lost sleep over so many stupid things it is staggering. The latest source of 3:45 a.m. alertness fits perfectly on that silly list.

Acorns.

Earlier this year, I was preparing to write that my feud with neighborhood squirrels was over. Evidently this is not a new topic, since a reader was kind enough to provide the cartoon at right (and yes, I forgot who submitted this, so please give me a call and we will credit you next week).

While squirrels removed every acorn from my large swamp white oak last year, I ended up transplanting about 20 young oak trees that those absent-minded tree rats planted and forgot about.

That seemed like a good deal to gain sapling trees without all the usual work of germinating seeds, planting in pots, watering and tending.

And each year, the squirrels kindly leave handfuls of acorns from our pin oak on the ground for me to pick up. They also plant plenty of pin oaks that I have transplanted over the years.

What stopped me from allowing the squirrels free rein was the won-



derful swamp-bur oak in our backyard. The swamp-bur is a naturally occurring hybrid that has almost magical qualities. Since discovering them at Kelly Tree Farm near Mechanicsville, Iowa, I’ve planted hundreds along French Creek with impressive results.

Like many hybrids, the swamp-bur seems better than either of its parent trees. It can handle floods or droughts. It grows 3-4 feet per year yet does not damage easily in storms. Nut production comes fairly quickly, in four to five years. And evidently, swamp-bur nuts must taste delicious, because last year the squirrels ate every acorn on the tree before any fell to the ground.

With trees of my own now producing nuts, my plan has been to grow swamp-burs of my own instead of paying for them.

This summer, my 5-year-old yard tree produced a real bumper crop of nuts ... hence my lost sleep and my eagle-eye attention to acorn development. As a precaution, I even picked some acorns while they were still green. All along, my plan was to wait until the first squirrel ate a nut and then swoop out and pick them all.

Naturally, the nuts ripened last week while I was in Buffalo. Upon my return Sunday afternoon, the ground was littered with caps, leaves and half-eaten acorns. After unpacking, I started picking, but was chased off by biting bugs, who are evidently friends of the squirrels.

After a night of tossing and turning, Monday dawned with too many tasks to pick acorns. By lunch, work had me so distracted that I nearly forgot the crisis at hand. Then I saw two black squirrels in the back yard and it was game on. After encouraging the squirrels to leave the yard, it was up a ladder and into picking mode.

Now, with several sacks of acorns cooling in the refrigerator, my first home-grown generation of swamp-burs looks secure. Eventually our swamp-burs will grow big enough that such worries will be unneeded. At that point, the squirrels can share the bounty.

Until then, it will sure be nice to sleep without tree rats invading my dreams.

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Quintessential attack on open debate

This past week should have brought a profound sadness on all freedom-loving Americans who cherish the concept of open and free debates in our grand experiment of representative democracy.

Charlie Kirk was on a college campus in Utah for a debate with students, which was a very normal activity for him. This time, however, an individual who disagreed with Kirk’s message chose not to debate him and instead elected to kill him with an assassin’s bullet. That act was the quintessential attack on free speech and open debate.

I concede I was not one who kept up on Charlie Kirk’s activities and events. Kirk appealed to young people in our society, especially those in college. My days in college have long passed. I should have been paying more attention to his events.

Charlie Kirk was 31 when he died. He was a husband and the father of two small children at his passing. He grew up in the Chicago suburbs and had a passion for politics and faith-related discussions. His parents supported his efforts.

Charlie Kirk was a very smart student but declined to attend college, as he viewed it as a waste of his time. Kirk was a self-educated man. Stop for a moment and consider another self-educated Illinois man, Abraham Lincoln.

Like Lincoln, Kirk read incessantly and was willing to debate anyone regarding his belief system, be that political or theological. This non-college kid debated the best throughout the world. College campuses worldwide welcomed Kirk to to debate current events and philosophy. Kirk even debated at Oxford in England, which is no small achievement.

The amazing thing about Kirk was that he was always polite and respectful of those who had opposing views. Kirk was extremely persuasive in his debate skills and those students who truly wanted to learn attended his debates. The adage is so true that we learn more from those who we differ with than those of like mind.

The problem in the United States is that we have overly politicized differences of opinion. Those individuals who attempted to assassinate Trump, shot Scalise and bludgeoned Paul Pelosi all disagreed with them or their spouses’ political positions. They have been indoctrinated with the belief system that their worldview is that of ultimate virtue and those who oppose them must be eliminated.

That belief system justifies murder as being for the greater good of mankind. That is the type of indoctrination we have seen in North Korea, Stalin’s Russia, Nazi Germany and to a large extent China today. Kirk wanted the debate and he knew that there were personal risks involved. He debated anyway.

Truth will always win if given a free and open debate. America is at a turning point, we can open up the nation to honest and open debate or we can curtail it and allow violence to determine the winner. I believe the nation wants that open debate and not the dogma that many are spouting.

• **Football at the U of I** – I am fortunate to have seats at Memorial Stadium that have no one in front of us. Recently we took our 18-month-old great-granddaughter to her first college game. She wasn’t real excited, that is until halftime. The bands came out. They were loud and they were moving with flags and drum

majors. Ellie then stood on Grandma’s lap and enthusiastically directed the band and everything else on the field. I paid to watch a football game, but I would have paid double again to simply see that little girl have a fun time. Enjoy your children and grandchildren. They are what keep us going.

• **Solar panels/wind turbines** – Solar and wind can certainly be a part of our national energy package. Both produce electricity that can be placed on the nation’s power grid.

That being said, I admit to some reservations about each. Coal, natural gas and nuclear do not rely on the sun or the wind to produce power. These production units are stable and easy to control by their respective operators. You cannot ramp up a turbine or a panel. It simply produces what Mother Nature provides.

Add to this concerns over how much the government subsidizes the wind and solar units and one must question what the true costs of the electricity produced are. The same question can be asked of the costs of electric cars with the government subsidies. Add the concern of taking valuable farmland out of production and we have more questions.

Both Lincoln and Maroa have recently had solar farms erected within their corporate limits or abutting them. What does that placement do to home values in those communities? Maroa’s solar farm received serious storm damage in the past month. What are the zoning specifications for wind resistance, if any? These technologies, which may be the future of energy, seem to be promoted by legislation rather than the marketplace. That promotion is my concern.

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

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Duty calls already for sheriff’s deputy

Jon Greer will patrol Princeville full time for Peoria County Sheriff’s Office

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville Village Board was ready to welcome Jon Greer as the community’s new Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputy. But duty called.

A local mother was having trouble with her son, so Greer spent part of his second day on the job in Princeville talking with him and suggesting potentially helpful resources for her. That caused Greer to miss the Village Board meeting Sept. 16.



Peoria County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Jon Greer.

Greer doesn’t intend to miss much else as he patrols Princeville full time for the sheriff’s office, per a contract it has with the village. He also doesn’t want people in town to miss him.

“I think having a dedicated officer in a community, for them to be able to see the same individual on a daily basis so they know who they can count on ... it’s not just going to be, ‘Now it’s this deputy, now it’s that deputy,’” Greer said Sept. 17. “It’s going to be the same person that they can rely on.”

A Peoria Heights native, Greer was sworn in as a deputy last December, although he had worked in the Peoria County Jail for years. The 42-year-old also worked in corrections for the Marshall County Sheriff’s Office.

Before all that, Greer spent more than eight years in the U.S. Army. He did tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. After his dis-

charge, Greer earned criminal-justice degrees from Illinois Central College and Illinois State.

“This is what I wanted to do, to be a deputy and be on this side of law enforcement,” Greer said. “I want to be able to help people, and sometimes on people’s worst days, if I can help someone, that’s kind of what I believe in and what I want to do.”

Greer replaced Shawn Yarger, who became the dedicated Princeville deputy in April 2024. He is remaining with the sheriff’s office but plans to open an eponymous pizza restaurant next month in Lacon. Greer said Yarger briefed him about the assignment.

“I don’t really expect anything – just to be able to work hand-in-hand with the community,” Greer said.

““Hey, what do you guys need from me, and here’s what I need from you. Let’s all just kind of get along and not break the law.””

During the meeting, trustees approved a \$1,250 donation to the Princeville Parent Teacher Organization and a \$50-per-tree fee to participate in the annual Stevens Square Christmas Tree Display.

The board voted to rescind a \$1,400 reimbursement it granted German-Bliss Equipment

Inc. earlier this month for costs associated with repainting a shed on its property. The original reimbursement request did not meet TIF commercial-exterior program guidelines, according to village officials.

German-Bliss is expected to submit a conforming request.

Trustees gave preliminary approval for a \$10,000 tax-increment-financing grant to Kathy Messersmith to help pay for a new roof on the building she owns at 133 E. Evans St. The U.S. Postal Service operates a post office there.

Also receiving preliminary OK was 2026 renewal of a deal with The Wyman Group of Peoria regarding health insurance for village employees. Rates are expected to rise 11.6%. Trustees appeared to be expecting a more-substantial increase.

“I don’t think we’re going to get anything better than this. This is really decent,” Trustee Spencer Wilson said.

Final approval is expected in October for the insurance renewal and the roof grant.

A building permit was issued for a 24-by-24-foot detached garage at 632 W. Main St.

AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff
vs.
THOMAS P. DOERING SR; DARLA G. DOERING; THOMAS P. DOERING, JR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
23 FC 173
CALENDAR

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff
vs.
ZACHARY JOHNSTON; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
24 FC 190
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,
-v-
CARNELL J. THOMAS JR et al
Defendant
2025 FC 0000037

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 14, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 14, 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:
Commonly known as 7028 N UPPER SKYLINE DR, PEORIA, IL 61614
Property Index No. 14-10-301-005
The real estate is improved with a residence.
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TJSC#: 45-1297
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Elmwood board receives honor

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board is one of 42 in Illinois to be honored for exceptional governance practices by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

“This board has shown its commitment to the district, and ultimately the students, by continually improving its leadership skills and knowledge,” Board President Jessica Reyling said.

At Monday’s monthly meeting, Superintendent Joel Schmieg praised the board for its professional development, committee work and efforts to create a new strategic plan.

After a public hearing that elicited no comments, the board also unanimously approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2026 that shows an estimated deficit of \$399,589. Superintendent Joel Schmieg said the district is using \$300,000 from state education funding money to help keep the operations and maintenance fund in the black and transferring \$350,000 from working cash to the transportation fund.

Prior to the regular meeting on Monday, the board had a closed special session to discuss student discipline. At the start of the regular meeting, the board voted to uphold the suspension of two unnamed students.

The board also approved several hirings for the 2025-26 school year: Josiah Fleming as a part-time elementary aide, Zach Bemhold and Richard Harms as full-time bus driver/custodians, Kimberly Lawrence as a full-time bus driver/cafeteria aide/custodian, Kyle Anderson as high school boys assistant track coach,

Brett Powers as junior-high boys basketball head coach, Gavin Updyke as JH boys assistant basketball coach, Alex Coulter as 6th-grade boys basketball coach, Ryan Fogerty as 5th-grade boys basketball coach and Sheri Hall and Anna Haga as part-time cafeteria aides. And the board acknowledged the resignation of America Harmon as high school girls assistant track coach.

In other business, the board approved a school-wide waiver for Title 1 grants, a listing of 2025 teacher and administrator

salaries and benefits to be posted online and transportation services for three families based on a Serious Safety Hazards Findings report first reviewed by the Illinois Department of Transportation in 2024.

Schmieg also noted the school is preparing for a mass evacuation drill to take place Oct. 22 at 8:30 a.m. And he said the 2025 district audit could extend into December.

Elementary School Principal Marcy Brugger said parent-teacher conferences will be held Oct. 22-23.

Thank You

The family of Keith LaFollett would like to thank everyone who came to the KCCA fish fry and participated in the door prizes, raffles, and auctions. The proceeds from this event go toward the Keith LaFollett Memorial Scholarship, awarded yearly to an Elmwood senior scholar-athlete. We owe a huge thank you to the KCCA for sponsoring this event and catching & cooking the fish. Another huge thank you to the Farmington Sportsman Club for providing the venue. Appreciation is given to Five Star Water, Edwards Tap, The Corner Inn, and The Middle Tap for donating the beverages.

We'd like to thank the following for donating door prizes, raffle, and auction items: Ron LaFollett, Shawn Stage and Montefusco HVAC, Ronald & Becky Largent, Rachel Landau @ Seventeen Taxidermy, Wade LaFollett @ West Central FS Inc., Ben Howard @ Central Illinois Trailer Rental, LLC, Mike & Ann French, Mike & Shelly Largent, Bob & Teresa Court-right, Christine LaFollett, Corey LaFollett @ Lockwood Excavating and Construction, Colton Stage, Tim Stage @ Weilands Lawnmower Hospital, Chris Milliman, Frankie Stettler, Dave Howard, Marilee & Larry Laskey, Kelly Andrews @ Hue Salon, Danielle Hammond @ Waypoint Wonder, Hanna City Sportsman Club, Dewey Deweese, Warren French, Farmington Sportsman Club, Tony McIntyre, Troy Forney, Russ & Janice Nash @ One More at Oak Hill, Doug & Chris Fairbanks, Bremer Jewelry, Shannon Smith @ Shannon's Repair Service, LLC, LeAnne Largent @ Accel Entertainment. Finally, we'd like to thank everyone who attended, purchased tickets, and donated money. There is no doubt we missed someone and we apologize for the omission. Without everyone's support, this event would not be as successful as it is. Until next year!

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DROP OUT

ACROSS
1 Dish list
5 Attorney —
10 Ties up with a broom
16 Even score
19 Salt Lake City team
20 Stock market disaster
21 Audrey of "Amélie"
22 Hostelry
23 Arrive like rain
25 Goof-ups
26 Marry a pro bono TV ad
27 Enclose, as a yard
28 Fail to complete a task
31 Brand of candy wafers
34 Lose power
35 Considering everything
36 Become a responsibility for
44 Grove growth
45 1965-69 veep Humphrey
46 Simile center
47 "Veri," in English
49 Home of the Dolphins

DOWN
50 Blow it when success is very close
57 Bitter conflicts
59 Totally wreck
60 Navy leader
61 "Anarai" actor Koteas
64 Indian queen
66 Escargot
67 Poking tools
71 Stop being noticed
75 Spyro — (jazz group)
76 Pipeline problems
78 Boat deck wood
79 Suddenly bright stars
81 Stray
84 Say a Hail Mary, say maker
86 Considered comparable
91 Collapse
95 Fierce look
96 Holy city of Islam
97 — Z (totally)
98 — Mae (loan offerer)
99 "Superfood" berry
102 Be overlooked
107 Flag sewer Ross

DOWN
109 La.-to-Mich. dir.
110 Seize forcibly
111 Fizzle out, as an endeavor
116 New word
121 Bullfight cry
122 View with astonishment
123 Autumn foliage ... or what happens at the starts of eight answers in this puzzle?
126 Set- — (sharp lights)
127 Car radiator protector
128 Baseball great Buck
129 Bubble maker
130 Rubble
131 Made tamperproof
132 Surprise attacks
133 Out of kilter

DOWN
6 With 32-Down, Dick Tracy's cover-up
7 — Vegas
8 Query
9 "— you do it?"
10 Baby on "Family Guy"
11 Time merged with it in 1990
12 Currency of Austria
13 Princely prep school
14 Left, at sea
15 Raw fish dish
16 Gratuity holder
17 Shoe part
18 Empower
24 Largest of the Canary Islands
29 Strange
30 Going into
32 See 6-Down
33 Kick out
36 Units of resistance
37 Opposite of day, in Dijon
38 Ski lift variety
39 Hot-rod engine
40 Oz ion portrayer Bert
41 Family gal
42 Bi- cubed

DOWN
43 1982-2005 Saudi king
48 "— the word"
50 "Likely story"
51 Cries of discovery
52 Perjurer, e.g.
53 Former U.N. head Kofi
54 Hauling cart on a farm
55 Jungle den
56 "— En- charned"
58 "Xanadu" band, in brief
62 Astern
63 Curry of the NBA
65 Oath reply
67 Alan who played Pierce
68 Have a bawl
69 Soft rock?
70 Minor battle
72 Long-eared hopper
73 Rd. crossers
74 "Chi- —" (2015 Spike Lee film)
77 Fill up fully
80 Sweetturns
82 Savoir faire
83 Engrave
85 "Awright!"
87 Penne — vodka
88 Bath powder

DOWN
89 Actor Estrada
90 Poor grades
92 Road goo
93 An Aleutian island
94 — scale (mineral hardness gauge)
98 Executes a "Page Up," e.g.
99 — and Costello
100 Sri Lanka, formerly
101 Certify (to)
103 Red-tagged
104 Part of USA
105 H.S. proficiency exam
106 "The Father of Geometry"
108 Safe robbers, in slang
112 Suffix with silver or table
113 Capital of Samoa
114 Give a whoop
115 Get an — effort
117 Apollo's org.
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124 Comedian Gasterayer
125 Luau handout

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Police reports

• **OAK RUN** – An 11-year-old girl was found driving a golf cart on Oak Run thoroughfares. She had a 3-year-old female passenger.

The incident was reported shortly after 6:45 p.m. Aug. 30, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report. A caller said a child was driving a golf cart recklessly.

A deputy located the cart turning from Lakeview Road South onto Oak Run Drive. The driver said she was returning from Oak Run General Store. The childrens’ parents were notified. The driver’s mother said she thought her daughter was driving the cart in the yard of their residence.

Later, the woman said she allows the child to drive on less-busy nearby streets. The deputy told the parents golf-cart drivers require a valid driver’s license. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was notified.

• **PEORIA** – An Edwards man had an opened bottle of alcohol in his vehicle when he was stopped for speeding in Peoria, authorities stated.

Cody R. Bishop, 34, was driving a northbound 2011 Ford Escape 68 mph in a 45-mph zone about 8:45 p.m. Sept. 1 in the 8700 block of N. Allen Rd., according to a Peoria police report. Officers found the more-than-half-empty 375-milliliter bottle of Jose Cuervo tequila on the passenger seat.

The vehicle’s front end was damaged extensively. Bishop also did not have insurance for the vehicle, which had an inoperable headlight and a defective windshield. In addition to speeding, Bishop was accused of driving on a revoked license and transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **DAHINDA** – A Williamsfield man drove 90 mph in a 55-mph zone southwest of Dahinda, according to authorities.

Urrell A.L. Johnson, 19, was behind the wheel of a 2012 sedan a Knox County Sheriff’s Office deputy stopped shortly before 4 p.m. Sept. 1 in the 1600 block of U.S. Route 150.

Johnson was cited for speeding 35 mph above the posted limit. He is to appear Oct. 6 in Knox County Circuit Court in Galesburg.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Hanna City-area man was accused of multiple traffic offenses in Farmington.

Shortly before 11:15 p.m. Aug. 31, Robert M. VanDyke, 22, was driving a westbound 1999 Chevrolet sport-utility vehicle on Fort Street that didn’t come to a complete stop before it turned right at Main Street, a Farmington police report stated.

After an officer pulled over the SUV, VanDyke was found to be driving on a suspended license. He was cited for that, as well as for disobeying a stop sign.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – No injuries were reported after a school bus struck a parked vehicle in Princeville.

David Murphy of Princeville was attempting to turn the 2025 IC Bus shortly after 12:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at Princeville Grade School, 602 N.

Town Ave., when it hit the driver’s side of a 2007 Ford truck that was parked in the bus lane, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

The truck driver was not in his vehicle at the time. Murphy said he was parked in the bus lane to pick up pre-kindergarten students. The bus sustained minor scrapes. The truck sustained a 5-foot dent across both driver’s-side doors.

• **KICKAPOO** – A Princeville man was found with illicit drugs after he was seen pounding on windows of vehicles parked at a Kickapoo-area restaurant.

Chase C. Hartley, 27, was arrested almost two hours after the incident was reported. That happened shortly before 11 a.m. Aug. 27 at Jubilee Café, 7203 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd., a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

Hartley was accused of possession of between 5 and 15 grams of methamphetamine and was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **LAURA** – Both drivers declined medical treatment following a two-vehicle crash north of Laura.

At 10 a.m. Aug. 26, Emma Jean Weistart of Chillicothe was driving a northbound 2021 Jeep Compass on Illinois Route 78 that was turning left at White Road when it collided with a southbound 2018 Ford Fiesta, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.

Michelle A. Turchi of Kewanee was the other driver. Weistart said she didn’t see Turchi’s vehicle. Akron-Princeville ambulance crews evaluated both drivers. Both vehicles sustained disabling front-end damage and were towed. Weistart was cited for making an improper turn.

• **KICKAPOO** – A two-vehicle crash west of Kickapoo resulted in six people receiving medical treatment at a Peoria hospital.

Marianna F. Roop of Elmwood was driving a westbound 2017 Ford Explorer shortly after 7:30 a.m. Aug. 26 on U.S. Route 150 when at Princeville-Jubilee Road it rear-ended a 2025 Subaru Forester driven by Karen E. Barrow of Edwards, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.

Barrow said she was stopped for a school bus. Roop said she wasn’t paying attention. Ambulances transported both drivers and four passengers in Roop’s vehicle – three males and a female – to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. All sustained various minor injuries, the report stated.

Roop was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Hanna City man was arrested recently regarding an apparent assault that took place this summer.

Peytyn R. Bartlett, 19, was accused of battery and taken into custody about 2 a.m. Aug. 26 in the 700 block of E. Division Ave. in Peoria Heights, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated. He was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

The alleged assault happened about 7:15 p.m. July 21 in the 500 block of N. Main St. in Hanna City,

according to another sheriff’s-office report, which was heavily redacted. The incident involved a victim and four males.

• **KICKAPOO** – A 911-call hang-up resulted in the arrest of a Canton woman at a Kickapoo-area business.

The incident happened shortly before 4:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Kickapoo Storage, 7405 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd., according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. Holli C. Callister, 31, was arrested and accused of domestic battery.

A 29-year-old Viola man was the victim, the report stated. A 28-year-old Elmwood woman was a witness. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was notified.

• **FARMINGTON** – A passenger in a vehicle a Farmington officer stopped for a traffic violation was wanted in Fulton County for vehicle-related offenses.

Jesse L. Shue, 23, of Canton was riding in a 2009 Chevrolet sedan whose driver, 21-year-old Ashley R. Shue of Peoria, disobeyed a stop sign shortly after 11:30 p.m. Aug. 24 on Main Street at Fort Street, a Farmington police report stated.

A check revealed the warrant regarding 2022 charges against Jesse Shue of operating an uninsured vehicle and operating one with canceled, revoked or suspended registration. He was transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown. Ashley Shue was cited for the stop-sign infraction.

• **PEKIN** – Jacob G. Stevenson of Edwards was taken into custody by the Fulton County Sheriff’s Office shortly before 12:15 a.m. Aug. 20 at the Tazewell County Jail regarding an outstanding warrant. The reason for the warrant was not stated in a sheriff’s-office report.

• **ELMWOOD** – Chief Aaron Bean reported the following Elmwood Police Department activity for August: one arrest, eight traffic stops, one citation, nine warnings, 26 reports, two notices to appear, one open door and two ordinance violations.

• **FARMINGTON** – Chief Chris Darsham reported the following Farmington Police Department activity for August: 402 business checks, 2,892 building checks, two crashes handled, five property crimes, 16 traffic tickets, 23 ordinance violations, three crimes against people, eight miscellaneous, 40 traffic stops, 11 total arrests, 16 total reports, 276 total calls and 25 calls to assist other police departments.

• **YATES CITY** – Chief Randy Benson reported the following Yates City Police Department activity for August: one arrest, 13 reports, seven traffic stops, four citations, seven warnings, and two open doors.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff’s Office responded between Aug. 31-Sept. 6: road hazard, Dahinda; missing adult, Dahinda; fraud, Dahinda; juvenile issue, Yates City; theft, Dahinda; alarm, Dahinda; disturbance, Dahinda; trespass, Yates City.

CALDWELL: Stream is for more than shopping

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tent at the hospital. “(Her) gift is connecting with people,” Bottrell said.

Caldwell attended a Lu-LaRoe party hosted by Bottrell, who moved to Elmwood in 2011, and that sparked their new venture.

Caldwell and Bottrell met through their daughters, who went to school together. Bottrell was from the Decatur area, graduating from Blue Mound High School with around 30 other people in her class. She attended Western Illinois, where she studied law enforcement and justice administration. She has spent most of her career working for the Peoria Park District.

Her husband, Andrew, works for the Illinois River Correctional Center, and she has four daughters: Hadley, Jillian, Ellory and Graycen.

About 10 years ago, Bottrell hosted a LuLaRoe party, and, after noticing Caldwell’s interest in the product, she introduced her to a sales consultant who later become Caldwell’s LuLaRoe sponsor.

When Caldwell decided to sell the product herself, Bottrell helped with her first Facebook Live because she was so nervous.

“I didn’t want to be the center of attention at all,” Caldwell said. “I came home and told my husband, ‘I can’t do this.’”

Caldwell was ready to call it quits until she received an encouraging message on Facebook the next morning.

“I saw the signs,” she said. “It has been a journey with God. I absolutely feel like it was a calling. I absolutely feel like it was a direction He wanted me to take, but, boy, was I nervous. My husband said, ‘Put your head down and work. Just be you.’”

“So I just poured my heart and soul into it. I jumped in with both feet.”

She started taking items to livestock events and to



Kim Caldwell stands next to Christmas tree at her LuLaBarn shop in Elmwood. Caldwell uses decorations sent in by listeners of her “Coffee on the Couch” livestream. Photo by Molly Richeson.

people’s homes. She presented all the items in person for the first four years of her new journey.

“At that point, it started to grow more,” Caldwell said. “It was just too much to pack it all up and leave.”

As people became more familiar with items she was showing, their interest online began grew.

“You didn’t have to sell people on it,” Bottrell said. “They were already sold.”

When COVID-19 hit, Caldwell pivoted to focus more on the online community, despite her initial hesitation with Facebook Live.

“I think at that point, I kind of came into myself and thought it was OK to put myself out there,” she said. “And it was OK to show things about my life.”

At that point, Bottrell also became a regular. And as they shared more about their lives, they connected with the people listening.

“I wanted to get to know them better. I wanted it to be more,” Caldwell said. “Yes, it’s a business, but the clothes are just what brought us together.”

And so, the Barn Babes were born – an online community of women that gather Monday through Friday.

“We sit at the little bistro table at 8:30 a.m., and we are live, and we talk about

everything, and we talk about nothing,” Caldwell said. “It’s Coffee on the Couch.”

Coffee on the Couch is not about clothing, though it is often discussed. It’s about body image. It’s about feeling seen. It’s about women supporting women and having a place to ask questions, or even to ask for prayer. It’s a place to talk about your day or your life and to have other people there who will listen and encourage.

And if you want Caldwell and Bottrell to put an item aside for you, they can do that, too.

“The clothes are not the goal in the end. It’s the mental health,” Caldwell said. “I nurse a different way now – people’s minds and hearts and creating a place where they know they can belong.”

Appreciation shown the Barn Babes has been overwhelming, Caldwell said. She has thank-you letters from all over the country, and her pride and joy is a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments exclusively sent by Barn Babes from Alaska to California to Georgia and North Dakota.

The business itself is no joke. Ninety-nine percent of Caldwell’s’s business is outside the local community, and the Barn Babes are to thank for that. She and Bottrell ship close to 300 packages every week and have expanded their sales to include items from other businesses, though LuLaRoe is the only clothing they stock.

If you visit the LuLaBarn where Caldwell keeps her wares and from where Coffee on the Couch originates, you will find tallow products from a small business in Kansas, kitchen towels from Utah, candles from Kentucky and more. Those items are also on the Facebook group page.

What you won’t find at the LuLaBarn is an actual barn. It’s a real shop be-

hind Caldwell’s house, decorated tastefully with professional displays and products. It’s open once a week for browsing.

Beyond internet sales and manning a physical store, Caldwell also serves in an advisory role to the LuLaRoe council.

“I pay attention when she’s around the LuLaRoe people,” Bottrell said of Caldwell’s appearances at retreats. “They appreciate her simplicity, and they reach out to her. She’s not a pretentious person at all.”

“She’s got a loud-as-hell laugh so you’re gonna know she’s there, but she brings a very common-sense Midwestern point of view.”

At the heart of it all, Caldwell and Bottrell have each other.

“She’s the yin to my yang,” Caldwell said of her friend.

“I’m the strawberry jelly to her crunchy peanut butter,” replied Bottrell.

Together, they have built a successful business and a “family” from all over the country.

“The notes of appreciation and gratitude for the community that began in Elmwood, Illinois, have touched our hearts in more ways than I can express,” Bottrell said.

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BILLTOWN: Options would be zero and none

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ernment to idle all 1,200 Lion buses in the province, pending inspection. It also prompted a letter from the Illinois State Board of Education, Williamsfield Superintendent David Mills told the School Board during its meeting Sept. 17. The letter directed districts with Lion buses to inspect for specific electronic issues. As of late last week, Williamsfield Transportation Director Adam Doubet had four buses checked and found no problems, according to Mills. The rest were to be inspected before classes began this week. “I would not recommend we pull our buses off the road,” Mills said. “I have other opinions, but pulling them off the road is not where I would be right now.” Lion filed for bankruptcy protection last year and voided its U.S.-customer warranties. The company had a manufacturing facility near Joliet. Williamsfield school officials have cited concerns about how buses were to be maintained without Lion technical support. The district fully implemented the electric buses in December 2023. A

federal grant paid for most of the cost, which exceeded \$3 million. Former Williamsfield Superintendent Tim Farquer spearheaded the new buses. In addition to being the superintendent of the Aledo-based Mercer County district, Farquer also is an electric-bus consultant. According to Mills, Farquer is listed in the ISBE letter as the first point of contact for potential Lion-bus problems. “So I’m not sure how that plays out, either,” Mills said. “Short term, we are where we are. Long term, I hope we have some sort of solution.” If the state orders electric buses to be sidelined, Williamsfield options would be zero and none, according to Mills. He said dozens of other Illinois school districts would be in the same position. The federal grant stipulates Williamsfield keep the buses for at least five years. “I think I held out the hope that we could sell these at the end of it. That just left town,” Mills said. “The EV stuff is all great and high-end, but the buses weren’t put together with the highest quality in mind.” Earlier in the meeting, board

members approved a budget for the 2026 fiscal year. The projected fund balance by June 2026 is \$1,954,982. Mills recommended the district maintain the belt-tightening it authorized earlier this year. That resulted in employee layoffs and other cuts. “I’m just happy to see it back in the black,” Board Member Brittany Byrd said about the budget. The board also accepted the resignation of speech-language pathologist Jenni Erickson, who wanted to spend more time with her children, according to Mills. In a corresponding move, the board approved having the Knox-Warren Special Education District handle Williamsfield speech-language services. According to Mills, the special-education district is to charge \$1,683 per student. Williamsfield has about 40 students who require services. A Knox-Warren employee is to be in Billtown weekly. Among other decisions, the board approved appointing Josh Morris and Starla Yelm as district technology coordinators and hiring Lexy Satunas as a junior-high volleyball assistant coach.



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PEORIA – Peoria County Animal Protection Services (is participating in the ASPCA’s Rescue Effect campaign to raise awareness about the importance of pet adoption and fostering and to place more animals into loving homes. During this effort, PCAPS will offer a weeklong fee-waived adoption event through Sept. 27.

PCAPS has an urgent and immediate need for adopters. PCAPS is currently providing shelter and care for nearly 200 animals at its location, and space is limited. Choosing to adopt helps the animal you take home and supports many more by freeing up space and resources.

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PCAPS is open noon-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Animals are adopted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

IDPH reminds residents to beware of tick bites

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health is reminding Illinoisans to take appropriate precautions against tick bites after an Illinois resident became seriously ill with Powassan – a tick-borne illness that had not previously been detected in this state.

IDPH and the local health department are currently investigating

whether the resident was exposed to the illness through a tick bite in Illinois or in a different state. Whatever the finding, IDPH says the case serves as a reminder to protect oneself against all illnesses associated with ticks.

Powassan is a virus that can be spread to humans through the bite of an infected tick.

IDPH will be conducting active tick surveillance, i.e. dragging and testing ticks for Powassan and other infections, in areas of Illinois where the case spent time prior to their illness.

Dr. Sameer Vohra, IDHP director, stresses that people can also “Fight the Bite” by diligently checking themselves, their pets and children for ticks after spending time in areas where ticks live, such as in and near wooded areas, tall grass and brush.



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Pages From The Past

Compiled by Andy Latora

Five Years Ago

- Elmwood will allow trick or treating this Halloween, but the City Council on Sept. 15 urged all participants to heed state COVID-19 guidelines in terms of social distancing and mask requirements.
- The Princeville Board of Education on Sept. 15 approved a Remote Learning Plan in the event the pandemic causes another school closure.

10 Years Ago

- Since 1991, the hope has always been to have a larger library in town. On Sept. 28, that dream will become a reality in Williamsfield, where a new, much larger public library will open to the public north-east of Williamsfield High School at 407 Norman Dr.
- "Facelift" does not describe the work just completed on the historic Phelps Barn, about a mile south of Elmwood. The construction was not cosmetic, but crucial, said Francis

Barton, who donated the key stop on the 19th century Underground Railroad to the Elmwood Community Foundation, along with the two acres on which it rests.

25 Years Ago

- The third statewide litter pick-up day will be held in Illinois. The Elmwood Insurance Agency Adopt A-Highway group will be out picking up litter on Illinois routes 8 and 78 as part of this clean-up effort.

35 Years Ago

- Free elephant rides were given in the parking lot at Gary's Red Fox in Princeville. The Franzen Brothers Circus was in Princeville for a performance.

75 Years Ago

- Work has begun on the building of the power line to the Elmwood football field. The Central Illinois Light Co. has built a new line from the hard road west to the playing field and will soon install the poles and lights around the field.

85 Years Ago

- During and since the Fall Festival, the popular occupation seems to be computing how many people were in Elmwood during the recent festivities. Some said a modest total was easily estimated at 12,000 on Saturday night for a crowd that was counted in sections of 100.
- Dr. E.K. Dimmitt moved his office from the second floor of the Vaira building to the second floor of the Jackson Building on the corner of Fort and East streets in Farmington.

95 Years Ago

- Forms were laid and construction was expected to begin on the reservoir for the Princeville water system. The new deep-well pump was scheduled to arrive Oct. 1.

105 Years Ago

- Twenty ex-servicemen met to organize a post of the American Legion in Farmington.

Roundup: Peoria County government meetings

Compiled by TERRY BIBO
For The Weekly Post

Here is a roundup of recent activity in local government.

Peoria County Board

The Peoria County Board met Aug. 14 with all members present.

The board unanimously approved collective-bargaining agreements for the Police Benevolent Labor Committee-Lieutenant Units and the Highway Department employees represented by the local Laborers, Teamsters and Operating Engineers unions. It also approved a \$50,000 appropriation to the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District. On a 17-1 vote the board approved an outdoor mini-storage facility in the largely vacant Madison Park parking lot. District 8 representative Marcia McCann voted no.

During public comment, two county employees encouraged the board to consider six-week paid paternal leave benefit for all county employees.

Highlights of the unanimously approved consent agenda included:

- A 6.1% cost-of-living-adjustment for the Peoria County sheriff.
- Two PCAPS grants from the Whitney Foundation and ASPCA in the amounts of \$2,000 and \$30,000, respectively.
- A \$116,000 upgrade to the Jury Management System.
- A three-year lease option with Ameresco Solar Land Holdings LLC for a solar project on the landfill property.
- A \$202,000 contract to refresh pavement markings.

Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners

Peoria County election commissioners met Sept. 9, with all commissioners in attendance.

Peoria County Board Member Betty Duncan made a presentation to Executive Director Elizabeth Gannon honoring 20 years

of service.

No vote was taken on the last updates for the new warehouse space. Quotes came in too high for dry-wall repair and painting. The landlord will hire a property-management company to take care of the outside of the building. Brush has been cleaned off the parking lot, but it was just dumped into the wooded area.

A contract has been signed with Neighborhood House for siting of the South Side drop box. All early-voting sites and times have been determined. They match what was done in previous years.

Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria

Six of the nine commissioners were present at the Aug. 27 meeting.

The board approved the consent agenda.

Director of Airports Gene Olson reported 80,836 passengers in July – exceeding 80,000 for the first time. August numbers were boosted when several large flights had to divert to Peoria from Chicago due to a lengthy ground stop in Chicago. The board approved

Olson's requests for a change order eliminating some work for Phase 1 of the new tower; a change order for a smaller storm drain size saving about \$4,000; and a change order expanding the west apron.

Director of Operations and Maintenance Randy Hurst noted clean-up activities are still ongoing at Mt. Hawley. The board approved his requests to purchase a snow plow for approximately \$614,645 and a three-day in-depth inspection of the Peoria airport's baggage belt system for about \$14,200.

Director of Finance and Administration Steve Perone reported utility costs increased for July, mainly due to electricity costs. The board accepted the July financial statements and vouchers payable and the 2025 audited financial statements.

Manager of Marketing & Air Service Development Cheryl Bockhold-Sloan noted the various traditional (not digital) modes they are using for marketing. The board approved her request for marketing spending.

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Agencies directed to limit spending

By BEN SZALINSKI
Capitol News Illinois

JOLIET – Illinois agencies must identify spending reductions and create reserves in their budgets to prepare for an economic downturn, according to an executive order issued Tuesday by Gov. JB Pritzker.

Pritzker said the order is designed to combat federal policies by the Trump administration that are likely to increase costs on the state and put pressure on the economy. The latest order requires most state agencies to, within 30 days, “identify immediate spending reductions, including efficiencies that will result in reduced spending.”

Pritzker also directed the agencies to reserve 4% of fiscal year 2026 general-fund appropriations. Lawmakers approved a \$55.1 billion spending plan, meaning the order could halt up to \$2.2 billion in approved spending in anticipation of state revenue declining.

Some state agencies, such as the State Board of Education and the state’s pension systems, are not subject to the order to identify spending cuts.

Pritzker also ordered agencies that find budget shortfalls to identify lines in their budgets that can be reduced. The order also directed agencies to pause nonessential purchases and travel.

“It’s a beginning of dealing with what we think could be a very severe challenge for the state budget this year,” Pritzker told reporters. “Remember, we can only identify what we know. Here’s something that I’m very concerned about, which is that the budget is affected vastly by the economic situation of the country, and we’re already seeing that states like Iowa are in recession.”

General Assembly Republicans voted against the budget. House Minority Leader Tony McCombie, R-Savanna, said her party was sounding the alarm about pressure on the state budget before President

Donald Trump’s second term.

“We warned that this budget was irresponsible and overspent,” she said in a statement. “Stop passing blame, Governor. Illinoisans aren’t buying that recent policy changes in Washington, D.C., are to blame for the decades of Illinois financial mismanagement.”

Pritzker said Trump’s policies are driving fears about declining revenues.

Pritzker noted the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act,” signed by Trump in July, is at the top of the list because it passes costs for several federal programs to the states.

Congress, for example, required states to pay a greater portion of administrative and benefits costs for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Congress also tightened access to other programs, such as Medicaid, meaning it will be up to states to close funding gaps to allow many people to stay on the program.

The bill also extended tax cuts for businesses and wealthy Americans. The order said much of Illinois’ tax code is tied to the federal tax code and Illinois will see revenue decline because of these tax cuts at the federal level.

The executive order also said tariffs will hurt consumer spending by increasing costs.

“There are hundreds of millions of dollars that are going to have to be made up for as a result of the cuts the federal government is making, including in health care and nutritional assistance, but also across the economy, with the tariffs that are impacting businesses in Illinois,” Pritzker said. “So we think this is a prudent endeavor.”

Legislative Democrats anticipated that federal policies would affect state coffers and established a \$100 million BRIDGE fund with money swept from 57 different funds. Pritzker can tap into that fund “in the event of unanticipated delays in or failures of revenues.”

City of Elmwood Hydrant Flushing

Starting 09/29/2025 the City of Elmwood will be flushing hydrants. This will be done late at night to allow some time for the water to settle down by early morning.

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Discolored water poses no threat to your health. You may wish to avoid drinking or cooking with the water.

The benefits of flushing include removal of rust and sediment, improved chlorine residual, and reduction in taste and odor; all of which can help provide high quality water to the residents.

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- If water discoloration is noticed in your residence or building, stop all water use and wait, several hours may be required to rid the cloudiness from the water mains that serve your home or business.
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FOR ANSWERS
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Trivia test

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The children's novel "Black Beauty" is about what kind of animal?
2. MOVIES: Which actor narrates the 1980s film "Stand by Me"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which world city is home to Saint Basil's Cathedral?
4. U.S. CITIES: Which major U.S. city sits on top of a working salt mine that has been operating since 1910?
5. LITERATURE: What is the name of the country where "The Hunger Games" takes place?
6. MATH: How many sides does a trapezoid have?
7. ASTRONOMY: How long does it take for light from the Sun to reach Earth?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs does a lobster have?
9. TELEVISION: Which TV drama always begins with a meeting and the warning, "Let's be careful out there"?
10. LANGUAGE: How many letters are in the English alphabet?

Answers

1. A horse.
2. Richard Dreyfuss.
3. Moscow, Russia.
4. Detroit, Michigan.
5. Panem.
6. Four.
7. 8 minutes, 20 seconds.
8. 10.
9. "Hill Street Blues."
10. 26.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Demon Slayer: Infinity Castle (R)
2. The Conjuring: Last Rites (R)
3. Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG)
4. The Long Walk (R)
5. Toy Story (PG)
6. Weapons (R)
7. Hamilton (PG-13)
8. Freakier Friday (PG)
9. Spinal Tap II: The End Continues (R)
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Marie F. Bayles

FARMINGTON – Marie F. Bayles, 88, a resident of Normal for almost 70 years, passed away at 9:24 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, at Farmington Village Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Marie was born May 20, 1937, on Staten Island, N.Y. She married Elmer Earl Bayles of Carlock while he was stationed in the New York City area, on June 2, 1956, at St. Mary's of Rosebank Roman Catholic Church on Staten Island. He preceded her in death on May 15, 2005.

Marie is survived by four children, Jeannie (Kenneth) Babin of DeLand, Fla., Mark (Michael) Bayles of Portland, Ore., Rebecca (Stephen) Wallace of Mount Juliet, Tenn., and Angela (Thomas) Tracy of Elmwood; seven grandchildren, Jennifer, Jonathan, Stephanie (Dan), Jacqueline (Chris), Jessica, Caitlyn (Ty) and Patrick; five great-grandsons, Tyson, Jace, Denver, Shay and Ryman; and one brother, Frederick (Ursula) Scheuter of Largo, Fla.

She is also preceded in death by one grandson, James Babin.

Marie graduated from New Dorp High School on Staten Island in 1954. She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on Staten Island. She was a Girl Scout leader for over 10 years, a junior leader for Centrillo Council Girl Scouts and was also a cadette leader, troop organizer and publicity director.

Marie was a bookkeeper for Bankers Trust in New York City and then an accountant clerk for IAA, General Telephone and State Farm in Bloomington. She was also a customer-service representative for American Greetings.

Marie enjoyed volunteering for American Heart Society and American Cancer Society. She was also an avid genealogist since 1956, tracing both her husband's and her family trees back to Jamestown, as well as researching family trees for family and friends.

Marie was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Carl S. Martin in Normal. She was also a member of Friends of Normal Library, Woodford County Historical Society and the McLean County Historical Society.

A graveside service was held at on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025, at Denman Cemetery in Carlock.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Central Illinois in Normal.

To leave online condolences, visit oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

Mildred L. Gilles

ELMWOOD – Mildred L. "Mickie" (Oppe) Gilles, 101, of Brimfield, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025, at the Country Comfort Retirement Home in Elmwood.

Mickie was born on May 1, 1924, in Bartonville. She was the daughter of August and Anna (Lapp) Oppe. Mickie married Paul L. Gilles on April 2, 1945, in Kickapoo at St. Mary's Catholic Church. They were happily married for 77 years.

Surviving are five children, Patsy (Peter) Cahill, Mary Kay (Dale) DeVries, Edward (Janet) Gilles, Steven (Candy) Gilles and Paul (Susan) Gilles Jr.; brother, Warren Oppe; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul; and eight brothers and sisters.

Mickie was a loving wife and mother to her family and will be greatly missed. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society in Brimfield. She had been a member of the Jubilee Township Board.

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thank both Nurse Carrie and Nurse Ethan and all the wonderful caregivers at Country Comfort Retirement Home for their kindness and support.

A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Brimfield, with visitation from 9 a.m. until time of Mass. The Rev. Deogratias Mpewo and Deacon Ray Burton will officiate. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Brimfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Brimfield School District Dream Scholarship.

Tributes and condolences may be made online at www.wrightandsalmon.com

David J. McCoy

ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – David “Amos” Joseph McCoy, formerly of Elmwood and Carlyle, passed away peacefully on the island of St. Thomas.

Affectionately known as Amos, he loved his family, friends and the

great outdoors.

David was born in Peoria on Oct. 2, 1962, to J. Larry and Rosemary (Swanson) McCoy. He attended Elmwood High School, graduating in 1980, before attending Illinois Central College and moving to Carlyle to pursue land surveying. He married Kathy (Laux) on Sept. 28, 1996, in Carlyle.

He worked most of his life as a land surveyor, first in Centralia at Curl and Associates and then HMG in Carlyle. Later, he started his own company, Prairie State Land Surveying in Carlyle.

He traveled around the country seeking adventure by hunting big game, fishing and meeting new friends. Amos settled in St Thomas and started Advanced Methods of Surveying (AMOS) on St. Thomas,



McCoy

where he began his life with his partner, Rosa.

Amos leaves behind his partner, Rosa Rios; his father, Larry McCoy of Elmwood; sisters Diana (Todd) Langbartels of Austin, Texas, and Erin (Brent) Gick of Lebanon, Ohio; brother Patrick (Tammy) McCoy of Elmwood; daughter Hope Pollmann (Tim Funderburk); and grandchildren Sophia, Abram and Mia of Eureka along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy (Laux) McCoy; daughter, Anne Pollmann; mother, Rosemary McCoy; and brother Daniel “Bus” McCoy.

Cremation has been accorded and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Richard A. Chatten

FARMINGTON – Richard A. “Dick” Chatten, 83, of Farmington, passed away at 5:46 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025.

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BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Judges 7, who had the vision of a barley cake tumbling into an army camp overturning a tent? Shepherd, Soldier, Peasant, Steward
3. Which book could be summarized, "Pay attention, God has a master plan in the works we need to be a part of"? Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel

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4. After an angel delivered them from a Jerusalem prison, where did the apostles go? Temple, Fields, Mountaintop, River
5. Who had his servants set barley crops on fire because he refused to meet with Absalom? Job, Joab, Jethro, Jehoshabeath
6. From Acts 12, where did Peter encounter an angel? Tent door, Prison, City gate, By a stream

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Soldier, 3) Isaiah, 4) Temple, 5) Joab, 6) Prison
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff
vs.
THOMAS P. DOERING SR; DARLA G. DOERING; THOMAS P. DOERING, JR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
23 FC 173

CALENDAR NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on October 15, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
LOT 4 IN MCCABE ROME WEST SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON APRIL 6, 1977 IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 84, IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
P.I.N. 09-02-251-006.
Commonly known as 15823 MCCABE DR., CHILLICOTHE, IL 61523.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 24-235439
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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff



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Defendant
24 FC 190

CALENDAR NOTICE OF SALE
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LOTS 19, 20 AND 21 IN BLOCK C IN BELLEVUE ACRES, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE THEREOF AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF SAID MINERAL ESTATE) ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON MARCH 25, 1937, IN PLAT BOOK P, PAGE 17, IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 17-10-426-034.
Commonly known as 507 S. BELLEVUE CT., PEORIA, IL 61604.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA
Plaintiff,
-v.-
CARNELL J. THOMAS JR et al
Defendant
2025 FC 0000037

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 14, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 14, 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:
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
PARCEL ONE (1): PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TEN (10), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE EIGHT (8) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION TEN (10); THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND FIVE TENTHS (688.5) FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH ZERO (0) DEGREES AND NINE (09) MINUTES WEST, A DISTANCE OF SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR AND TWO TENTHS (644.2) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH SEVENTY-FIVE

CLAIM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS PEORIA COUNTY
In Re **ESTATE OF EMMA A. KNOBLOCH,** CC 2025-PR-0000270
Deceased.
NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **EMMA A. KNOBLOCH** on August 12, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **PAUL W. KNOBLOCH**, of **222 North Rebecca Avenue, Princeville, Illinois 61559**, 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 **27th day of March, 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 claim-ant 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 11th day of September, 2025.
PAUL W. KNOBLOCH, Executor of the Estate of EMMA A. KNOBLOCH, Deceased.
ASHLEE E. STABLER, Esq.
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INTENT TO DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Storage Yourself - Farmington WEST, **22463 IL-116, Farmington, IL 61531 (815)718-6140** intends to dispose of any and all property located in the following units after October 11th 2025 at 1:00 p.m. due to non-payment: Josh Bateman Unit 32, Heaven Snyder Unit 3, Tammy Pinkerton Unit 66, Johnny Aspromonte Unit 122 & 124, Lisa Sieferting Unit 74.
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The following units will have the contents disposed of for non-payment after October 11th 2025 at 1:00 pm: Tammy Pinkerton Unit 3 & 4
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(75) DEGREES AND TWENTY-EIGHT (28) MINUTES WEST TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN AND FIFTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (211.55) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH SIXTY-FIVE (65) DEGREES THIRTY-SEVEN (37) MINUTES WEST, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE AND THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDREDTHS (131.37) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH SIXTY-FIVE (65) DEGREES THIRTY-SEVEN (37) MINUTES WEST, FORTY-FOUR AND NINETY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (44.95) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A ROADWAY DESIGNATED EASEMENT #2; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF NINETY-THREE AND THIRTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (93.35) FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF THIRTY-SEVEN AND THIRTY-ONE HUNDREDTHS (37.31) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH TWENTY-SEVEN (27) DEGREES THIRTY (30) MINUTES EAST ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF EASEMENT #2, TWENTY-EIGHT AND FOUR TENTHS (28.4) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE WHICH IS THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF A TWENTY (20) FOOT PRIVATE UTILITY AND DRIVEWAY EASEMENT AND THE EASTERLY LINE OF EASEMENT #2; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH TWENTY-SEVEN (27) DEGREES THIRTY (30) MINUTES EAST, SEVENTY-THREE AND NINETY HUNDREDTHS (73.90) FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHT-EIGHT AND FIFTY-ONE HUNDREDTHS (188.51) FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF SIXTY-ONE AND NINETY-ONE HUNDREDTHS (61.91) FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE EAST, TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR AND ONE TENTHS (274.1) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH ZERO (0) DEGREES AND NINE (09) MINUTES EAST, THREE HUNDRED FOUR AND EIGHT TENTHS (304.8) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL AS SHOWN ON A REVISED SURVEY BY THE HORTON ENGINEERING CO., DATED NOVEMBER 16, 1960 AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 17, 1960 IN PLAT BOOK "X", PAGE 80; PARCEL TWO (2): EASEMENT FOR DRIVEWAY PURPOSES FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 OVER A TWENTY (20) FOOT PRIVATE UTILITY AND DRIVEWAY EASEMENT, AS SHOWN ON A REVISED SURVEY MADE BY THE HORTON ENGINEERING CO., DATED NOVEMBER 16, 1960 AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 17, 1960 IN PLAT BOOK "X", PAGE 80; THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIPE DESIGNATED POINT "X" ON SAID SURVEY; THENCE SOUTH THIRTY-FIVE (35) DEGREES FORTY-ONE (41) MINUTES EAST, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND EIGHTY-ONE HUNDREDTHS (156.81) FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH EIGHT (8) DEGREES TWO (02) MINUTES EAST, ONE HUNDRED NINE AND FORTY-THREE (109.43) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, AS SET FORTH IN THE DEED FROM HAROLD A. LYONS, ET UX, TO EMILY FOOTE SHANEMEYER, DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1960 AND RECORDED DECEMBER 21, 1960 IN BOOK 1197, PAGE 281;
PARCEL THREE (3): EASEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 FOR ROADWAY

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1,2024 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025
Beginning balance May 1, 2024:
Cash in bank, Bank of Farmington **\$157,466**
CD - Bank of Farmington \$25,443
Refund receivable \$31
Total beginning balance **\$182,940**
Receipts
Property taxes \$47,367
Personal property replacement tax \$4,109
Farm rent \$1,920
iParks Grant/CRF \$1,875
Donations \$100
Interest income \$1,177
Total receipts \$56,548
Disbursements
General and administrative: Accounting & legal \$4,437
Printing \$80
Miscellaneous expense \$1,435
Park maintenance and operations: Utilities & Waste Management \$1,634
Insurance \$4,391
Repairs and maintenance \$7,239
Contracted Services - Mowing \$33,000
Capital outlay
Total disbursements \$52,216
Ending balance Apry 30, 2025
Cash in bank, Bank of Farmington \$160,828
CD - Bank of Farmington \$26,444
Total ending balance \$187,272
Fund balance at both year-ends includes \$15,507 in the working cash fund, otherwise all activity is the genetal fund.
DISBURSEMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$2,500 PER PAYEE
City of Farrnington \$35,684 Mandy Wheeler, CPA \$3,385
Kiesewetter-Insurance \$3,108
DISBURSEMENTS FOR COMPENSATION UNDER \$25,000
None

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ss.
COUNTY OF FULTON
The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that she is the Treasurer of the Farmington Township Park District, Fulton County, Illlinois; that she held office of Treasurer for the Fiscal Year of said Ditrict commencing May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025; and that the above and forgoing Annual Financial Statement Is a true and correct statement of monies received and disbursed by her as Treasurer for the said fiscal year.
By: /S/ Renae Steffen
Treasurer, Farmington Park District
Subscribed and sworn to me, a Notary Public, this 22 day of Aug., 2025
/S/ Rebecca A. Seaborn, Notary Public

Published 9/25/24

CLAIM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS PEORIA COUNTY
In Re ESTATE OF JUDY E. BUHS, CC 2025-PR-0000275
Deceased.

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **JUDY E. BUHS** on August 26, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **SHELLEY R. PROBYN**, of **11314 South Glasford Road, Glasford, Illinois 61533**, 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 **3rd day of April, 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 17th day of September, 2025.

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PURPOSES OVER A TRACT DESCRIBED IN A GRANT FROM WILLIAM H. SOMMER, ET UX, TO DONALD W. BIRKS, ET UX, DATED JANUARY 1, 1950 AND RECORDED JANUARY 26, 1950 IN BOOK 805, PAGE 262 AND DESIGNATED AS EASEMENT #2 ON THE REVISED SURVEY BY THE HORTON ENGINEERING CO., DATED NOVEMBER 16, 1960, AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 17, 1960 IN PLAT BOOK "X", PAGE 80, AS SET FORTH IN THE DEED FROM HAROLD A. LYONS, ET UX, TO EMILY FOOTE SHANEMEYER, DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1960, AND

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Ongoing challenges of Illinois farm drainage

By **KEVIN BROOKS**
University of Illinois
Cooperative Extension

Farm drain tiles are vital to the success of Illinois crop production.

These underground drainage systems help provide good soil-based crop-growing conditions by removing excess water from the soil. A balanced mixture of air, water and soil is crucial for plant health, as excessive moisture can impede growth. Plant roots need oxygen, which is provided by air spaces within the soil, and when these spaces are filled with water, roots can suffocate.

Many soils in Illinois are exceptional at producing high-yielding crops when properly drained of excess water. Early settlers in Illinois often avoided the flat black-soil areas, as they were swampy.

The invention of the cast-iron farm plow changed the Illinois landscape. The 1837 invention that could till through the wet, heavy clay prairie soils was a big step toward producing grain in much of Illinois. The 1850 Swamplands Act enabled the federal government to promote the development of these acres as farmland.

The act provided the political push for large-scale drainage of the wetlands, which allowed the rapid conversion of millions of acres of Illinois’ prairie swamps to agricultural fields. The act allocated wetlands and swamps to 15 states, including Illinois, for conversion to agricultural use, stipulating that the proceeds from land sales fund the neces-



sary drainage systems for agricultural production.

These wetlands and swamps required group drainage projects to make the land farmable to meet changing economics. The state of Illinois passed laws regarding drainage and the rights of land-holders to build these drainage systems.

The Levee Act of 1879 and the Farm Drainage Act of 1885 allowed the organization, financing and operation of drainage districts, which became taxing government bodies. The mass drainage of Illinois land could now enable tile drains to cross neighboring land to move water from wetlands into streams and rivers.

These systems involved digging ditches up to 60 feet wide and over 10 feet deep, stretching for miles. Clay tiles lined up together to drain excess water from farm fields to the constructed ditches, and as the land drained, more agricultural production occurred. Small gaps between in-line tiles let water move from the wet soils into the drainage system. Illinois led the way in draining these land types, making the state one of the largest in agricultural pro-

duction.

In the early years of establishing drainage-tile systems, installation was by hand or with horse-power assistance. By the 1920s, powered trenching machines increased the size and effectiveness of farm-tiling projects. The advent of long-length tile resulted in increased use of field drainage tile in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s.

Older clay-tile systems are still in operation, draining Illinois farmland, and many of these farm-drainage systems are becoming old and inefficient. Older systems break down and require repairs and are often undersized and too far apart to drain a field for modern crop production.

Originally, tile lines ran from wet area to wet area with no distinct pattern. Draining these spots helped remove wet areas in the fields with little or no yield. However, crop damage resulting in reduced yield begins before the damage is visible. Eventually, the system installation included a pattern to drain whole fields or larger areas of a field beyond just where water was standing.

Often, fields do not have drainage ditches or

streams bordering them. Such fields require larger tile mains to remove the excess water over long distances to an outlet. Long tile mains, funded and maintained by drainage districts (taxable entities), were essential for moving water across vast distances of neighboring fields, sometimes spanning miles.

Pattern tile projects across whole fields using clay tiles became more common in the 1950s and 1970s. The tile lines called laterals were often 120-150 feet apart, which ran to larger tiles and then to a ditch/stream or to a large district tile.

Today, drainage systems are built with laterals closer together – 70-foot centers are common and can be as close as 30 to 40 feet in wet and hard-to-drain areas. Today’s drainage systems utilize plastic tile lines with perforated slits, enhancing water movement from the soil compared to traditional clay tiles.

Older farm drainage systems before the 1980s used clay or concrete tiles, where water would enter the tile line in the small gaps between tiles.

Illinois drainage districts now face significant financial challenges in repairing and replacing aging main drains, many over a century old. Furthermore, these districts struggle with the ongoing maintenance of artificial drainage ditches.

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RECORDED DECEMBER 21, 1960 IN BOOK 1197, PAGE 281.
PARCEL FOUR (4): EASEMENT FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 OVER A ROADWAY DESCRIBED IN A GRANT BY WILLIAM L. RUTHERFORD, ET UX, TO HAROLD A. LYONS, ET UX, DATED MARCH 4, 1952 A ND RECORDED OCTOBER 11, 1960 IN BOOK 1192, PAGE 370 AND DESIGNATED AS EASEMENT "A" ON A SURVEY MADE BY THE AUSTIN ENGINEERING CO. RECORDED JUNE 18, 1954 IN PLAT BOOK "S", PAGE 59, AS SET FORTH IN THE DEED FROM HAROLD A. LYONS, ET UX, TO EMILY FOOTE SHANEMEYER, DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1960 AND RECORDED DECEMBER 21, 1960 IN BOOK 1197, PAGE 281.
PARCEL FIVE (5): EASEMENT FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 OVER AN EXISTING ROADWAY TWENTY-FIVE (25) FEET IN WIDTH OVER AND ACROSS PART OF OUTLOTS "E" AND "F" IN SKYLINE SUBDIVISION, SECTION ONE (1), A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TEN (10), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE EIGHT (8) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED NOVEMBER 13, 1953 IN PLAT BOOK "V", PAGE 26 - 27, SAID ROADWAY BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN AN INSTRUMENT DATED DECEMBER

12, 1960 AND RECORDED DECEMBER 21, 1960 IN BOOK 1197, PAGE 283, AS SET FORTH IN THE DEED FROM HAROLD A. LYONS, ET UX, TO EMILY FOOTE SHANEMEYER, DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1960 AND RECORDED DECEMBER 21, 1960 IN BOOK 1197, PAGE 281.
Commonly known as 7028 N UPPER SKYLINE DR, PEORIA, IL 61614
Property Index No. 14-10-301-005
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 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 purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of

the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630)

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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2025 FC 0000037
TJSC#: 45-1297
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Answers

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Farmington's Thomas Seaborn (16) and Lucas Gutierrez (54) lead a gang tackle on an Illini West player during the Farmers' 35-0 victory last Friday night in Carthage. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

XC: Faulkner places 8th

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points, behind winner East Dubuque (94), runner-up Sherrard (112), Rockford Lutheran (172) and Sandwich (176). Stark County’s Evan Knobloch won the boys race in 15:46.

Aiden Faulkner led E-B, placing 8th in 16:10. Other scoring runners for E-B were Kam Stevenson (31st, 17:33), Silas Schmieg (45th, 18:03), Hason Hubbard (67th, 18:41) and Calvin Peale (94th, 19:19).

The Trojans ran many of their usual top-five racers in the frosh-soph race, which E-B won with 23 points. The Trojans had five of the top 10 in the 2.5-mile frosh-soph race, led by Danny Sharp (fourth, 14:18).

Princeville freshman Hunter Keyster won that race in 13:58, the fastest time in that race for a Princes runner and one of the fastest in the past decade in that race, according to Coach Jeremy Melick.

Freshman Aubrey Mareachen (53rd, 22:10) was the lone Princeville girl to race. Jacob Bosch (40th, 18:01) was Princeville’s top finisher in the boys race. He was followed by junior Collin Bowers (86th, 19:09), Elliott Walles (98th, 19:31) and Brayden Freres (188th,

24:40).
Princeville's cross country team returns to action later this week, with a dual at El Paso-Gridley on Sept. 25 and the Kewanee Boiler Invite on Sept. 27.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Freshman Avery Manning broke the school record at Saturday’s Dunlap Eagles Cross Country invite, placing 18th in 19:45.40. Not far off the record was freshman teammate Harper Campbell (19th, 19:48.4). Renee Warren of Normal Community won the race in 17:53.

The R-W girls finished ninth as a team, with 240 points. Chatham Glenwood won with 61 points and Eureka was second with 84. Other scoring R-W runners were Emily Hilman (68th, 23:18) Marissa Brown (74th, 24:00) and Jayden Gerard (75th, 24:17).

The boys placed 12th at the Dunlap race with 315 points. Eureka won with 59. Scoring runners for the Cougars were Wyatt Hall (41st, 17:09), West Manning (58th, 17:36), Jonas Carlson (71st, 18:25), Garrett DeWitt (82nd, 19:23) and Emerson Ponce (84th, 19:39).

FARMINGTON: Macomb improves to 4-0

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ing up touchdowns on a 2-yard run, a 72-yard punt return and a screen pass from Carson Noy that he took 37 yards into the end zone. Freshman QB Noy also tossed a 26-yard TD to Trevor Frye in the second quarter and Bradyn Brewer ran 5 yards in the fourth quarter to close the scoring.

Noy was 14 for-21 overall for 195 yards and one interception.
Ranked No. 3 in Class 2A, the Farmers have now won seven straight against Illini West and ended the Chargers’ five-game home win streak.

Next up for Farmington is a home game against Knoxville (3-1, 3-1), which has won three straight games.
“They are doing some creative stuff,” Vallas said of Knoxville. “I think they have the right coach. They’re just so young.”

Macomb 42
Bureau Valley 16
MANLIUS – Kaden Knupp completed 9 of 13 passes for 268 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Bombers (4-0, 3-0).
Drew Watson caught six passes for 182 yards and two scores, including a 55-yarder on Macomb’s first play, and Kyler Norton had two

catches for scores and 75 yards.
Drake May ran for 101 yards on six carries and two more scores, one a 66-yarder.
Bureau Valley (4-0, 3-0) scored its 16 points in the fourth quarter on runs by Dane Stewart and Keenyn Richter.

Knoxville 35
West Hancock 28
HAMILTON – Tanner McGarry ran for two scores and passed for one more as Knoxville (3-1, 3-1) ran for 428 yards on 56 carries.
The Knoxville defense also intercepted three passes by West Hancock (1-3, 0-3).

PRINCES: Rebels strike after lightning delay

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helped hold E-B to 59 total yards through the game’s first 32 minutes.
According to the elder Carruthers, it took a little while for his defense to adapt to the patented E-B ground game. But Princeville settled in quickly, something that didn’t appear to surprise Sarnes.

“We’ve got so many guys on the field, so many plays we can do,” Sarnes said. “There’s just so many opportunities to score. We’ve got a lot of things to show them that they aren’t ready for. And our defense is very good at making stops and staying in the game.”

Sarnes is in his first season as a starting quarterback. He had been an all-conference linebacker. He still starts on defense, although he didn’t play much there last week.
“I love doing both,” Sarnes said. “Linebacker, that’s my position. I’ve played that my whole life. Last year, that’s all I played. It’s just what I am. But this is amazing, too.”

E-B gained almost 40% of its total offense on one play – Cody Burge’s 60-yard scoring run, with 9:29 remaining in the game and with most Princeville starters on the sidelines.
“They are kind of what we were last year,” Hollis said about the Princes. “They have a lot of returning guys, so they are at a high level at this point in the season already and we’re not at the high level that I want us to be at this point.

“We played a good, playoff-caliber team. We’re not there yet, but that’s where we want to get by the end of the season, so we have to get better.”
E-B will have another chance for improvement Friday night, when Bureau Valley visits for a LincolnLand large-division game. Princeville returns to small-division play against



ROWVA-Williamsfield's Parker Tamburro looks for running room during the clash with Stark County. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

Abingdon-Avon, but not before Coach Carruthers and his players savored this bragging-rights victory.
“They know these kids well,” he said about the Trojans. “They’re 25 minutes away. They see them in everything they do. It’s good for us to come out and play a bigger school and be successful.”

Stark County 33
ROWVA-Williamsfield 0
ONEIDA – A 30-minute lightning delay with 1:19 left in the first quarter at Bill Adams Field might have provided the reset Stark County needed and ROWVA-Williamsfield feared.
R-W (1-3, 1-3 LincolnLand small) was at the Stark County 18-yard line when the delay began, on third-down-and-1. After play resumed, Stark County (4-0, 4-0) regained possession by stopping the hosts on back-to-back plays.
“I thought that kind of really set a tone for us,” Stark County Coach Jade Noard said. “They were driving

on us and we kind of shut the door there, and we came back and scored.”
That touchdown, a 7-yard pass from Ben Browning to Connor Daum 2:56 before halftime, was all Stark County ended up needing. Daum scored twice more, on a third-quarter interception return and on a fourth-quarter Browning pass.
R-W, which plays Friday night at Havana, was held to 145 yards rushing and 78 yards passing. Jaden Koepp led in rushing, with 42 yards, one more than Keagan Gerlach.

Annawan-Wethersfield 42
Havana 0
KEWANEE – Quarterback Madux Heitzler ran for two touchdowns and passed for two more as A-W (4-0, 3-0 LincolnLand small) raced to a 42-0 halftime lead.
Heitzler carried six times for 131 yards and scored on runs of 43 and 49 yards. He was 2-for-4 passing, with both completions going for scores, one of 36 yards to Nic Thurston and one of 20 yards to Cole Goodley. Thurston also ran 36 yards for a TD and Devon Horrie had the other Titans’ score on a 17-yard run.
Havana passed for 96 yards but ran for just eight yards on 17 carries.

A-W now faces a road matchup at Rushville-Industry (3-1, 3-0).
Rushville-Industry 54
South Fulton 6
RUSHVILLE – The Rockets (3-1, 3-0) ran for 389 yards and 10.8 yards per carry in a blowout win.
Sebastian Bertoux ran for 145 yards and two scores on seven carries and Rylan Reimolds carried nine times for 101 yards and two scores.
R-I quarterback Brady McGinnis also passed for scores on his only two attempts.

SCOREBOARD

| Princeville 35 | | | |
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| Elmwood-Brimfield 14 | | | |
| Princeville | 16 | 6 | 13 0 - 35 |
| Elmwood-Brim. | 0 | 0 | 6 8 - 14 |
| Scoring Summary | | | |
| First Quarter | | | |
| P - Sarnes 54 run (Geiger pass from Sarnes) | | | |
| P - Sarnes 38 run (Geiger pass from Sarnes) | | | |
| Second Quarter | | | |
| P - Sarnes 38 run (run failed) | | | |
| Third Quarter | | | |
| P - Christianson 63 pass from Sarnes (kick wide right) | | | |
| P - Blunier 25 pass from Sarnes (Richeson kick) | | | |
| E-B - Burkitt 14 pass from Patterson (kick failed) | | | |
| Fourth Quarter | | | |
| E-B - Burge 60 run (Ulrich run) | | | |
| Team Statistics | | | |
| | P | E-B | |
| Rushes-yds | 36-275 | 33-144 | |
| Yds per carry | 7.6 | 4.4 | |
| Comp-Att-Int | 10-20-2 | 1-4-1 | |
| Passing Yds | 195 | 14 | |
| Penalties | 14-100 | 5-35 | |

| Fourth Quarter | | | |
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| F - Brewer 5 run (Gibbs kick) | | | |
| Team Statistics | | | |
| | F | IW | |
| Rushes-yds | 14-59 | 45-51 | |
| Yds per carry | 4.2 | 1.1 | |
| Comp-Att-Int | 14-21-1 | 4-6-1 | |
| Passing Yds | 195 | 18 | |
| Individual Statistics | | | |
| Rushing - F: Fleming 4-34, Brewer 5-29, Noy 2-6, Gronewold 1-2, Team 2-(minus-12). | | | |
| Passing - F: Noy 14-21-1 195. | | | |
| Receiving - F: Gronewold 4-92, Crawford 3-43, Frye 1-26, Smith 3-16, Brewer 2-12, Fleming 1-6. | | | |
| Tackles - F: Crawford 5, Gronewold 5, Martin 4, Perkins 4. | | | |
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| Farmington | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Macomb | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Knoxville | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Elmwood-Brim. | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Illini West | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| West Hancock | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| LVC | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Bureau Valley | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Last Week | | | | |
| Princeville 35, Elmwood-Brimfield 14 | | | | |
| Farmington 35, Illini West 0 | | | | |
| Macomb 42, Bureau Valley 16 | | | | |
| Knoxville 35, West Hancock 28 | | | | |
| St. Bede 56, LVC 0 | | | | |
| Friday, Sept. 26 | | | | |
| Bureau Valley at Elmwood-Brimfield | | | | |
| Knoxville at Farmington | | | | |
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| West Hancock at Illini West | | | | |
| LVC at South Fulton | | | | |

| LincolnLand - Small | | | | |
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| Stark County | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Annawan-Weth. | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Rushville-Industry | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Princeville | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Abingdon-Avon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| South Fulton | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Havana | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| ROWVA-Willmsfld | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| United | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Last Week | | | | |
| Princeville 35, Elmwood-Brimfield 14 | | | | |
| Stark County 33, ROWVA-Willmsfld 0 | | | | |
| Rushville-Industry 54, South Fulton 6 | | | | |
| Abingdon-Avon 59, United 30 | | | | |
| Annawan-Wethersfield 42, Havana 0 | | | | |
| Friday, Sept. 26 | | | | |
| Abingdon-Avon at Princeville | | | | |
| United at Stark County | | | | |
| Annawan-Weth. at Rushville-Industry | | | | |
| ROWVA-Williamsfield at Havana | | | | |
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Koepp 1-1.

Smith 7.

Tackles -- SC: O'Bryant 11. R-W:

Koepp 1-1.
Tackles – SC: O'Bryant 11. R-W:

Burge, Ryan pace Elmwood volleyball

By PHIL JOHNSON
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Elmwood’s volleyball team moved to 14-4 on Monday with a 25-22, 27-25 Prairieland Conference win over Havana.

Cheyenne Burge had a team-high 11 kills, and Gianna Ramirez contributed seven kills.

Lexi Begner and Jade Conlee each served one ace, Payge Ryan passed out 22 assists and Wren Kellenberger tallied 10 digs.

Elmwood rallied to score a 23-25, 25-19, 25-15 Prairieland win over South Fulton at home last Tuesday. Burge put up big points for the Lady Trojans with 14 kills and five aces. Ramirez scored 11 kills.

Ryan was stellar with 34 assists and 12 digs.



Cheyenne Burge slams home a kill for Elmwood on Monday night vs. Havana with setter Payge Ryan watching. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

Elmwood’s next match is today at ICAC/Prairieland foe North Fulton.

- **Brimfield** – Brimfield (7-3) swept visiting Farmington on Monday, 25-22, 25-18. Kennedy Teubel led with seven kills, Clair Gilles added six kills and Layla Hersemann chipped in five more. Jovi Chastain had 17 assists.
- Prior to that, Illinois Valley Central had defeated host Brimfield 25-18, 25-23 on Sept. 17.
- Teubel led Brimfield with eight kills and Chastain had 15 assists and three aces. Anja Nelson recorded eight digs and Gilles had three aces.
- The Lady Indians lost 25-9, 25-19 at Kewanee Wethersfield on Sept. 16. Layla Hersemann had four kills and an ace, Teubel notched four kills and Chastain had five assists.
- Josie Wiewell served one ace and had five assists, Nelson had 11 digs.
- Brimfield is home today (Sept. 25) versus Illini Bluffs.
- **Farmington** – Farmington (5-11) came up short 25-22, 25-18 at Prairieland opponent Brimfield on Monday. Korynn Barton led FHS in blocks, with seven. Lynsey Shriber scored two kills and one ace. Ella Johnson had two assists.
- Ava Essex and Halie Whitby each served one ace and had five digs.
- The Lady Farmers defeated Annawan before falling just short to Princeville, Quad City Christian and Stark County at Saturday’s

ROWVA-Williamsfield Invite.

Johnson and Kaitlynn McGee each had 14 assists on the day, Kayleigh Toombs scored 18 kills and Essex tallied eight aces.

Shriber had nine blocks and Whitby recorded 47 digs.

FHS swept Galva 25-19, 25-16 last Thursday at home in nonconference competition. Shriber was strong at the net with seven kills and five blocks, Essex notched 12 digs while serving three aces and McGee recorded 10 assists.

The Lady Farmers lost 25-14, 25-18 to Macomb in a Prairieland matchup at home on Sept. 16. Essex had two kills and two aces.

Jessamin Albritton, Toombs, McGee and Shriber had two kills apiece. Johnson had seven digs.

Farmington next competes in the Fulton County Tournament at Canton on Saturday.

- **Princeville** – Princeville (5-13) lost at Stark County on Monday in a Lincoln Trail matchup. Jameson McGinn had 12 kills and Bethany Sennett contributed 14 assists.
- Claire Sutherland defended with four blocks, and Kinsley Cowser recorded 18 digs.
- The Lady Princes made it a very good day on Saturday with a second-place finish at the ROWVA-Williamsfield Invite. Victories came

over Quad City Christian, Farmington and Annawan before falling to the host team.

“We added sophomore Kinsley Cowser to the lineup and she did big things,” said Princeville coach Ashley Lauber. “She was a beast all over the floor with 26 digs on the day.”

Sutherland recorded 22 kills, seven blocks and four aces on the day. Sennett assisted on 28 scores. McGinn also tallied 26 digs in the tourney.

PHS came up short to Peoria Christian in a 25-14, 25-13 non-conference loss at home last Thursday. Carly Cox had four kills and Sutherland had four assists. McGinn recorded eight digs while Sennett followed with seven digs.

Princeville was topped 25-17, 25-22 last Wednesday at Lincoln Trail rival ROWVA-Williamsfield. McGinn had four kills, Sennett had eight assists, Sutherland blocked two and Aliyah Dominguez served two aces.

Princeville plays at Monmouth-Roseville today in the Lincoln Trail.

- **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – R-W (11-3) swept through its invitational on Saturday with a three-set win over Stark County followed by sweeps over Galva, Mendon Unity and Princeville.
- Sawyer Secrist had a productive day with 55 kills, 34 digs and eight aces. Riley Smith recorded 19 kills and three aces.
- Ella Rigg (38) and Tori Trotter (30) combined for 68 digs. Addie Byrd registered six blocks.
- The Lady Cougars captured a 25-17, 25-22 victory at Lincoln Trail rival Princeville last Wednesday.
- Secrist scored on nine kills and two aces, Smith added eight kills and Byrd blocked one. Trotter had 18 assists, and Kinley Danner had two aces.
- R-W easily handled DePue 25-7, 25-11 in a nonconference home matchup last Tuesday. Secrist recorded eight kills and five aces. Rigg had six digs and Trotter recorded 12 assists.
- Next up for R-W is a Monday Lincoln Trail meeting at home against West Central.

United girls win fifth straight Lincoln Trail

By The Weekly Post

KEWANEE – The Monmouth United girls won their fifth straight Lincoln Trail Conference tournament on Sept. 17 at Midland Golf Club.

United posted a 373 team score to edge Ridgewood for the title. Ridgewood had a 377 total.

United’s Paige Christianson won the individual title with an 85 on the par-72 Midland layout. Teammate Meredith Yung was second with an 89.

ROWVA-Williamsfield finished with a 472 team total, led by Ella Erlacher with a 109 18-hole score.

Lauren Johnson had 116, Colbie Lewis had 118 and Bella Dennis had 129.

Emerson Hannam also had

129 for R-W

Stark County had 475, led by Hailey Allen (108).

- **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – On Sept. 16, the R-W boys and girls traveled to Geneseo for matches against the Maple Leafs.
- The girls defeated the hosts 214-218 at Geneseo Country Club. Dennis led R-W with a round of 49. Johnson (52), Erlacher (55) and Hannam (58) were R-W’s other scorers.
- Lillian Bellagamba of Geneseo was medalist with a 44 on the par-35 front side at GCC.
- In the boys match, at the Country View Golf Course, Geneseo’s Kwin VanKerbroeck carded a 1-under round of 35 in the Maple Leafs’ 155-171

win. VanKerbroeck made four birdies in his round. Drew Kelly contributed 2-over 38.

R-W’s Preston Lafary had a birdie in an even-par round of 36. Kaden Dewitt shot 41, Trent Stiers shot 44 and Cash Courson had a 50.

- **Farmington** – Cole Blackhurst and Parker Crow tied for medalist with a score of 47 in a vic-

tory over Knoxville on Sept. 18 at Lake Bracken Country Club in Galesburg. Brady Nickel shot 51 and Hunter Kurth had a 52 as the Farmers posted a 197 team score.

Blackhurst was medalist with a 42 in a match at Wee-Ma-Tuk Hills in Cuba on Monday, but the Farmers’ 194 was behind LVC and Canton. Hunter Kurth shot a 46.



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Big plays propel Princes over E-B

R-W routed by Stark County

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Princeville football players probably are better at their sport than they are at singing. And their singing isn’t shabby.

Solid defense and some big first-half plays on offense propelled Princeville to a 35-14 victory Sept. 19 over Elmwood-Brimfield in a LincolnLand crossover game.

In the first meeting between these neighbors in about 20 years, the Princes (3-1) completed their scoring before the Trojans (2-2) began theirs, with about a minute left in the third quarter. Princeville senior quarterback Kaiden Sarnes had only five carries but gained 143 yards and scored three times.

All of it was a nice present for Princeville Coach

Jon Carruthers. In the post-game on-field huddle, his players serenaded him with a relatively on-key version of “Happy Birthday.” Carruthers was low-key afterward.

“I kept it a secret all day, but my son apparently told everybody. I guess he won’t eat tonight,” said a joking Carruthers, who turned 48.

Princeville feasted almost from the beginning. After E-B was held to eight yards on its opening drive, it took only two plays from scrimmage for Princeville to lead, on Sarnes’ 54-yard bootleg run.

A little more than five minutes later, a 38-yard Sarnes run made it 16-0. A Sarnes run of identical distance with 9:28 remaining in the first half resulted in six more Princeville points.



ROWVA-Williamsfield quarterback Drake DeJaynes follows through on a passing attempt during last Friday night’s home game against Stark County. The league-leading Rebels won 33-0. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

“That first half, it was three plays,” E-B Coach Todd Hollis said.

Offensive linemen Cayden Allen, Owen Harmon, Collin Lowery and Bradin Senn, among

others, helped give Sarnes room to maneuver. Harmon, Lowery and birthday-snitch Collin Carruthers were among the defensive players who

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Defense dominant in Farmington rout

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

CARTHAGE – This was more than a shutout. This was complete defensive domination.

The Farmington football team not only held Illini West scoreless, the Farmers also allowed their foe just 69 yards in 49 plays in a 35-0 romp last Friday (Sept. 19).

Led by that defense and another solid offensive showing, Farmington improved to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the LincolnLand large division. It was the second straight shutout for the Farmers, who have allowed 34 points, 12 fewer than last year after four games.

“Last year was the best defense we’ve had,” Farmington Coach Toby Vallas said. “(This year’s defense) is headed in the right direction for sure. We’re playing really good.”

Vallas credited nose tackles Hunter Darsham and Carson Horn for battling against a massive Illini West line.

“They had to be pretty stout in the run game and they were,” Vallas said.

Illini West (2-2, 2-1) was also hurt by losing quarterback Ethan Carlisle to a broken leg on its second series when he was tackled on a bootleg run.

“That changes everything for an offense no matter if you have a good backup or not,” Vallas said.

Farmington didn’t change much en route to its 28-0 halftime lead. As he has all season, Jake Gronewold found a myriad of ways to score, racking-

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Inside

- Burge, Ryan pace Elmwood volleyball. Page 19.



The Elmwood-Brimfield girls cross country team won the Dale Donner Invitational last Saturday in Walnut. Top-five runners from left to right are Riley Kelly, Charlotte Walker, Bristol Schmidgall, Mya Hill and Taylor Forney.

Elmwood girls win Donner XC invitational

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

WALNUT – Saturday was a bounce-back outing for the Elmwood-Brimfield girls cross country team.

One week after a middling showing at the First to the Finish Invitational at Detweiller Park, the E-B girls ran to first place in the Dale Donner Invitational for the first time since 2022.

“I thought we bounced back very well from our race last weekend at First to the Finish. This course gen-

erally produces slower times than Detweiller just by how it is set up,” E-B Coach Kyle Anderson said. “Our split from 1-5 was better this week (48 seconds) and six out of the 10 that raced actually ran faster than they did at Detweiller. If they ran slower this weekend, it was only by an average of about 10-15 seconds.”

E-B finished with 84 points to easily outdistance runner-up Stark County (154 points) and Sherrard (182). The race winner was Kyla Babb of West-

mont in 17:23.

Bristol Schmidgall paced E-B by placing 12th in 20:06, just ahead of teammates Mya Hill (14th, 20:08) and Charlotte Walker (16th, 20:15). And the all-important 1-5 time gap between first- and fifth-scoring runner was just 48 seconds, as the Lady Trojans’ other scoring runners were Riley Kelly (21st, 20:37) and Taylor Forney (29th, 20:54).

The E-B boys placed fifth with 220

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Saturday September 27th
@ 10:00 AM

YARD EQUIPMENT, TOOLS & GRILL/SMOKER: JD 115 Automatic 42" deck 19hp, Ranch King Mower 42" deck 16.5hp, Push Mower, Pit Boss Smoker, Hand/Garden Tools, Dyno Glow Gas Grill, Vise, Chicken Wire, Farm Fence, Gas Cans, Garden Bench, Bikes, Tool Box, Ladder, 12-2 Wire, Mailbox. WATCHES/SEWING/& LINENS: Ladies Disney Guess Gossip Relic Valdawn Watches, Cross Stitch, Yarn, Singer Sewing Machine, Brother Portable, Singer Serger, Buttons, Hand & Bath Linens, Lots of Scissors, Needle Point, Embroidery.. FURNITURE/TOOLS: Oak Table & Chairs, Oak Lift Top Coffee Table, Oak TV Stand, Phone Cabinet, End Tables, Flatscreen TV. ANTIQUES, PRIMITIVES & COLLECTIBLES: Vintage Christmas Decorations, Disney Handkerchiefs, Cow & Goat Bells, Tobacco Tins, Crocks & Jugs, WWII Kerosene Lantern, Soda Pop Bottles, TOYS/DOLLS & ACTION FIGURES: Barbies, Cardinal Stuffed Bears, Build a Bears, GI Joe-Chuck Norris-Hulk Hogan-Master of the Universe Action Figures, Bobble Heads-Chicago Cubs, Riverman, Jim Thome, Mickey Mouse in St. Louis uniform, Cabbage Patch Dolls, Huge Collection of Barbie Line w/accs., Large assortment of Vintage Trolls,

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