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GOBBLE, GOBBLE

Talking turkey with Windsweep owner

By PHYLLIS COULTER
FarmWeek

Feathered gobblers are much more than the center of customers' holiday meals for Renee Koster and her family at Windsweep Farm in Lee County.

For Koster, turkeys are the curious creatures that greet her. "They are funny. Our building is open on one side. They all come running when they see you," she said.

A turkey is also the bird of choice for Koster's Easter meal.

And, for her 10-year-old son Colin Koster, a turkey is a way to learn about earning money, a 4-H project and a pet.

Renee Koster farms near Dixon with her father, Leonard Sheaffer, and her husband, Peter Koster, focusing on direct-marketing diverse natural products. "We have five children. The older ones help on the farm," Koster told FarmWeek. Windsweep Farm also grows organic soybeans, wheat, corn and soybeans.

"Turkeys are just one thing we do," said Koster, who started her farm by milking a couple of dairy cows in 2002. She added more dairy cows, beef calves, hogs, laying hens and broilers over time.

Seven years ago, she added turkeys, the start of

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The Broad Breasted White turkey breed, raised on Windsweep Farm in Dixon, is curious, inquisitive and good-natured and fast-growing. Photo courtesy of Renee Koster.

Brimfield intends to raise tax levy

School district seeking 9.1% increase in property taxes

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Add the Brimfield School District to the list of public bodies planning to increase their 2025 property-tax levies by more than 5%.

Brimfield intends to ask for a levy of $6,600,431, a 9.1% increase. That is well above the 5% threshold that triggers a state-mandated Truth in Taxation hearing, which is to be held in conjunction with the Brimfield School Board meeting Dec. 17. The 2024 tax extension was $6,052,411.

If the proposed levy is approved, the owner of a house valued at $200,000 would pay an additional $243 in property tax. The tax rate would increase only negligibly, from 4.87 to 4.88. Peoria County is estimating a 6.5% increase in equalized assessed property value in the Brimfield district.

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Potential Elmwood park back to idle

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The on-again, off-again possibility of a park in the Fairground Acres subdivision is off again, at least until early 2026.

Concerns about costs, traffic, terrain and environmental factors prompted City Council members to table discussion Nov. 18. Alderwomen Kristy Johns and Kristen Strom hesitated to accept Fairground Acres developer Fred Paige's proposed donation of a vacant lot to be used for parkland.

"I would love moving forward to just go about this in a really smart way in terms of having all the information," Strom said. "Because I'm hearing that no one is against parks. It's just a matter of, is this in the right area? Have we thought it through completely? Can we have a better plan in place?"

City Treasurer Bonnie Beal, who resides near the proposed park along Hickory Run, had another question.

"Can we just say, 'No, thanks?'" she said.

The council intends to discuss the issue again in January. It's been debated the past few months, but an official offer from Paige was not forthcoming. The city now has one, according to Mayor Andrew Almasi.

Last week, Beal addressed the council as a private citizen. So did four others, all Fairground Acres residents. All were opposed to the proposed park, or at least skeptical. Resident Tim Stobaugh echoed Beal's con-

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READY TO ROLL

This house at 205 W. Ash St. in Elmwood will be moved across Main Street to its new location at 324 W. Lynn St. on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. Residents are advised that the move could create traffic disruptions. Barry Shoop purchased the house from Elmwood CUSD 322 earlier this year.

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TIF application considered by Princeville board

By MOLLY RICHESON
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville Village Board is reviewing a TIF IV redevelopment agreement application submitted by Hand Craft'd.

Originally, the village had agreed to pay $7,500 toward renovations of the building in which Hand Craft'd, a freeze-dried candy company, is located. However, owner Amanda Hand submitted an updated application.

"Those things are Phase 2. I have plans to make a retail area inside, but right now only Phase 1 is finished," Hand said. "I've transformed a restaurant into a wholesale manufacturer kitchen that is federally registered. The flooring and insulation need replaced, and I'm thinking about solar, but this was my first step in making Hand Craft'd."

Hand said she wanted the initial application to go toward the purchase of the building itself rather than renovations. The board would need to get approval from TIF administrators before any changes could be made to the agreement.

Hand said she had a growing business with ties to Hy-Vee and the Peoria Riverfront Museum, among others.

The board expects the TIF Committee to meet before the Dec. 1 board meeting.

BRIMFIELD: Board members approved levy

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During a School Board meeting Nov. 19, Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones said the district has less than one year of operating funds in reserve. The district also had significant, planned expenses over the past year or so, including extensive renovations at Brimfield Grade School.

"It keeps me up at night," Jones said about finances. "The expenses just keep going up. We have an opportunity to get that revenue that we need in order to operate the district for another year.

"We got a lot done and we'd like to continue to do that, as long as the money's there."

The proposed levy does not leave money on the table, according to Jones. That has been a common theme among nearby school districts. Counterparts in Elmwood, Farmington, Princeville and Williamsfield have proposed exceeding the Truth in Taxation limit or already have done so.

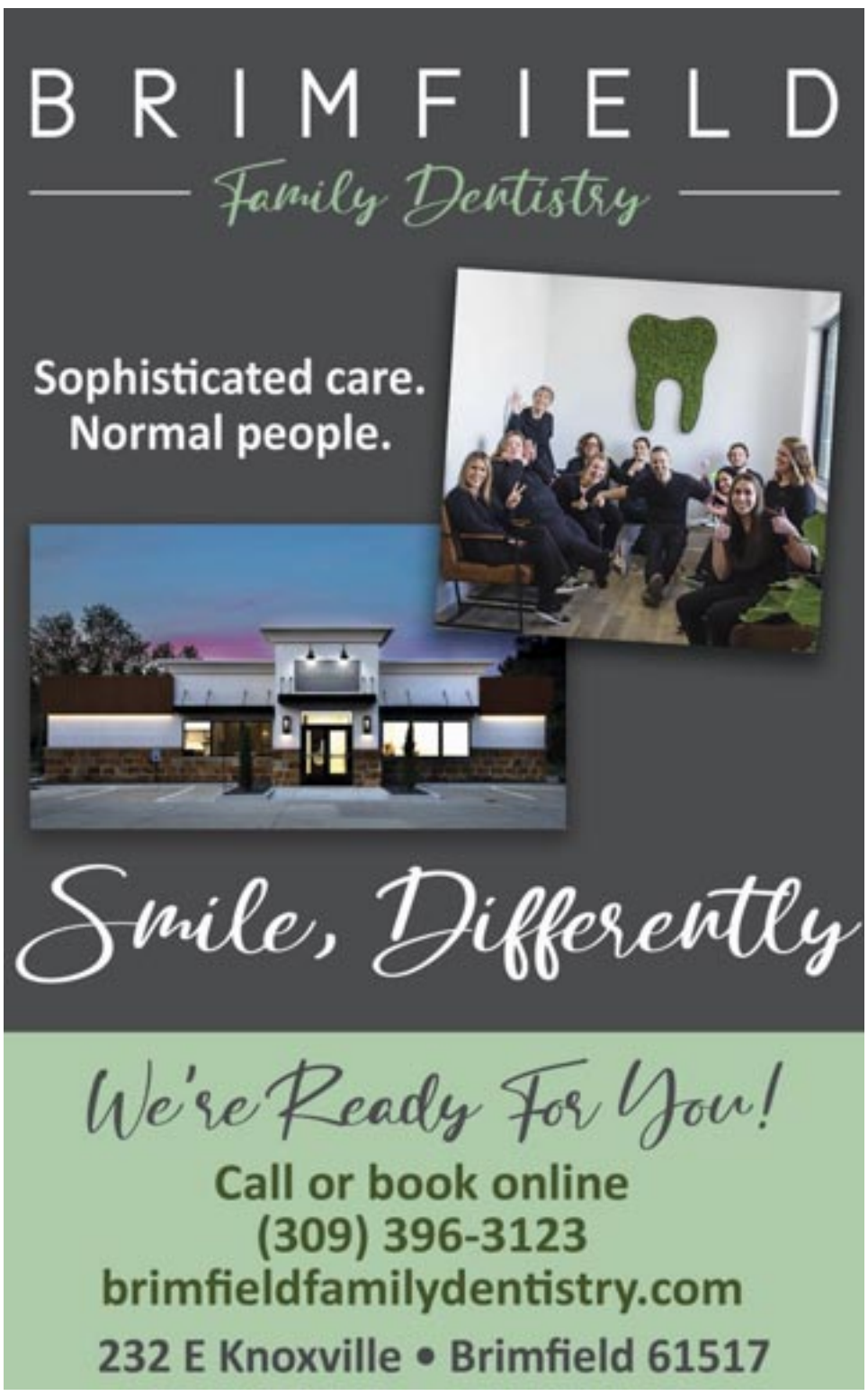
District superintendents have cited reductions in state and federal funding, among other things.

Without discussion, Brimfield board members approved the tentative levy. They also authorized pursuit of a $50,000 state matching grant to install air conditioning at the grade-school gymnasium and demolish its boiler system.

Also approved was an agreement with the Peoria County Regional Office of Education to implement an Alternative Learning Opportunity Program, effective in January and continuing through the 2026-27 academic year.

The program will provide Brimfield with a full-time, on-site educator to work with at-risk students individually, at no direct cost. Because of how enrollment is calculated, Brimfield probably will lose about $1,500 in state money as a result, according to Jones.

Last month, ROE Director George McKenna presented the board with details about the program. ROE reserve funds are to pay for the first two to three years of administration. That includes hiring educators.



THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week's Hot Picks

• **Santa Stroll –** A tree lighting and Santa stroll will be Nov. 30, 4:30-6:30 p.m., in Princeville's Stevens Square Park. Caroling starts at 4:30 p.m., the tree lighting is 4:30-5 and the event also includes food for sale, a scavenger hunt and businesses open late.

• **Dancing Dogs –** Peoria Obedience Training Club members are bringing dancing dogs to Brimfield Public Library Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. for a free performance.

• **Blood Drive –** The Apostolic Christian Church has a blood drive Dec. 4 from 12:30-6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall, 710 E. Main St., Princeville. For an appointment call (309) 238-0769 or visit redcrossblood.org.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Partly Sunny	Snow	Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Cloudy
35	53	33	24	19	23	33
17	41	21	5	11	18	18
WNW 15 mph	NE 8 mph	SSE 10 mph	NW 10 mph	WSW 5 mph	WSW 5 mph	SSW 5 mph

This Week's Events

• **Mahjong –** A Mahjong group will be gathering again to play on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. starting Dec. 1 at Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood. Adults are welcome to join.

• **Manna Meal –** There are no MANNA meals in November or December at Elmwood United Methodist Church.

Future Events

• **Christmas Walks –** Brimfield has its Christmas walk Dec. 6, 4:30-7 p.m. Event includes memorial trees, luminaries, businesses open late, soup supper at Brimfield Fire Department starting at 4:30, live music at Brimfield Public Library, Brimfield Area Museum displays, wagon rides, a petting zoo, Santa at Rookies Bar & Grill, a live nativity and more.

- Elmwood has its annual Christmas walk on Dec. 6, 4-7 p.m. Meet Santa, enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, local artisans at a Christmas market at the First Presbyterian Church, inflatables for kids at Elmwood Community Center, story time with Mrs. Claus at Morrison & Mary Wiley Library, extended hours for businesses and a free showing of "Arthur Christmas" at 2 p.m. at the Palace Theatre.

- Williamsfield has its Winterfest Dec. 6, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Event includes hayrack rides 6-8 p.m.; cookies, carols, crafts and more at Williamsfield Public Library 5:30-8 p.m.; Santa's Village at Veterans Park 6-8 p.m.; food at the Williamsfield Fire Department and Double Take Bar & Grill 6-8 p.m. and more.

• **Santa Breakfast –** Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 13, 7-11 a.m. at the Hanna City fire department. Toy donations welcome. Free photos with Santa.

• **Christmas Concert –** Choral Dynamics invites you to remember The Beauty of Christmas in a concert Dec. 5-6 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at Galesburg's Orpheum Theater. Call (309) 342-2299 or visit galesburgorpheum.org.

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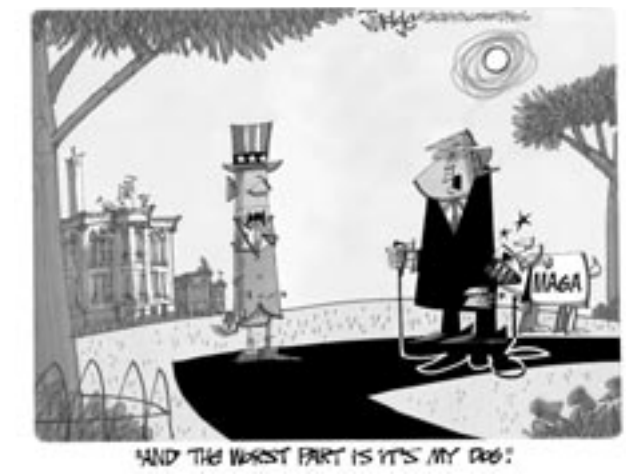

Of dumb cats, Hallmark Xmas & gun season

Rambling through central Illinois, wondering if snow is being replaced by fog in our weather pattern.

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While firearm deer season was not super-exciting for our crew, we did get a charge out of the Cat Rescue of 2025. On Nov. 11, our dog chased a black cat up a maple tree in the back yard. On Nov. 14, the cat was still in the tree, meowing pitifully.

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While this did not cause me to lose sleep, other worried members of the family demanded action. One rescue attempt involved a blanket over the cat and an ill-fated grab that made the silly thing shimmy up a higher, less steady branch. There she sat for a cold, wet evening.

Finally, between hunts on opening day of shotgun deer season, my boys went into action. The middle boy got a pole saw, put on a tree-stand safety harness and climbed a ladder to cut the branch holding the cat. The youngest held the ladder. The oldest shot video.

The middle boy's plan was for the branch to drop gently into a nearby oak, thereby slowing the rate of fall and letting the cat make it to the ground safely. Somehow, it all went off without a hitch. Truth be told, it was fun to watch. As an added bonus, without that branch, the oak should grow even better ... and the cat likely won't be as eager to return.

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Hate to admit this, but I watched an entire Hallmark Christmas movie last weekend. It took several sittings and plenty of bourbon, but I made it through "Holiday Touchdown: A Bills Love Story." The experience left me curious.

Are all Hallmark Christmas movies this bad? Are we supposed to ignore the oak and maple trees with green leaves in the supposed snow scenes? How can everyone be so happy? And since when did real actors start doing Hallmark movies?

Bad as it was, I've got it on good authority that the Bills movie is way better than last year's "Holiday Touchdown: A Chiefs Love Story." Even so, if not for ties to Buffalo, I would not watch three minutes of that schlock. When it comes to holiday movies, stick to the old favorites: "The Guardians of the Galaxy Holiday Special," "Elf" and "It's a Wonderful Life."

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Speaking of holidays, this is a great week to count blessings. I'm thankful the youngest boy completed his football career with no major injuries and all-conference honors; that the middle boy is good at climbing trees; that the oldest boy has moved closer to home and shows up regularly; and that my wife still puts up with it all.

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Back in 1991, when major steps toward expansion of Illinois deer hunting began, shotgun season accounted for 81% of the whitetails harvested. Twenty years ago, shotgun hunters took 67% of the total. By last year they accounted for just 48%.

Bowhunters have picked up the slack, increasing from an 18% harvest rate in 1981 to 43% last year. Of those, crossbows now account for nearly 54% of the archery harvest, compared to 14% in 2015.

No wonder last weekend's first shotgun season is no longer a big deal. My kids look at me with disbelief when talk turns to a barrage of shots on opening day. Nowadays, it's easy to keep track of the few blasts we hear. At one farm the total on opening morning was 10. At the other it was 15.

Warm weather, fog and a lack of rut action contributed to a lack of action where we hunted. Another reason to give thanks, though, is the miserable weather in the forecast that should get deer moving.

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I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Princeville Community Unit School District #326 for 2025 will be held on December 9, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. in the Princeville Junior Senior High School.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Tony Shinall, Superintendent, Princeville School District #326, 909 N. Town Avenue, Princeville, IL 61559, (309) 385-2213.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were $5,979,150.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2025 are $6,562,079. This represents a 9.75% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 were $957,973.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2025 are $1,000,766. This represents a 4.47% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were $6,937,122.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2025 are $7,562,845.

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cerns about potential traffic congestion and other issues.

"We need more information about what the overall plan is going to look like," Stobaugh said. "You're going to get some kids there, but you're also going to get some riff-raff. It seems like we need to get a little more into the weeds."

Alderman Bob Paige, who helps administer city parks, said developing the lot would cost almost $17,000 initially. That includes lawn maintenance and playground equipment. The parks budget has enough money to cover it, according to the alderman.

But Johns and Strom suggested potential costs could be significantly higher than their colleague's estimate.

Additional expenses might include property grading to eliminate a slope and other work to make the land compliant with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Environmental remediation also might be necessary, according to Strom. She said Fred Paige has been dumping sludge on part of the lot.

"It smells," Strom said. "That's an added expense if we have to take it out."

Johns asked for a complete cost estimate, as well as public input and an environmental study. Almasi suggested at least some of her requests would compound the price tag.

"It's a chance to have an opportunity to have another recreational area," Almasi said about the proposed donation. "I don't see what's wrong with that."

Aldermen Nathan Brunnelson and Tim Teel appeared to take a wait-and-see approach.

"I have mixed emotions about it," Brunnelson said. "I don't think it has to be an elaborate park. And I think it would have some benefits. I'm sitting on the fence."

In other business during a meeting that lasted almost two hours, councilors authorized a Truth in Taxation hearing regarding the 2025 city property-tax levy. Increases of more than 5% trigger the state-required hearing. It's to be held before the council's regular meeting Dec. 9.

Initial projections indicated the levy would rise by less than 5%. Upon further review, an unanticipated increase in property-and-casualty insurance requires an additional $22,000, according to City Attorney Bob Potts. The revised levy could result in a $26 tax increase for the owner of a $150,000 house.

The council also OK'd the temporary hiring of a building inspector, Joe Boyer of Peoria. The current inspector, Dave Hall, is recovering from hip surgery, according to Almasi. Boyer is to charge $50 per inspection.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR FARMINGTON CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #265 COUNTIES OF FULTON, KNOX AND PEORIA, STATE OF ILLINOIS

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Farmington Central Community Unit School District #265, Counties of Fulton, Knox and Peoria, State of Illinois for 2025 will be held on December 10, 2025 at 4:45 p.m. at Farmington Central Office in Farmington, Illinois. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Zac Chatterton, Superintendent, Farmington Central Office, 212 N. Lightfoot Road, Farmington, Illinois. (309-245-1000 Ext 4)

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were $8,247,190. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2025 are $9,004,829 this represents a 9.19% increase from the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 were $1,096,265. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2025 are $1,082,033. The percentage decrease is 0.013%

IV. The total property taxes levied to be extended for 2025 are $10,086,862. This represents an 7.96% increase over the previous year.

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Millie's Meadow
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Happy Holidays
from the
Brimfield Area Museum
106 East Knoxville Street, Brimfield, IL 61517 | 309-446-4186 | brimfieldareamuseum@gmail.com
The holidays are a perfect time for out-of-town family and friends to visit the museum!
Regular Hours:
Wednesday – 10am to 2pm, Thursday – 4pm to 7pm, & Saturday – 10am to 4pm
Special Event:
Brimfield Christmas Walk: Saturday, December 6th – 10am to 1pm & 5pm to 7pm
Special Holiday Hours:
Saturday, November 29th – 10am to 2pm
Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24th – 10am to 2pm
New Year's Eve: Wednesday, December 31st – 10am to 2pm
Saturday, January 3rd – 10am to 2pm
Closed:
Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day
If the hours listed above do not work with your busy holiday schedule, please contact us to schedule an appointment.

Grady Christmas Tree Farm
• Open Daily 9:00am-4:00pm
• Taking Orders for Wreaths, Grave Blankets, and Grave Pillows
• Closed Thanksgiving Day
Now Open
Call 309-362-2204 or 309-679-7099 for more information

Hanna City Fire Dept.
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, Dec. 13th
7-11am
Hanna City Firehouse
212 N. Main St. • Hanna City

Toy donation Box for Santa Bills Hospital Helpers
All proceeds go to Hanna City Firefighters Corporation
Free Photo with Santa

TURKEYS: Tips for holiday cooking

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the current flock of 40.

Overall, Windsweep Farm is only a tiny part of the turkey business in the state. According to the Illinois Corn Growers Association, farmers raise nearly 3 million turkeys statewide each year.

Almost all Koster's customers want their turkeys during the holiday season, so most are already spoken for this year, but there are still some available.

"There's not a lot of demand outside the holiday season," Koster said.

However, she breaks with tradition by serving turkey at Easter. Last year, it was a 32-pounder for 35 guests. She quartered it to make it easier to handle and brined it to add flavor and moisture. She smoked half and roasted the rest.

What's Koster's best tip for Thanksgiving cooks?

"For roasting, make sure it's covered really well. Give it plenty of time. Cook it low and slow until it's fork-tender," she said.

The family raises two turkey breeds. She started with Broad Breasted White turkeys because they are docile and fast-growing. After research, Koster found the more colorful Narragansett would be a good addition to their flock.

"Narragansetts are docile, which was one of the main reasons I chose them, as my son wanted a pet turkey, so temperament was important," she said.

Koster soon found the minimum order for poults (baby turkeys) from an Arizona supplier was 15.

So, Colin Koster started his farming career. He paid for a quarter of the feed costs and when the turkeys were sold, he earned a quarter of the income. He kept two breeding hens and Tom, a male turkey. He exhibited them at the Lee County 4-H and Junior Show and other farm-promotion events.

"Tom is calm. You can go up to him and pick him up," Renee Koster said. Some people say turkeys, which take about four months to reach butcher weight, are hard to raise. But not for Koster.

"In my experience, they are just as easy as raising broilers," she said.

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AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v.-
DELOIS TAYLOR et al
Defendant
2025-FC-0000086

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 9, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at **1:00 PM on December 8, 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 624 E WILSON AVE, PEORIA, IL 61603
Property Index No. 14-28-431-010
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.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-25-00619
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2025-FC-0000086
TJSC#: 45-1920

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

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BMSC SERIES I TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DARWIN MCPHERSON; DIANE L. MCPHERSON; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).
Case No. 2025-FC-0000218
1412 W. MARLENE AVE.
PEORIA, IL 61614

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Peoria County by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH EAST4 OF THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE SOUTH 265 FEET; THENCE WEST 620 FEET TO THE TRACT OF GROUND TO BE DESCRIBED: THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO UNIVERSITY STREET. 198 FEET; THENCE WEST AT RIGHT ANGLES 75 FEET; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL TO UNIVERSITY STREET 198 FEET: THENCE EAST 75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
Tax Number(s): 14-20-328-008
commonly known as 1412 W. MARLENE AVE., PEORIA, IL 61614; and which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by DARWIN MCPHERSON; DIANE L. MCPHERSON, and recorded in the Office of the Peoria County Recorder as Document Number(s) 06-27826; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Peoria County, located at 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602 , on or before December 15, 2025, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Brian D. Nevel (ARDC# 6309777)
Ghidotti | Berger LLP
2700 Patriot Blvd., Suite 250
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Fax: (949) 427-2732
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JAMES ANTHONY STEVENS JR. et al
Defendant
2024-FC-0000219

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 11, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on December 12, 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 2925 W KENWOOD AVE, WEST PEORIA, IL 61604

Property Index No. 18-06-352-023

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.

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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2024-FC-0000219
TJSC#: 45-2418

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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LARGE FARM AUCTION
EQUIPMENT - TOOLS - ANTIQUES
APPLIANCES - COLLECTIBLES - MORE!
Saturday, November 29th 2025
9:30am
250 Knox Hwy 8, Maquon, IL
1 Mi. South of Hermon on CR8 + 2 Mi. North of 116
Sellers: Multiple Owners
Auctioneer Dan Boyer - License No. 440000668
Mobile: 309-252-1193
Auctioneer Matt Shipley-License No. 440000449
BOYER'S AUCTION SERVICE
View Listing/Terms: boyersauction.com

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

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answer

As long as they are well-intentioned, mistakes are not a matter for shame, but for learning.
— Margaret Heffernan

Weekly SUDOKU

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PRINCEVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 326 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

SCHOOL DISTRICT/JOINT AGREEMENT NAME: Princeville Community Unit School District 326
RCDT NUMBER: 48-072-3260-26
ADDRESS: 909 Town Avenue, Princeville, IL 61559
COUNTY: Peoria/Stark/Marshall
NAME OF NEWSPAPER WHERE PUBLISHED: THE WEEKLY POST

DISCTRICT TYPE

Elementary	
High School	
Unit	X
Joint Agreement	

ASSURANCE
The Annual Statement of Affairs has been posted on the district's website and published in accordance with Section 10-17 of the School Code no later than December 1. (Put "X" in blue box if yes.) Yes X

SIZE OF DISTRICT IN SQUARE MILES	120
NUMBER OF ATTENDENCE CENTERS	3

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

FULL-TIME	60
PART-TIME	17

NUMBER OF NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

FULL-TIME	38
PART-TIME	92

Data previously included in the Annual Statement of Affairs can be found at:

Payments to certified personnel	Posted on district website per 105 ILCS 5/10-20.47
Student Counts	Included in district's report card https://www.illinoisreportcard.coml
Financial Data	Included in district's Annual Financial Report posted on ISBE's Cerberus Server https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance-Historical-Reports.aspx

TAX RATE BY FUND (IN %)

EDUCATIONAL	3.170000
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	0.500000
BOND & INTEREST	0.746960
TRANSPORTATION	0.200000
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	0.093490
SOCIAL SECURITY	0.134140
WORKING CASH	0.050000
FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY	0.050000
TORT IMMUNITY	0.349560
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.000000
SPECIAL EDUCATION	0.040000
LEASING	0.050000
OTHER	0.000000
OTHER	0.000000

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than $39.999

Arnett, Andrew
Arnett, John
Baer, Brandon
Ballard, Matthew
Barrett, Debbie
Baysingar, Stephanie L
Beck, Michelle
Berchtold, Tessa
Bird, Kimberly K
Bliss, Jessica
Bliss, Karen J.
Blunier, Kaden
Braker, Karen
Brodine, Lisa
Brown, Randi
Brumley, Lindsay
Butterfield, Christina
Butterfield, Ryan
Carter, Wendy
Casey, William
Catton, Chet
Catton, Julie
Clark, Breckon
Clark, Kristen

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than $39.999

Clemons, Aaron
Coats, Callie Jo
Coats, Morgan
Coats, Wren
Cobbs, Jesse
Connolly, Timothy P
Cowser,Aaron
Crain, Courtney
Dallinger, Ashley
Dallinger, Brian B.
Dallinger, Michele
Delbridge, Amber
Dinkins, Jamie
Dippel, Sydney
Dwyer, Maggie
Dye, Jacob
Eagelston, Christina
Ehnle, Kaitlyn A
Ely, John
Ford, Shona
Frazelle, Alexa
Friedman, Eric
Fritzenmeier, Pamela

(CONT.)Salary Range: Less Than $39.999

Fritzenmeier, Ted
Gallo, Ralph
Garcia, Lilianna
Garcia, Lindsey
Gardner, Chad L
Geiger, Neleh
Geiger, Noah
Givens, Deborah J
Greenway, Emma
Gross, John D
Harmon, Rylan
Hartz, Christine M.
Hernandez, Alexis
Herrmann, Raquel
Hohenbery, Kathy A.
Horton-Meza, Jesenia
Horton-Meza, Jisela
Janson, Ami D
Keyster, Geneva
Koller, Angela
Krey, Tanna J
Krigner, Brittany
Ladd, Ann R

(CONT.)Salary Range: Less Than $39.999

Lauber, Ashley
Lauber, Christopher
Lied, Heather
Long, Sara L.
Martin, Craig C.
Martin, Tiffany
Monahan, Ashley
Murphy, David L
Nauman, Janet K
Peterson, Donald L
Pheiffer, Coleen
Picelli, Maresca
Pierce, Sara
Potter, Maeghen
Pridemore, Dwayne L
Pulst, Erin
Rahn, Kamryn
Reed, Ashley
Rice, Nathaniel A
Rice, Summer
Rodriguez, Jennifer
Rodriguez, Yolanda
Roger, Rudy R.

(CONT.)Salary Range: Less Than $39.999

Shimmin, Melinda
Shipley, Rebecca
Sibley, Michelle
Simpson, Lori
Simpson, Tiernan
Snyder, Elizabeth
Stahl, Angela C
Stahl, Kayli N
Stahl, Sierra
Storm, Kaitlyn
Taylor, Leamond
Thole, Tracy
Trees, Kelly L
Updyke, Sarah
Venegas, Alyssa
Waldis, Mishona
Walker, Christine
Warren, Carolyn A.
Waters, Shereen M
Will, Blake
Willi, Dana A.
Wonders, Brian
Younglove, Stephanie

Salary Range: $40,000 - $54,999

Baer, Carol A.
Brodine, Douglas L
Elwell, Kelly R.
Haste, Michele L.
Huffman, Daryll L.
Hunt, Katherine
Johnson, Tonya M
King, Linda
Kirman, Cassandra
Lorentz, Aaron
Schierer, Wilbur

Salary Range: $55,000 - $74,999

Boland, Michelle
Horton-Meza, Maria Luisa
Jenkins, Kelly A

(Salary Range: $75,000 and Over

NONE

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER $2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amoun Amount
ACCIDENT FUND INS CO	33,059	EFTPS-CHICAGO	748,011	IX CONTROLS	6,887	PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL	6,245
AED Brands	2,581	EMS LINQ INC	8,246	IXL LEARNING	10,975	PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	21,133
AG-LAND FS, INC.	67,973	E-RATE FUNDING SOLUTIONS, LLC	2,600	JARVIS WELDING	8,525	Princeville Prints	8,534
AMEREN ILLINOIS	29,178	F.W. BOLAND PLUMBING, INC	4,662	JOHNSON HVACR &		PRINCEVILLE STATE BANK	110,050
AMERICAN FIDELITY	36,580	FIVE STAR WATER	2,842	FOODSERVICE EQUIP	5,878	PUDEA	40,581
Arrowhead Country Club	3,220	FRONTIER	21,390	KOHL WHOLESALE	78,937	Realityworks	4,058
AXA EQUITABLE LIFE INS.	105,265	Garaventa USA	4,105	LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEM	13,325	RIDDELL /ALL AMERICAN	12,331
Axiom Human Resource Sol	4,049	GETZ FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	10,559	LIMESTONE HIGH SCHOOL	12,160	RIVERSIDE CHEVROLET, INC	2,552
BARTONVILLE SCHOOL	21,580	GORDON FOOD SERVICE, INC	79,381	LOCKER ROOM SPORTING GOOD	9,264	ROE #48 PEORIA	15,950
BEVCHEM SOLUTIONS LLC	3,212	GORENZ AND ASSOCIATES LTD	18,500	Mansfield Power & Gas, LLC.	14,045	Ruyle Mechanical Services, Inc	10,075
BRAINPOP LLC	5,220	Grawey Glass	2,731	Matrix Trust Company	9,866	SAM`S CLUB BUSINESS CREDT	13,988
Bravo Painting LLC	5,435	H & H Industries Inc	47,838	McKean Solutions	5,400	Smith & Potter Equipment	13,214
BREEDLOVES SPORTING GOODS	3,361	HAPPY NUMBERS, INC	2,900	MENARDS - PEORIA	4,317	SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOC	672,412
CAMFIL USA, INC/DP FILTER	4,702	HEART TECHNOLOGIES, INC	91,925	Midcentury Communications	7,021	Supreme Radio Communications, Inc.	21,827
CARD SERVICE CENTER	80,908	Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer,		Midwest Orthopaedic Center	3,000	TEACHERS` HEALTH INSURNCE	62,842
CARLE HEALTH	2,950	Rodick & Kohn LLP	4,326	MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIPMENT	334,603	TEACHERS` RETIRMNT SYSTEM	391,931
CDW-G GOVERNMENT, INC.	62,830	HORACE MANN LIFE INSURNCE	14,250	MILLER HALL & TRIGGS, LLC	15,092	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	34,202
CENTRAL IL ELECTRICAL	3,383	Hudl	3,100	MOLLECK ELECTRIC CONTRACTORS	3,100	thinkAUM	5,000
CHASE	297,754	IASA	9,483	NEVCO Sports LLC	3,457	THOMPSON ELECTRONICS CO.	3,768
COMMON GOAL SYSTEMS, INC	18,991	IL ASSOC OF SCHOOL BOARDS	5,961	NGS	9,215	TruMark Athletics	2,993
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY-		IL CENTRAL COLLEGE	12,634	NWEA	9,120	UMB Bank	199,363
GAS DIVISION	9,658	IL DEPT OF REVENUE	251,021	OFFICE DEPOT	6,417	United Metal Buildings	9,531
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC	93,908	IL MUNICIPAL RET. FUND	169,079	Open Up Resources	46,255	Uniland Insurance & Benefits	10,041
CORE Construction	55,100	Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	122,350	PAPER 101	6,980	Verizon	4,351
CrisisGo, Inc	4,765	Illinois Mechanical Service & Design, Inc.	17,384	PCM + DESIGN ARCHITECTS	24,000	VILLAGE OF PRINCEVILLE	20,831
DAKTRONICS, INC.	7,475	IMPREST FUND-ADMIN OFFICE	2,654	PEORIA COUNTY SHERIFF	57,854	Wilson Language Training Corp	6,570
DIGITAL COPY SYSTEMS, LLC	40,075	IMPREST FUND-HIGH SCHOOL	45,597	PEORIA REGIONAL LEARNING CENTER	2,580	XELLO INC	4,200
EB BUILDINGS & LUMBER CO	3,389	ITsavvy LLC	3,850	PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL	10,380		

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OF $1,000 TO $2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

AB Hunter Sewer Service	1,990	IESA	1,415	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATRLS	1,136	SCHOOL HEALTH CORP	1,206
AG Parts Worldwide Inc	1,506	IL Department of Employment Security	1,680	LAMPE PUBLICATIONS LLC	1,866	Sharon Rzyski	1,000
AMERICAN PEST CONTROL INC	2,490	ILLINI PLUMBING INC	1,944	LANTER DISTRIBUTING LLC	2,050	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	1,010
American Time	1,343	INTERSTATE BATTERY	1,194	LEXIE BARBER	1,775	Social Assurance	1,325
Bieneman Construction	1,152	J.J. KELLER ASSOC INC	2,180	MIKE HARMON	1,038	STUDIES WEEKLY	1,581
BLICK ART MATERIALS	1,029	Jacob Dupree	1,897	MYSTERY SCIENCE	1,495	SUE WILLIAMS	1,439
College Board	1,572	Jada Crose	2,220	NCS PEARSON, INC.	2,100	TALLEY TECHNICAL SERVICES	1,220
D`s Paint & Body Shop	2,353	Jamf Software LLC	1,890	O`REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC	1,286	TECH ELECTRONICS	1,676
EDMENTUM	1,250	JODEE BAUMAN	2,116	OSF HEALTHCARE	1,002	TEXTHELP INC	1,349
ELEVATION SEPTIC AND EXCAVATING	1,000	JOSTENS INC	1,095	P.E.R.F.E.C.T.	1,021	The Writing Revolution	1,890
FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC	1,481	KELLY JENKINS	1,361	PACIFIC LIFE INS. CO.	1,400	Tony Shinall	1,201
Generation Genius	1,795	Kiki Holt	2,248	PLS 3RD LEARNING	2,456	TRS - VOYA	1,452
GERMAN-BLISS EQUIP, INC	1,359	KINSELLA PORTA POTTIES LLC	1,230	PRINCEVILLE AUTOMOTIVE	1,449	TYPING.COM LLC	1,079
HEART OF ILLINOIS	1,709	Knapp Concrete Contractors	1,123	PRINCEVILLE CUSD #326	1,452	WeVideo Inc	1,233
IDEAL ENVIRONMENTAL	2,235	Kristen R Strom LLC	2,000	ROE #17	1,700	WILLIAM V MACGILL & CO	1,414

REPORT ON CONTRACTS EXCEEDING $25,000 AWARDED DURING FY 2025

1. Total number of all contracts awarded by the school district:	12
2. Total value of all contracts awarded:	$1,374,502.00
3. Total number of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and locally owned businesses:	\ 0
4. Total value of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and locally owned businesses:	$0.00

FARMINGTON CUSD #265 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

SCHOOL DISTRICT/JOINT AGREEMENT NAME: Farmington Central CUSD 265
RCDT NUMBER: 48-072-2650-26
ADDRESS: 212 N. Lightfoot Rd Farmington, IL 61531-9648
COUNTY: Peoria
NAME OF NEWSPAPER WHERE PUBLISHED: The Weekly Post

DISCTRICT TYPE

Elementary	
High School	
Unit	X
Joint Agreement	

ASSURANCE
The Annual Statement of Affairs has been posted on the district's website and published in accordance with Section 10-17 of the School Code no later than December 1. (Put "X" in blue box if yes.) **Yes** X

SIZE OF DISTRICT IN SQUARE MILES	188
NUMBER OF ATTENDENCE CENTERS	3

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

FULL-TIME	96
PART-TIME	51

NUMBER OF NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

FULL-TIME	66
PART-TIME	58

TAX RATE BY FUND (IN %)

EDUCATIONAL	2.634460
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	0.500000
BOND & INTEREST	0.546760
TRANSPORTATION	0.200000
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	0.107240
SOCIAL SECURITY	0.139670
WORKING CASH	0.050000
FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY	0.000000
TORT IMMUNITY	0.050000
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.000000
SPECIAL EDUCATION	0.040000
LEASING	0.050000
OTHER	0
OTHER	(0)

Data previously included in the Annual Statement of Affairs can be found at:

Payments to certified personnel	Posted on district website per 105 ILCS 5/10-20.47
Student Counts	Included in district's report card https://www.illinoisreportcard.coml
Financial Data	Included in district's Annual Financial Report posted on ISBE's Cerberus Server https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance-Historical-Reports.aspx

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than $39,999
ANDERSON, DIONE M
ANDERSON, TYLEN ROBERT
ARCHDALE, DANIEL WAYNE
ATCHLEY, KENNETH FLOYD
ATCHLEY, LAURA
BALAGNA, CATHERINE R
BALL, RAMONA JOELYN
BANKS, MARIA LYNN
BERRY, SUSAN MARIE
BISHOP, NICHOLE D
BLOOMER, DANISHIA LYNN
BLUM, KENNETH L, II
BOHANNAN, MILDRAJEAN
BOLDEN, ZANALLIA
BOLTON, ERICA
BONOMO, MARISA LIU
BOYER, RONALD G
BROWN, MELVA JUNE
BUCCO, JOY E.
CARROLL, NATALIE
CATTON, KAYLEE LYNN
CLARK, WENDY
CLUSKEY, VICKY LOTA
CRAWFORD, RICHARD C
CROW, CASSIDY CAYLENE
CROWELL, DAVEE LYNN
DANZ, JEFFERY A
DAVIS, MEGAN M
DAVISON, TIMOTHY GORDON
DURBIN, JACOB SCOTT
EHLERS, ZOE ANN

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than $39,999
ELSON, EDWARD LEE
ESSEX, KYLE
FELLERS, BRIANNA LYNN
FLATER, JEFFREY R
FLEISHER, APRIL L
FLEMING, NATHAN R
FOSTER, BRANDI LYNN
FOWLER, RUTH D
FRANZONI, KARI L
FREY, JAMIE FELICIA
GERMAN, MICHELLE ANNE
GERMAN, ROBERT BENJAMIN
GERMAN, TERESA S
GIBBS, JACOB CHRISTOPHER
GOGGIL, ANN MARIE
GONTERMAN, HEATHER LYNN
GRONEWOLD, KRISTI JO
GRUBB, MELINDA SUE ANN
GRZANICH, SUSAN DIANA
HABERLIN, RACHEL ROSE
HAGGARD, KATRINA DANIELLE
HALEY, TIMOTHY W
HAMMOND, NATISHA DURHAM
HAROLDSON, ELISE
HARRMANN, NICOLE LEANNE
HARSHBARGER, NOAH R
HARTSTIRN, ALLISON MICHELLE
HASTY, DANIELLE NIKOLE
HEDGE, JULIE LYNN
HENKHAUS, VICTOR FRANKLIN
HERRON, MELISSA ANNE

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than $39,999
HIGGS, MICHELLE C
HORN, DALE RUSSELL
HUFFCUTT, KAMIN R
HURT, REBECCA LYNN
IRBY, CRAIG
JACKSON, MALLORY WHITNEY
JOHNSON, JUDITH A
JONES, MORGAN CAROLE
KAYSER, CHESNEY A
KENNEY, KAREN SUE
KETCHAM, PATRICK JOSEPH
KIESEWETTER, SARAH E
KILPER, JESSICA
KILPER, STEPHEN D
KOENIG, CHRISTINA AMBER
KRUZAN, ELIZABETH ELAINE
LACEY, RAMONA
LANE, TONYA DARLENE
LANGE, DEIDRA ELIZABETH
LEGASPI, JACQUELINE
LEMM, THERESA LYNN
LENTZ, DOUGLAS ALLEN
LITTREL, REBECCA PAULINE
LOWE, GERALD ERNEST
LOWE, MICHELLE ANN
LOZIER, MARTIN EARL
LOZIER, PAIGE ELIZABETH
LYNCH, NATHAN MICHAEL
MARTIN, BENJAMIN JAMES
MARTIN, JENNA ROSE
MARVEL, REBECCA JO

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than $39,999
MAXWELL, JEFFIE JOAN
MCCLAIN, BOBBI JO
MCCLOUD, STEPHANIE A
MCCOY, VALERIE
MEISTER, JENNA NICOLE
MELTON, MELISSA SUE
MELZ, AUDRA
MEYER, SARA LEE
MILLER, KELLI JO
NELMS, MARCUS
OBRIAN, MARIA N
OLDFIELD, MICHELLE LYNN
OSSMAN, JEFFREY A
PASSMORE, STEVEN R
PAUL, RICHARD J
PAYNE, MICHAEL D
PAYNE, SUSAN MARIE
PEARSON, MICHAEL M
PERARDI, SARAH
PICKENS, ADDISON ROSE
PLUMER, MARY SUSAN
POWELL, ADAM M
POWELL, WENDY LYNN
PULLEY, VALERIE J
RENNER, MICHAEL DAVID
ROBERTS, LISA L
RUSCH, RUTH
SHAKE, JODI LEIGH
SHELBY, EMILY JEANNE
SHOWALTER, SCOTT R
SMITH, LESLYE DIANE

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than $39,999
SMITH, RACHEL ELAINE
SOLLENBERGER, MINDIE LYNN
SOLLENBERGER, ROBERT
SPILLER, ROYIESHA N
STRADER, CINDY JO
STRUBHAR, MARIA LYNN
SUIT, AMBER TERESE
SWEARINGEN, ROY E
TACKMAN, CHRISTOPHER ALAN
TAYLOR, LESLIE LYNN
TERRELL, KIMBERLY J
THOMAS, REBECCA MICHELLE
THREW, LOUISA MARIE
TRACY, ANGELA F
ULM, CIARA MARGUERITE
ULM, JAY
URYASZ, JAKOB CLYDE
VAULTONBURG, ALLYSIA R
VERMILLION, LYNSEY N
VONK, MCKENZIE LAVONNE
WALLIASPER, NOAH EDWARD
WALRAVEN, KAYLA D
WARD, DESTINY LAYN
WATSON, STEPHEN R
WEAVER, TAMRAH SUE
WELLS, JAMES U
WEYERS, JEFFREY D
WIESBROCK, JOHN
WIESBROCK, RONDA J G
WILCOXEN, STACIE RAE
WRIGHT, PATRICIA N

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than $39,999
YANCEY, BRITTANY S
ZABORAC, KATHRYN A
ZELTNER, BREE R

Salary Range: $40,000 - $54,999
BOWER, MICHAEL R
CRATTY, KELLY MARIE
GIBBS, SUSAN KAY
HABERLIN, JOSEPH A
KENNELLY, LISA ANN
MELTON, JAN MARIE
MOWEN, JULIE SUZANNE
OSSMAN, AMBER LYNN
RUSSO, MARISSA SUE
SHAFFER, ERIN LYNN
SLACK, LAKEN RYE
STEVENS, CURTT
URYASZ, DEBRA ANN
VALLAS, KRISTIN NICOLE
WILSON, JACOB R

Salary Range: $55,000 - $74,999
GARLISH, CHRISTI MARIE
HILLEBRAND, JOHN DAVID
KIESEWETTER, DENIECE R
TOWNE, SHAWN E
VOHLAND, NATALIE JO
WORKMAN, JAMES RICHARD
WRIGHT, GLENDALE R

(Salary Range: $75,000 and Over

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER $2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
A&A BUILD, LLC	6,205
A.C. MCCARTNEY	28,500
ACCIDENT FUND INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	93,227
ADOLPHSON, TORI RAYE	3,091
AERIALMIG	4,000
AFLAC	6,028
AG-LAND FS, INC	57,855
ALMASI, NATALIE	16,500
ALPHA BAKING CO., INC.	6,321
AMEREN ILLINOIS	7,782
AMERICAN PEST CONTROL INC	5,230
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	5,851
Amplify	52,798
APPLE INC	3,196
APPTEGY	17,950
ARRENHOLZ EXCAVATING, INC	17,440
ASPLUND, ISAAC A	8,056
AUTO CREATIONS	6,533
BANK OF FARMINGTON - TRS	704,506
BANK OF YATES CITY	59,861
BARTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #66	19,940
BEDNAR CHIROPRACTIC	3,360
BINDER, SCARLETT	5,000
BLOD ARCHITECTS	84,536
BLUUM OF MINNESOTA, LLC	145,571
BREEDLOVE SPORTING GOODS	8,352
BRISK TEACHING	5,600
BSN SPORTS, LLC	17,944
BUSHUE HR, INC	7,712
BUTLER REPAIR	13,477
CARROLL SEATING COMPANY	9,336
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD	3,835
CDS OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES	21,584
CENGAGE LEARNING	12,597
CENTRAL ILLINOIS EDUCATORS INSURANCE TRUST	1,370,206
CENTRAL ILLINOIS LOANS	3,109
CENTRAL STATES BUS SALES, INC	571,840
CHEMSEARCH FE	5,364
CHUCK'S TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC	3,250
CITY OF FARMINGTON	29,568
CJ SIGNS	4,350
CLOUDPOINT GEOSPATIAL, INC	5,235
COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN, SECOND STEP	2,595
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC.	76,326
CORSAW HARDWOOD LUMBER, INC	2,880
CRAWFORD'S HOME FURNISHINGS	77,554
DAN CONE GROUP	3,851
DEMOULIN BROTHERS & COMPANY	18,000
DLA ARCHITECTS, LTD	72,060
DOORS INC	7,731
DRAGOO PAINTING, INC	58,296
DRIES BROS. PLUMBING, INC	94,330
EASTER SEALS CENTRAL ILLINOIS	47,736
EB ACADEMIC CAMPS, LLC	6,376
ECA Educational Services Inc	4,239
EDIMENTUM, INC	35,661
EQUITABLE FINANCIAL/EQUI-VEST	182,353
EXPERTPAY	20,556
EXPLORELEARNING	4,316
FARMINGTON BOOSTER CLUB	4,712
FARMINGTON CENTRAL CUSD #265 IMPREST FUND	4,367
FARMINGTON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	22,576
FARMINGTON CENTRAL HS	31,413
FARMINGTON NAPA	6,394
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC	3,514
FORD OF GALESBURG	14,517
FRANK COONEY CO., INC.	176,919
FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP LLC	13,714
G N L CONSTRUCTION UNLIMITED, INC	108,816
GETZ FIRE EQUIPMENT	4,417
GORDON FOOD SERVICE	250,073
GORENZ AND ASSOCIATES, LTD.	28,050
GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS.	40,063
GREG FOOSE CONSTRUCTION	4,499
HARTING ASSOCIATES, INC	8,427
HEART TECHNOLOGIES, INC	143,219
HEARTLAND BANK & TRUST COMPANY	1,098,000
HELM SERVICE	92,670
HEYING COMPANY	6,570
HFO CHICAGO	26,199
HOERR'S BLACKTOP & SEALCOATING, LLC	14,500
HOFFMANN, NICHOLAS JAMES	6,780
HORACE MANN INSURANCE COMPANY	9,610
HUDL	13,000
HUTCHISON ENGINEERING, INC	12,056
IL ASSOC OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS	4,001
IL ASSOC OF SCHOOL BOARDS	7,068
ILLINI BLUFFS COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DIST #327	3,385
ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER	35,275
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY	9,974
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	373,737
ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	78,499
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SERVICE	340,680
ILLINOIS PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION	3,049
ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	7,914
INCIDENT IQ, LLC	4,918
INTEGRATED SYSTEMS CORPORATION	11,275
INTELLIGENT MARKET USA, INC.	18,700
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE-IRS	1,141,445
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE, INC.	14,230
IXL LEARNING	5,714
JAMES UNLAND & COMPANY, INC	152,477
JONES, CARLI	4,000
KAYSER, CHESNEY A	2,575
KENDALL HUNT PUBLISHING	7,799
KIMBALL MIDWEST	4,435
KLOPFENSTEIN, KYLIE	5,000
KREILING ROOFING CO.	5,907
LEARNING A-Z	6,448
LEVEL DATA, INC	2,638
LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEMS LLC	5,665
LIFE INS. COMPANY OF THE SOUTHWEST	10,000
LIFECORE FITNESS, INC	10,497
LINCOLN OFFICE	4,897
LOZIER OIL COMPANY INC	48,156
LUMOS LEARNING	4,943
MAJORCLARITY	3,650
MANGIERI REFINISHING, LLC	30,982
MAS RIGGING, INC	5,700
MASTERYPREP	4,403
MATHEWSON, CLINTON M	10,982
MC SPORT AND MORE 2	29,486
MEDIACOM	3,456
MID CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS	7,206
MILLER, HALL & TRIGGS, LLC	18,507
MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC	463,792
NEARPOD INC	4,190
NET2PHONE INC.	15,866
NEWSELA, INC	11,723
NEXTERA ENERGY SERVICES MIDWEST, LLC.	67,415
NIEMANN FOODS, INC - AH	4,804
NIEMANN FOODS, INC - CM	3,425
NORTHWEST EVALUATION ASSOCIATION	13,413
NOTABLE, INC (KAMI)	3,500
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	7,074
ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH	8,260
OSSMAN, JEFFREY A	5,000
PARENTSQUARE INC	3,034
PEARSON EDUCATION INC	3,850
PEERLESS NETWORK, INC	9,308
PEORIA CHARTER	5,940
PEORIA COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION	18,935
PEPSI-COLA	7,337
PIONEER MANUFACTURING COMPANY	4,753
PIP PRINTING	10,626
POWELL, WENDY LYNN	5,782
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC A/R	55,710
PRIMERGY SOLAR ILLINOIS	47,553
PROFESSIONAL THERAPY SERVICES, INC	6,188
PROTOLIGHT INC	16,285
RAPTOR TECHNOLOGIES	2,640
RB FLOORING	6,840
RENAISSANCE	15,093
RESONANCE EDUCATION, LLC	2,750
RIDDELL/ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORP	16,335
ROE #26 BUSINESS OFFICE	9,410
ROGUE	3,432
ROY KEITH ELECTRIC COMPANY	15,228
S AND H CAMP PROPERTIES, LLC	67,200
SACHI TECH (DBA) PIKMYKID	3,025
SCHOLASTIC INC	3,972
SCHOOLMART	4,171
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	27,300
SHOTTENKIRK TOYOTA QUINCY	44,499
SKYWARD ACCOUNTING DEPT	24,212
SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF PEORIA CO	1,470,829
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	170,636
SPECIALIZED EDUCATION OF ILLINOIS INC	58,097
SPENGLER, KEVIN J	5,950
SUPREME RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, INC	7,055
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	57,972
THE MATH LEARNING CENTER	4,394
THE MUSIC SHOPPE, INC	39,204
THOMPSON & MCCOY EARTHMOVING &AG DRAINAGE, INC	31,916
THOMPSON ELECTRONICS COMPANY	3,501
TIMECLOCK PLUS	6,344
TOWN & COUNTRY TRENCHING	3,000
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	15,463
ULINE	11,021
VALIC	6,000
VALLAS, LORI ANN	5,917
VALLAS, TOBY J	11,071
VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICES LLC	8,746
VERIZON WIRELESS	35,204
VISA	162,518
VOYA INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY	10,460
WARD, DESTINY LAYN	6,277
WASTE MANAGEMENT	33,421
WESTERN AREA PURCHASING COOP	19,359
WILLIAMSON BLIND & DRAPERY, INC	11,350

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OF $1,000 TO $2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

AIRGAS USA, LLC	1,580
ALTORFER INC	1,341
BARNES & NOBLE, INC	1,915
BEGNER, JUSTIN R	1,025
BUSHUE BACKGROUND SCREENING	1,952
CUNNINGHAM, STUART	1,402
D&S PRIVATE DETECTIVE, INC	2,205
ERATE PROGRAM, LLC	1,000
EVERYDAY SPEECH LLC	1,800
FARMINGTON CENTRAL ACADEMIC FOUNDATION	1,000
GATHMAN AG, INC.	1,141
GROW GRIT PRESS LLC.	1,560
HEARTLAND	1,080
HECOX, LOUIS D	1,181
HILLEBRAND, JOHN DAVID	1,122
HPS LLC	2,302
HR FIT, LLC	1,974
IDEAL TURF	1,475
IESA	1,515
IWIRC	1,279
J.C. DILLON INC	1,971
JOHN'S PAINT AND BODY, INC.	2,124
JOHNSON, REGINA E	2,500
JOSTENS INC	1,988
KELLY GLASS, INC.	1,433
KESLER SCIENCE	1,396
KIDDER MUSIC	1,712
LAMINATOR.COM	2,419
LAMPE PUBLICATIONS LLC	1,420
LANTER DISTRIBUTING, LLC	1,352
LEWISTOWN AUTOMOTIVE, TIRE AND ALIGNMENT	1,241
LOCKER ROOM	2,000
LOWE, GERALD ERNEST	2,150
MACLEAN ENTERPRISES, LLC	1,650
MALOTT EXCAVATING/CONTRACTING & SHIPPING SVCS	1,785
MIDWEST TRUCKERS ASSOCIATION, INC	2,307
MILLIE'S BAKESHOP	1,015
MOBEX, INC	1,680
MORTON RENTALS LLC/CREATE A SCENE EVENTS	1,799
MRSA-UV LLC	1,243
MYSTERY SCIENCE INC	1,495
PEORIA EDUCATIONAL REGION FOR EMPLOYMENT	1,136
PEORIA WILBERT VAULT CO., INC.	2,445
PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #62	2,115
PLS 3RD LEARNING	1,890
POLAR ELECTRO, INC.	2,198
ROCK, RHONDA Y	1,587
SCHOOL NURSE SUPPLY, INC	2,005
SHOWALTER, SCOTT R	1,168
SimpliFaster LLC	1,300
SYSTEMAX	1,440
THE PADCASTER, INC.	1,789
THE TOUCHPROS	1,440
TRACK SURFACES COMPANY	1,200
ULTIMATE DRILL BOOK, INC.	1,250
UNITY SCHOOL BUS PARTS	1,915
VERKLER TRUCK REPAIR	2,024
WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	1,003
WENSTROM, JOSH	1,200

REPORT ON CONTRACTS EXCEEDING $25,000 AWARDED DURING FY 2025

1. Total number of all contracts awarded by the school district:	19
2. Total value of all contracts awarded:	$1,345,950.16
3. Total number of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and locally owned businesses:	12
4. Total value of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and locally owned businesses:	$1,003,216.64

Lockers may return to Billtown school

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – A lack of student lockers in the middle-school hallway of the Williamsfield school building might be a backbreaker.

District officials are attempting to determine if lockers should be installed in the middle-school area. The school has 150 lockers currently, but they're located in the high school hallway. That can require a bit of a walk during the passing periods between classes, about three minutes.

It also can result in middle-schoolers preferring to lug weighty book bags instead. School Board Member Paul Bosnich and some of his colleagues suggested that might lead to a bad-back epidemic.

"Try to carry around that book bag for a day," Bosnich said during a meeting Nov. 17. "I couldn't do it. It's terrible."

Any student in grades 5-12 who wants a locker can have one, Principal Zack Binder said. There is a total of 164 students in those grades, including 76 in the middle school. But few students want and use a locker, according to Billtown Superintendent David Mills.

Lockers used to exist in the middle-school wing but were moved during a COVID-19 pandemic break, Binder told the board during its October meeting. He favors locker use instead of book-bag use. But student mindset might be a challenge.

"Are lockers still as necessary as they once were?" Binder stated. "Or have we simply shifted toward book bags, which can sometimes be a nuisance, a health concern or even a potential safety risk if used to carry unnecessary or inappropriate items?"

Mills said he plans to start looking at what costs might be associated with new-locker purchase and/or old-locker repositioning. Multiple opinions are to be solicited, and nothing is likely to happen until this summer at the earliest.

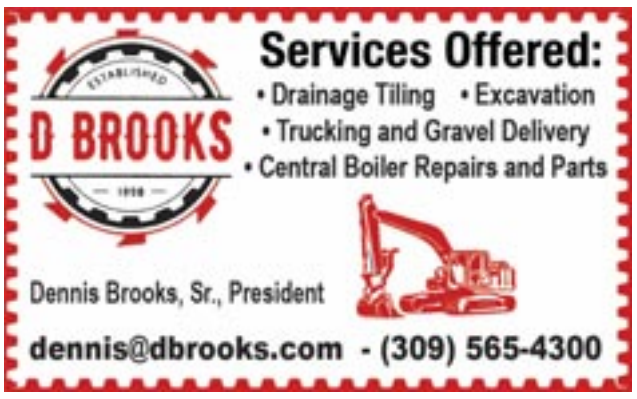
"There could be some sticker shock, but not if we can start planning and move forward," Mills said.

If there are enough lockers for every student, the district probably would implement a no-book-bag policy, according to Board President Chad Goff. That appeared to be fine with Board Member Wes Wrage.

"It's not too big of an ask," he said last month. "An excuse to me is, 'I don't have time to get to my locker and back.' Yes, you do. You just choose not to."

During the November meeting, board members were told the elementary school received an exemplary designation on the 2024-25 report card the Illinois State Board of Education issued. That's the highest ISBE category, among the top 10% of schools statewide in academic performance.

The high school was rated as commendable, one spot below exemplary on the five-spot ISBE scale. The high school just missed an exemplary designation. Also commendable was the middle school, which rose one place from targeted status the previous year.



PUBLIC RECORD

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

Police reports

• **GALESBURG** – A Williamsfield man was among four people arrested in connection with the theft of firearms from a Victoria-area residence.

Cory B. Tucker, 42, was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and possession of methamphetamine regarding the incident that happened Sept. 29. He also was wanted in a separate theft case in Knox County.

The arrests announced Nov. 20 came after investigators searched an East Galesburg residence Nov. 3 and found 17 stolen firearms hidden in attic insulation, along with ammunition and other stolen property, according to the Knox County Sheriff's Office. A Ten Point crossbow also was recovered.

A gun safe was forced open in the initial burglary, and numerous firearms were reported missing.

Others arrested were Dallas L. Charles, 51, of East Galesburg; and Maurice R. Gryp, 47, and Rodney D. Smith, 63, both of Galesburg. All three face identical charges – burglary, theft, aggravated possession of a stolen firearm and unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon.

• **YATES CITY** – A Yates City man was accused of possessing an explosive device and threatening to use it. Robert L. Cassel, 58, was arrested Nov. 22 after law-enforcement authorities obtained a court-issued search warrant for a Yates City residence, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office news release. The search uncovered suspicious items that were collected as evidence.

Cassel was charged with making a terrorist threat and disorderly conduct and was transported to the Knox County Jail. Sheriff Jack Harlan did not respond to messages regarding what was found and what Cassel allegedly planned to do.

Also responding were Galesburg and Yates City police, the Peoria Police Department bomb squad, BYE Ambulance Service and Elba-Salem firefighters.

• **ELMWOOD** – An Elmwood man was accused of fighting with law-enforcement officers during a confrontation at a local residence.

James A. Goble, 51, was arrested shortly after 2:30 p.m. Oct. 25 in the 700 block of N. Holly St., according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The incident, apparently related to a domestic dispute, happened shortly before 1 p.m. in the 200 block of N. Holly St.

According to Elmwood Police Department Chief Aaron Bean, five sheriff's-office deputies joined him.

"He wanted to fight all of us at the same time. He lost terribly," Bean said about Goble.

Bean also said Goble was under the influence of methamphetamine. He was charged with aggravated assault of a peace officer. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was notified because a 13-year-old boy was present. The boy was placed in protective custody.

• **ELMWOOD** – A Trivoli-area man was accused of trying to run over someone with a vehicle in Elmwood. Darren M. McClister, 60, was arrested before 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 28 in the 1900 block of N. Quarry Rd., according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The incident happened shortly before 8:45 a.m. in the 200 block of E. Hawthorne St. in Elmwood.

The victim is from Elmwood. McClister also was wanted in Fulton County for failure to appear in court. In Peoria County, he was accused of aggravated assault.

• **PRAIRIE CITY** – A Princeville man was killed in a single-vehicle wreck in northwest Fulton County.

Jonathan Lant, 29, was found dead inside the vehicle shortly before 3:45 a.m. Sunday at Buchen Road and County Highway 17 east of Prairie City. He was the only occupant of a pickup truck that sustained major front-end damage after it hit an embankment, according to Fulton County Coroner Austin Rhodes.

An autopsy performed Monday in Peoria revealed Lant died from injuries sustained in the accident. Toxicology is pending. The Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Avon firefighters and Galesburg Hospitals Ambulance Service also responded.

• **PEORIA** – A Princeville man police stopped in Peoria for multiple vehicular crimes also was wanted for illicit-drugs possession. Troy L. Bowen, 55, was driving a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe when a Peoria officer pulled it over at 12:15 a.m. Oct. 24 in the 9700 block of N. Knoxville Ave.

A check revealed Bowen had an outstanding 2024 Peoria County warrant for possession of methamphetamine. He was arrested and transported to the Peoria County Jail. The vehicle was towed.

Bowen also was cited for operating a vehicle with no registration, driving on an expired license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• **FARMINGTON** – A traffic stop led to a local man being cited for driving with a suspended license.

Nathaniel M. Trone, 31, was driving a 2012 Hyundai about 8 p.m. Oct. 25 in the 100 block of N. Main St. when a Farmington police officer checked the vehicle registration. It showed Trone's license was suspended, according to a police report.

Trone said he didn't know his license was suspended. He received a notice to appear in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – An apparent domestic dispute resulted in a Princeville man's arrest.

Jesse L. Rosas, 38, was accused of domestic battery in connection with the incident, which happened at 7:45 p.m. Oct. 23 at a residence in the 300 block of E. Evans St. A Peoria County Sheriff's Office report about the incident was heavily redacted.

The victim was a 37-year-old Princeville woman. Rosas was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Kewanee man was arrested in connection with a battery that happened 11 days earlier in Princeville.

Dean J. Shaw, 37, was taken into custody about 9 p.m. Oct. 21 in the 600 block of S. Walnut St., according to heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office reports. The incident took place shortly before 1 a.m. Oct. 10 at Casey's, 105 E. Spring St. The victim was a 22-year-old Chillicothe man. Shaw received a notice to appear in Peoria County Circuit Court.

• **BRIMFIELD** – A local boy required hospital attention following a two-vehicle crash at an intersection east of Brimfield.

The boy was driving a westbound 2010 Jeep Wrangler shortly after 3:45 p.m. Oct. 19 on Brimfield-Jubilee Road when at Maher Road the vehicle struck the passenger side of a northbound 2019 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Chad Jordan of Elmwood was the other driver. He admitted rolling past the stop sign on Maher Road and was cited for failure to obey it. There was no stop sign on Brimfield-Jubilee Road, on which the boy said he was driving about 50-55 mph.

An ambulance transported the boy to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. His injuries were not life-threatening.

• **EDWARDS** – A two-vehicle wreck outside Wildlife Prairie Park resulted in no apparent serious injuries. Jacob P. McCabe of Edwards was driving a northbound 1998 Jeep Cherokee shortly before 4:45 p.m. Oct. 19 in the 3800 block of N. Taylor Rd. when the vehicle rear-ended a 2015 Dodge Journey, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The other driver was Joseph L. McGuire of Bloomington. He said he slowed to figure out where the entrance to the park was. McGuire complained about back pain but declined medical attention.

• **TRIVOLI** – A Trivoli man was arrested following an apparent domestic dispute at a local residence.

A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy was summoned about 6:45 a.m. Oct. 18 to the 19400 block of Linwood Drive, according to a heavily redacted report. Travis S. Janco, 25, was accused of domestic battery. The victim was a 37-year-old Trivoli woman, the report stated.

• **FARMINGTON** – A traffic stop in Farmington resulted in a Peoria woman's arrest.

Shortly after 10:15 p.m. Oct. 17 on Fort Street near Fremont Street, 50-year-old Tonya M. Love was driving a 2012 Jeep that didn't have functioning license-plate lights, according to a Farmington police report.

A check revealed Love was wanted in Peoria County for an unspecified offense. She also was accused of operating a vehicle without a valid license and was transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.

• **TRIVOLI** – Damon T. Keller, 50, of Trivoli surrendered shortly before 10:15 a.m. Oct. 25 at the Peoria County Jail in connection with a 2024 drunken-driving case, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **ELMWOOD** – Shortly before 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 21, Mallory A.F. Miller, 42, of Elmwood was driving a 2014 Honda Odyssey minivan in the 20400 block of Illinois Route 8 when the vehicle struck a deer. Miller was uninjured, according to an Elmwood police report.

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

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Oct. 26-Nov. 1: domestic dispute, Dahinda; civil dispute, Galva; theft, Dahinda; animal complaint, Williamsfield; burglar alarm, Williamsfield; suspicious incident, Yates City; grass fire, Yates City; structure fire, Douglas.

Marriage licenses

• Molly Michelle Richeson of Brimfield and Shane Lee Copher of Princeville.

• Kendra Marie Knobloch of Princeville and Brandon Kent Edelman of Mansfield.

BRIEFS

Gun hunters kill 51,409 deer during first season

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois shot a preliminary total of 51,409 deer during the first weekend of Illinois firearm deer season, Nov. 21-23. Comparatively, hunters took 54,661 and 53,348 deer during opening gun season in 2024 and 2023.

Illinois' seven-day firearm deer season concludes Dec. 4-7. For the first time, youth hunters with an unfilled youth deer permit can hunt with the permit during the second firearm deer season.

In local counties, hunters shot 1,228 deer in Fulton County, 685 in Knox County and 586 in Peoria County. Totals for Knox and Fulton were down, but Peoria was up from the past two years.

ICC strikes $55.8M from Ameren gas-rate request

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Commerce Commission cut $55.8 million from Ameren Illinois' rate request for its natural-gas delivery services.

The decision reduces Ameren's $128.8 million request by about 43% and approves a 9.60% return on equity, a reduction from the company's requested 10.70% ROE.

The ICC issued its decision after scrutinizing Ameren's filings, along with additional materials submitted by the utility, consumer advocates, commission staff and various interveners over an 11-month legal proceeding.

Holiday diaper drive helps local families

PEORIA – State Rep. Ryan Spain invites constituents to spread some holiday cheer to families in need this year by donating to his annual holiday diaper drive.

Diapers, baby wipes and diaper cream are some of the most sought-after items for young families in need. Donations are being accepted through Dec. 12 in person or shipped directly to Spain's Peoria office. Donations may also be made using the Amazon wish list. Drop off or ship donations to: 5407 N. University St., Arbor Hall, Suite B, Peoria, IL 61614.

A drive-through donation event will be Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon in Peoria at Arbor Hall of the Illinois Central College North Campus, 5407 N. University St.

To host a donation site at your church, business or organization, or if you have any questions, contact Spain's office at (309) 690-7373.

Et cetera

• GALESBURG – KCARC amateur radio VE test session is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Galesburg Public Library, 264 W. Main St.

The test is offered for anyone wishing to get their first license or upgrade their current license. The exam is $15. You must have an FCC registration number and a photo ID. If you are upgrading, bring a copy of your current license. For more information, go to w9gfd.org or email AC9AH@outlook.com.

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0000 N. Daily Road, Princeville, IL
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1669 Sherwood Rd, Dahinda, IL 61428
235 +/- acres bordering DragonFly Lakes. Enjoy 14 acres of food plots this fall benefiting the trophy whitetail or turkeys running around this farm. Low hunting pressure of neighbors increases the potential for this farm. $1,715,500
1841 N. 1400 RD., Dahinda, IL 61428
4 bed 3 bath home located overlooking the spoon river bottoms. Enjoy the peace and tranquility this home offers along with your choice of 36 acres up to 247 acres offering some of the best whitetail hunting in the area. Property offers a lake, 40 tillable acres and 137 CREP acres. Home with 36 acres $1,395,000 or home with 247 acres $2,600,000.
0000 RR, Maquon, IL
Large farm consisting of 115 tillable acres, 144 acres in CRP on its 2nd year and hardwoods great food plots. Income is around $88,000 a year. This area is known for its B&C caliber deer and offers pheasants and fishing the Spoon and Haw Creek. 413 acres $3,510,500
00 N. Hardscrabble Rd., Sparland IL
Walk in to the park like setting and enjoy the trails to the back property line where you can enjoy views of the Illnois River in the winter months. Wonderful build site with an opportunity to build a lake at the front of the property. 77 acres $639,800
17217 N. Dairy Farm Rd., Smithfield, IL 61477
Beautiful homesite overlooking the fields below offering a great trail system and tremendous deer and turkey hunting. 140 acres $895,000
000 Bartholomew Ln., Elmwood, IL 61529
Great sloping pasture offers great build sites with opportunity to make an income with hay or livestock. Lake on property offers water year round that had been used for bird hunting in the past. $777,443
0000 RT 24, East Peoria, IL 61611
Located on Rt 24 and Rt 116, this is an amazing location overlooking the Illinois River. Property includes 10 acres zoned commercial off a dead end road. This piece butts up to Fondulac Park and offers great deer hunting. $600,000
665 S. Main St., Farmington SOLD
6102 S. Trivoli Rd., Glasford SOLD
000 E. 500 East, Oconee SOLD
254 County Rd. 2500 E, Carlock PENDING
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Pages From The Past

Compiled by Andy Latora

Five Years Ago

• An ordinance regulating solar energy within the city limits of Elmwood was passed by the City Council on Nov. 20 during a special meeting.

• The IHSA Board of Directors issued guidance to pause all winter sports due to COVID-19 mitigations.

10 Years Ago

• An open house for the sale of the Palace Theatre was cancelled, according to Elmwood Economic Development Director Dick Taylor, who cited a lack of publicity. But a scheduled sale of the century-old theater is scheduled for Dec. 9, ordered by Judge James Mack in connection with a foreclosure proceeding brought by Farmers State Bank.

15 Years Ago

• Farmington Central Elementary School held a breakfast and program for local veterans. Over 88 veterans attended the festivities.

25 Years Ago

• While delivering newspapers, Tina Hogsett discovered a fire at a house in Princeville's 300 block of Tremont St. A quick response by the Akron-Princeville Fire Department limited damage to the living room.

35 Years Ago

• A freakish and poor-timed accident happened at the Elmwood elevator when a corn-bin platform broke and the bin fell onto one of the dryers. The bin contained 3,000 bushels of corn.

55 Years Ago

• A welcome coffee was held in the Legion Hall in Williamsfield for The Rev. Patrick Brennan.

65 Years Ago

• St. Matthews Church in Edelstein closed after Sunday services.

• The Thurman Filling Station in Dunlap was burglarized. A loss of about $840 in cash and merchandise was reported.

75 Years Ago

• Guy Swiger, a lineman for the Central Illinois Light Co. from Princeville, was severely burned when he came in contact with a 4,600-volt power line.

80 Years Ago

• Volunteer firemen from Princeville and Wyoming were called to help battle a fire in Edelstein that destroyed two warehouses and damaged a third building.

• Rededication services were held in Brimfield marking the restoration of the century-old Zion Episcopal Church there. The church was founded in 1845.

85 Years Ago

• William Friedman resigned as chief of the Akron-Princeville Fire Department after having served for 18 years.

• Margaret Schindler lost the sight in her right eye when a piece of flying glass struck her in the eye. It happened at school and was caused by a severe windstorm.

• The Farmington Bowling Alley opened in the Christy building on East Fort Street.

• The Princeville Village Board secured final approval for the WPA project to improve village sidewalks. The project called for 24 workmen for six months to be paid a total of $7,700.

100 Years Ago

• The Bank of Farmington received its charter to operate as a state bank.

Chambers steps into new role as ag coordinator

By ANITA WILKINSON
U of I Extension

People and nature are some of Brittany Chambers' favorite things, and now she has a job that embodies both.

Chambers recently became the new University of Illinois Extension ag and natural resources program coordinator for Fulton, Mason, Peoria and Tazewell counties.

Chambers

She will be coordinating the local Extension Master Naturalists and a wide variety of natural resource-related educational programs.

Chambers originally got involved with Extension Master Naturalists when she completed the core-education training in 2023 and then with the Master Gardener program in 2024.

Her passion for the natural world shines through in everything she does, from supporting volunteer programs to developing new opportunities that promote conservation, stewardship and outdoor education.

As a lifelong learner, Chambers has completed a variety of courses in forestry, horticulture and other environmental subjects, always eager to expand her knowledge and share it with others. She enjoys being outdoors as much as possible, whether that's hiking local trails, camping in her car on weekends or working in nature whenever she can.

"As a Master Naturalist volunteer, Brittany played an integral part in launching the Junior Master Naturalist 4-H club in Tazewell County," noted Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle, Extension horticulture educator. "Her experience with the Master Naturalist program and her skills teaching and planning has made her job transition as smooth as glass."

Chambers began her career with Illinois Extension as a SNAP-Education instructor in May 2024. Following the retirement of Christine Belless, Chambers applied for her dream job.

BRIMFIELD CUSD 309 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

SCHOOL DISTRICT/JOINT AGREEMENT NAME: BRIMFIELD CUSD 309
RCDT NUMBER: 48-072-3090-26
ADDRESS:323 E CLINTON ST BRIMFIELD, IL 61517 0380
COUNTY: PEORIA
NAME OF NEWSPAPER WHERE PUBLISHED: THE WEEKLY POST

DISCTRICT TYPE

Elementary	
High School	
Unit	X
Joint Agreement	

ASSURANCE

The Annual Statement of Affairs has been posted on the district's website and published in accordance with Section 10-17 of the School Code no later than December 1. (Put "X" in blue box if yes.) Yes X

SIZE OF DISTRICT IN SQUARE MILES	773994
NUMBER OF ATTENDENCE CENTERS	2

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

FULL-TIME	57
PART-TIME	0

NUMBER OF NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

FULL-TIME	26
PART-TIME	24

TAX RATE BY FUND (IN %)

EDUCATIONAL	2.470800
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	0.494160
BOND & INTEREST	0.927190
TRANSPORTATION	0.197670
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	0.054820
SOCIAL SECURITY	0.077390
WORKING CASH	0.049420
FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY	0.049420
TORT IMMUNITY	0.212810
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.000000
SPECIAL EDUCATION	0.247080
LEASING	0.049420
OTHER	0.000000
OTHER	0.000000

https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance-Historical-Reports.aspx

Data previously included in the Annual Statement of Affairs can be found at:

Payments to certified personnel	Posted on district website per 105 ILCS 5/10-20.47
Student Counts	Included in district's report card https://www.illinoisreportcard.coml
Financial Data	Included in district's Annual Financial Report posted on ISBE's Cerberus Server

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than $39.999

BARNETTE, MATTHEW R
BAYSINGAR, TYLER
BIENEMANN, THOMAS
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BLANKENSHIP, LARRY
BLANKENSHIP, VICKIE M
BLASING, DONALD
BLUM II, KENNETH L
BURGESS, AMBER L
CARLSON, SCOTT R.
CHALLACOMBE, MICHAEL
COX, MICHELE
DAWSON, LISA
DOE, DAVID

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less Than $39.999

DOLAN, CASSANDRA
DUNNE, DIANE S
EMERICK, JESSICA
FABRY, CAMRON
FAIRFIELD, HOLDEN C
FORNEY, LYNDSEY JEAN
FOX, JOANNA
GILLES, CAROL S.
GILLES, LINDSAY L
GROEPER, LUKE
GUNTER, JACOB
HILL, CATHRYN
JACKSON, DANETTE I.
JOHNSON, HOLLY A

(CONT.)Salary Range: Less Than $39.999

JOHNSON, KIMBERLY S.
JOHNSON, PHILIP
JONES, KIMBERLY
JONES, ROBERT
JONES, SARAH
JUERJENS, KURT R
KREITER, KEVIN
KRIETEMEYER, ANISSA L
LEGASPI, MATTHEW
LINDER, KIRSTEN
MCFARDEN, ELIZABETH J
MCKOWN, BARB
MCRAE, ELIZABETH A.
MEEKS, JORDAN B

(CONT.)Salary Range: Less Than $39.999

MENOLD, MALLORIE
MONK, RICHARD L, Jr.
O'CONNELL, CHEZNEY L
OSBORNE, SUSAN
PEEK, CARRIE L
POPE, TAYLOR
RAHN, KAMRYN
ROYER, MARISSA
RUNYON, KIMBERLY S.
SATTERFIELD, NANCY L.
SCHMIDGALL, JULIE A
SHORT, STEPHEN
SIMMONS, BRANDY N
SIMS, AUSTIN T

(CONT.)Salary Range: Less Than $39.999

SMITH, MELISSA R
SNYDER, CAMIE M
STOCKMAN, BENJAMIN J
STOKES, ROBERT C
SUMNER, LONNA F
UNES, NICHOLAS
UPDYKE, TAMMIE
VAWTER, MADISON
WEAVER, MCKENNA
WEBB, ASHLEE M
WILLIAMS, WILLIE L
WILTZ, DAVID W
WINKELMAN, PETRINA L.
ZEMAN, NATALIE

Salary Range: $40,000 - $54,999

CARROLL, AMANDA L.
CORNELISON, ASHLEY R
DWYER, BRENDA C.
EDWARDS, JULIE A.
SENECA, KATHRYN S
TREADWAY, JAMES H

Salary Range: $55,000 - $74,999

PETTY, KYLE A

(Salary Range: $75,000 and Over

COX, MATTHEW
FAIRFIELD, ZACHARY T

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER $2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
4IMPRINT, INC	3,001.20
95 PERCENT GROUP INC	6,719.20
ACCIDENT FUND	32,370.00
ALPHA BAKING COMANY	2,630.90
ALUMINUM ATHLETIC EQUIPT.	5,435.00
AMAZON	34,493.18
AMPLIFY EDUCATION INC	48,054.08
ANDERSONS OUTDOOR SPORTS	7,097.75
APPTEGY INC	17,178.00
ARBITERSPORTS LLC	26,481.00
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON	155,575.00
BARTONVILLE GRADE #66	21,240.00
BAUMGARTEN, MAUREEN S	3,619.71
BISHOP BROTHERS INC	45,452.00
BLICK ART MATERIALS	2,796.36
BOKF, N.A.	1,252,708.33
BRADFIELD'S, INC	46,559.32
BREEDLOVE SPTG GOOD	2,638.90
BRIMFIELD EDUC ASSN	45,502.56
BRIMFIELD HARDWARE	14,422.05
BRIMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	2,776.80
BROCK, KIM	9,673.22
BSN SPORTS	14,427.90
BUSGATE INC	5,490.00
CAMFIL	6,351.70
CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SPLY	5,902.48
CARPET WEAVER'S FLOORING & FURNITURE	79,792.27
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	29,057.50
CENTRAL ILLINOIS ELECTRICAL SERVICES	12,190.40
CENTRAL STATES BUS SALES	26,000.00
CIE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN	823,226.52
CINTAS	4,264.38
CJL LANDSCAPING	43,799.00
COKERS REPAIR INC	8,157.58
CONNOR CO.	3,120.17
CONSTELLATION NEWENRG GAS	19,419.77
CPI	3,168.80
CRAMER, STEPHEN MICHAEL	10,594.00
DELL MARKETING, L.P.	90,946.00
DIGITAL COPY SYSTEMS, LLC	26,440.51
DREAMSEATS LLC	4,994.00
EDMENTUM	7,520.00
ELMWOOD CUSD 322	13,727.48
ENGIE RESOURCES LLC	147,289.15
EXPERTPAY	6,755.84
F & M BANK	38,872.72
FACILISERV INC	30,537.00
FARMINGTON CUSD #265	20,860.00
FEHR GRAHAM & ASSOCIATES LLC	123,653.75
FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCT	62,297.18
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS	8,122.16
FRESH START ACADEMY	14,081.46
GETZ FIRE EQUIP	7,125.85
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	5,289.00
GLEN'S AUTOBODY	5,925.90
GORENZ AND ASSOC, LTD.	14,050.00
GREAT MINDS PBC	7,682.16
H & H INDUSTRIES, INC.	6,255.00
HD SUPPLY	61,811.93
HEART TECHNOLOGIES, INC	141,918.74
HEARTLAND IRRIGATION, INC	32,851.27
HEARTSMART	2,980.99
HEINZ BROS. TRUCKING INC.	43,905.99
HEINZ BUS CO INC	83,503.62
HERITAGE TRACTOR	13,568.00
HERRON, AMY R.	4,364.33
IASB	12,280.00
IBENZER INC	4,932.90
IESA	11,383.50
IL ASSN OF SCHOOL BOARDS	4,160.00
IL DEPT OF REVENUE	238,752.17
ILLINI SUPPLY	501,607.97
ILLINOIS CENTRAL COLLEGE	17,510.30
ILLINOIS PRINCIPALS ASSOC	3,809.04
IMRF	197,487.92
ING NATIONAL TRUST	122,703.05
INTEGRATED SYSTEMS CORP	5,184.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	737,761.41
ISDLAF	967,191.66
IXL LEARNING	6,000.00
JAMES UNLAND & CO INC	50,137.00
JORDAN'S SERVICE CENTER LLC	6,613.49
JUDGE ROTENBERG CENTER	428,328.56
KAEB	2,872.19
KAIZEN ACADEMY	99,180.00
K-COM	10,056.27
KEACH ARCHITECTURAL	44,186.25
KEV'S KANS INC	3,312.85
KIRWAN ENVIRONMENTAL MGMT	19,461.00
KOHL WHOLESALE	184,826.31
LAFORCE	96,611.60
LASER ELECTRIC INC.	108,548.00
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LOWE'S	2,737.57
LOZIER OIL COMPANY	58,171.80
M & O ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	229,900.00
MALOKU MASONRY RESTORATION, LLC	42,190.00
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MCGRAW-HILL SCHOOL ED	8,537.82
MECHANICAL SERVICE INC	56,736.73
MENARDS	3,390.30
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MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIPMENT	45,769.70
MILLER & SON CONSTRUCTION CO	65,152.17
MILLER HALL AND TRIGGS	32,196.50
MOLLECK ELECTRIC CONTRACTORS INC	31,718.00
MONTEFUSCO HVAC INC	9,800.00
MYSTERY SCIENCE INC	4,185.00
NET2PHONE INC	15,240.82
NEVCO SCOREBOARD CO	3,574.14
NEXTERA ENERGY	19,558.18
NWEA	7,250.00
PAPER 101	5,563.20
PEORIA HEIGHTS CUSD #325	7,140.00
PEORIA METRO CONSTRUCTION	1,001,414.01
PEORIA TIRE & VULCANIZING CO	6,447.20
PERDUE PAVEMENT SOLUTIONS	10,531.00
PIP PRINTING	5,411.28
PLEASANT HILL #69	10,440.00
PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL	7,600.00
PLS 3RD LEARNING	2,739.00
PRINCEVILLE CUSD 326	4,050.00
QUILL CORPORATION	2,925.99
R. A. CULLINAN & SON	645,535.36
RADISSON BLU	7,107.36
RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC	27,243.17
ROCKET ALUMNI SOLUTIONS INC	8,435.20
ROE 48 PEORIA	3,850.00
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SAM'S CLUB DIRECT	7,529.90
SANTANDER LEASING LLC	182,655.00
SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY LLC	6,650.64
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SELF, ERIN L	3,619.71
SHORT, JASON	3,275.00
SKYWARD ACCOUNTING DEPT	13,380.08
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THIS FUND	65,034.47
VARSITY SPIRIT FASHIONS	7,075.06
VILLAGE OF BRIMFIELD	11,615.31
VISTA LEARNING NFP	3,291.75
VOGUE PAINTING INC	90,885.00
VOYA	3,292.34
WARNER MECHANICAL LLC	221,420.79
WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS	5,099.52
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WRIGHT-WAY INTERIOR SYS	63,853.00
XELLO INC	4,800.00

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COX, MICHELE	1,117.82
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GRAINGER	1,886.27
H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES INC	1,059.78
HARRY CARAY'S	1,581.58
HP INC	1,413.05
IL ASSN OF SCHOOL ADMIN	1,584.99
IL DEPT OF EMPL SECURITY	1,948.00
ILLCO, INC.	1,272.58
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LAMPE PUBLICATIONS LLC	1,432.65
LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEMS	1,499.00
MCDANIELS, JAY	1,440.00
MONK, RICHARD OR CONSTANCE	2,186.88
NOLAND, ANNETTE	1,063.00
PEORIA CHIEFS	1,200.00
PEORIA COUNTY COLLECTOR	1,692.32
PEORIA COUNTY REG OFFICE OF EDUCATION	2,210.00
QUIZ BOWL COWBOYS LLC	1,259.00
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ROOKIE'S	1,512.20
S & S BUILDERS HARDWARE	2,479.43
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SPRAYER SPECIALTIES	1,630.78
SUMMIT FINANCIAL RESOURCE	2,456.96
THE CUBBY HOLE	1,339.81
TILLY, TROY D	1,240.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	2,160.92
TUTTLE, TINA	1,428.00
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE	2,073.50
US CELLULAR	1,560.68
WEST CREEK CREATIONS	1,659.00
WESTERN WATERPROOFING COMPANY INC	1,240.00
WEX BANK	1,647.31
ZANER-BLOSER	2,395.53
ZEECRAFT CO LLC	1,516.70

REPORT ON CONTRACTS EXCEEDING $25,000 AWARDED DURING FY 2025

1. Total number of all contracts awarded by the school district:	9
2. Total value of all contracts awarded:	$3,203,576.00
3. Total number of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and locally owned businesses:	0
4. Total value of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and locally owned businesses:	$0.00

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OBITUARIES

Gary D. Lumberry

ELMORE – It is with tremendous sorrow that we announce the passing of Gary Duane Lumberry, 80, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend, who left us peacefully on Nov. 21, 2025, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Born on Jan. 10, 1945, in Elmore, Gary was the cherished son of Harlan and Hellen (Smith) Lumberry, who along with his beloved sons Douglas and Billy Jo Lumberry, preceded him in death.

Lumberry

Gary's journey began in the small town of Elmore. Gary attended the old Williamsfield School, eventually graduating from Williamsfield High School in 1963. His work ethic was exemplary; after high school, he dedicated over 30 years to Caterpillar Inc. as an inspector before entering retirement. Even in retirement, Gary stayed active, finding joy doing repairs at Lake Calhoun Country Club, a place that became a second home for him.

On Aug. 16, 1980, Gary married Rogena Dennison at his parents' home in Elmore, solidifying a partnership that would endure for 45 years. Together, they raised a beautiful, blended family. They welcomed boys Douglas and Billy Jo Lumberry as well as daughters Laurie Lumberry, Lisa Bohannan and Melisa Eagle into their lives with open arms, ensuring every child was treated as their own. The love and unity exemplified in their family was a testament to Gary's selfless nature and dedication.

Gary was a pillar in the community, volunteering his time as a coach and supporter of local sports, always encouraging his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their pursuits. He had an unmatched enthusiasm for cheering on his family at games and he was known for offering wise words of encouragement and support to young athletes.

His passion for sports extended to his love for the Chicago Cubs, especially relishing their 2016 World Series victory. He enjoyed watching NASCAR races as well.

He always enjoyed dancing and would cut a rug whenever he had a chance. He loved visiting with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; he especially loved his morning talks with Jeremy on his way to work, which were mostly to make sure he was safe. Also, he enjoyed his phone calls and long talks with his daughter Lauire. He would drop anything to talk and spend time with any of his family.

Those who knew Gary can attest to his incredible spirit. He was a man who lived hard and loved harder, known for his generosity and willingness to help others. He made a lasting impact on everyone around him, and the stories shared by friends and family reflect the deep love and respect they had for him.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife, Rogena Lumberry; daughters Laurie Lumberry (Jefferson McCluskey), Lisa Bohannan and Melisa Eagle; and a large and loving family including grandchildren Jason (Brianna) Lumberry, Tiffany Lumberry, Ashley (Jerry) Hall, Brittany (Craig Milan) Lumberry, Jeremy (Molly) Eagle, Courtney (Colton) Crain, Alexis (Cody Smothers) McCluskey, Rachel (Kyle) Johner and Mathew (Alyssa Farrell) McCluskey. He was also a proud great-grandfather to Ashayla (Javontae Waters) Lumberry, Brooklyn Shannon, Austin (Lilliana Warrington) Shannon, Mark Franklin Jr., Tayah Milan, Macaiden Milan, Travon Ward Jr., Pheobe Smothers, Collins Lumberry, Kyndal Thomas, Aizaic Milan, Brant Eagle, Jackson Lumberry, Alanis Crain, Brooks Eagle, Atley Crain, Bruin Eagle, Rosalie Eagle, Maddox Crain, Athena Smothers and Maverick McCluskey, and a great-grandchild on the way.

He also cherished his great-great-grandchildren, Layana Shannon and Javontae Waters Jr. Additionally, he is survived by his sister, Sharon Larner, several nieces, nephews and three brothers-in-law.

A funeral service to honor Gary's life was to be Nov. 25 at Williamsfield United Methodist Church. Cremation was to be accorded following the service, and private inurnment will be held at a later date in Glendale Cemetery in Elmore.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites those wishing to honor Gary's memory to consider donating to the Williamsfield Summer Baseball Association or Lake Calhoun Country Club.

As we remember Gary, let us carry forward his legacy of love, generosity and unwavering support for family and friends. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten, as his spirit lives on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Joy A. Patton

BRIMFIELD – Joy A. Patton, 88, of Brimfield, passed away on Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, at her home. Joy was born July 10, 1937, in Peoria County to Frederick and Lois (Miles) Keyser.

Joy married Duane Patton on Aug. 17, 1957, at Edwards United Methodist Church. He preceded her in death in February 2015.

Patton

Joy is survived by two children, Mark (Susan) Patton of Brimfield and Kevin Patton of West Bend, Wis.; one sister, Judy Groeper; one sister-in-law, Robbie Keyser; two grandchildren, Carly Rose (Jake) Knieser and John (Maegan Lamb) Patton; one great-grandchild, Zooey Patton; her dog,

AREA CHURCHES

BRIMFIELD

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

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

Saint Paul Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
Rev. Michael Wagnitz, Pastor
204 W. Clay St. Brimfield, IL
(309) 446-3233
The Lord bless your day.
Sunday
9:30 a.m. Divine Service
followed by Bible class
Wednesday
6 p.m. Soup Supper
7 p.m. Advent Vespers

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

Union Church at Brimfield
United Church of Christ
Pastor Stephen Barch
105 W. Clay Street Brimfield
(309) 446-3811
brimfieldunionchurch.org
Sunday Worship: 9 am
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm
• First Sunday is Communion Sunday (gluten-free offered)
• Grief & Loss Group meets Tuesday afternoons 3-4:30 pm until further notice.

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Todah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who wrote in Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"? Matthew, Peter, Paul, Jude
3. From Psalms 107:1 and 118:1, why should we give thanks to the Lord, because He is ...? Evermore, Good, Watching, Hopeful
4. Which book of the Bible mentions the word "thanksgiving" the most times at eight? Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah
5. In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? Adulterers, Sun worshipers, Renegades, Unthankful people
6. In Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant

ANSWERS: 1) Neither (Hebrew for thank you), 2) Paul, 3) Good, 4) Psalms, 5) Unthankful people, 6) At your own will

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DAHINDA

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

DOUGLAS

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

EDWARDS

Baptist Church
7422 N. Heinz Ln. Edwards
(309) 692-1755
bethanycentral.org
Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 am
In person and livestream
(Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)
Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
9910 W. Knox St. Edwards
(309) 691-2030
stmaryskickapoo.org
Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm
Saturday Mass: 4 pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30 & 10 am
Mon., Wed., and Fri. Mass: 8 am
Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm

ELMWOOD

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

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

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

United Methodist Church of Elmwood
Pastor Austin Miller
821 W. Main St. Elmwood
(309) 742-7221
elmwoodumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9 am NEW!
Youth Sunday School: 10 am

FARMINGTON

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

Farmington United Methodist Church
Pastor Austin Miller
187 W. Fulton St.
Farmington
(309) 245-4310
farmingtonmethodist61531@ gmail.com
Sunday School 10:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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

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

PRINCEVILLE

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

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
Father Corey Krengiel
Father Deogratias Mpewo
119 Saint Mary St. Princeville
(309) 385-2578
incarnationcatholic.org
Sun. Mass: 9 and 11 am
Wed. & Fri. Mass: 6:45 am
Tues. & Thurs. Mass: 8 am
Wed. Confession: 7-8 pm

TRIVOLI

Brunswick Community Church
4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli
Pastor Terry England
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Sunday Worship: 10:45 am
Sunday Evening: 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 pm
(309) 403-4626

Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)
18015 W. Smithville Rd., Trivoli
Pastor Mark Schoenhals
Pastor Jay Johnson
(309) 696-1300
zionpennridgelutheranchurch@ gmail.com
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
4th Sunday of month Worship: 8 am with communion

WILLIAMSFIELD

St. James Catholic Church
Father Deogratias Mpewo
214 N. State Route 180
Williamsfield
(309) 446-3275
stjameswilliamsfield.org
Sun. Confession: 7-7:20 am
Sunday Mass: 7 am

Williamsfield United Methodist Church
Pastor Zoila Marty
430 N. Chicago Ave.
Williamsfield
(309) 639-2389
Sun. School: during worship
Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am

YATES CITY

Faith United Presbyterian Church
Reverend Marla B. Bauler
107 W. Bishop St. Yates City
(309) 358-1170
Worship: 9 am
Sunday School: 10:15 am
Thursday Choir: 7 pm

OBITUARIES

Toby; and cat, Squirt.

Joy was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Douglas Patton; two brothers, William "Bill" Keyser and Rick Keyser; and two sisters, Frieda Caulkins and Grace Bossingham.

Joy enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, quilting, sewing and creating rugs on a loom. She also loved the outdoors and taking her dog, Toby, on gator rides.

A funeral service was held at on Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. Burial immediately followed the service in Cottonwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Brimfield Fire Department and BYE Ambulance.

To view Joy's video tribute or to leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

Donald E. Poole

PRINCEVILLE – Donald Eugene Poole, 79, of Princeville, passed away at 1:42 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Don was born on July 29, 1946, in Peoria to Harold W. and Marian L. (Challacombe) Poole. He married Judith "Judy" (Schaffer) on Feb. 3, 1968, in Princeville.

Poole

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Judy Poole of Princeville; one son, Bob (Kristin) Poole of Onarga; one daughter, Lynn (Steve) Lehmann of Princeville; four grandsons, Caleb (Marielle) Poole and Brayden, Ryan, and Nickolas Lehmann; and one sister, Sharon Schoenbein. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Heath Poole (1985).

Don was a Vietnam veteran who served in the United States Army. He was a retired machinist from Caterpillar Inc. and later discovered farming to be his passion. In retirement, he also worked as a funeral assistant at the former Hammitt-Hott Funeral Home for many years. Additionally, Don was a volunteer for the Akron-Princeville Fire Department for 28 years, serving time as chief, served on the Princeville Village Board for eight years, the Princeville Township Cemetery Board and was a lifelong member of Princeville United Methodist Church, serving on its board, as well.

His funeral service was held on Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, at Princeville United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Pyell officiated. Burial was in Princeville Township Cemetery. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Princeville United Methodist Church or the Akron-Princeville Fire Department.

Online condolences may be left for Don's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Ralph L. Sonnenschein

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. – Ralph L. Sonnenschein, 90, formerly of St. Louis and Elmwood, Ill., died Nov. 20, 2025, at Catholic Community Hospice in Lenexa, Kan.

Ralph was the beloved husband of Sarah "Mandy" Sonnenschein; loving father of Leonard (Valentina), the late Marvin, Edie (Jon) Michelson and Ken (Sheila); cherished grandfather of Canaan (Johanna), Alexis (Drew) Lueke, Randy (Maria) Michelson, Dann (Hannah) Michelson, Karen (Andy) Botts, Morgan (Molly), Avi (Carly), Pearl (Stefan) and Gabriella (Kesem) Fine; and proud great-grandfather of Eli, Clarabel, Ariana, Lydia, Juliet, Amelia, Zoe, Austin, Mackenzie, Emma and Oscar.

Sonnenschein

He was preceded in death by his first beloved wife, Annette; son Marvin; daughter-in-law Cindy; and parents, Rachel and Alexander.

Ralph was born in St. Louis and worked early in his parents' business, Sunshine Press. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to start Top Services and later join Duro-Test, where he built a long career selling full-spectrum lighting products.

He had a lifelong passion for cooking, which he learned during his Air National Guard service, and later delighted family with specialties like Ralph's Reasonable Roast and peach jelly. Every New Year's Eve, he made homemade pizzas with his grandchildren. He and Annette enjoyed square dancing, tennis and travel, with St. Thomas being a favorite destination.

A devoted community advocate, Ralph supported the civil rights movement and local political candidates who shared his values. Deeply rooted in Jewish tradition, he taught at United Hebrew and Shaare Emeth religious schools. He championed scouting, was honored with the Shofar Award and helped his sons become Eagle Scouts.

Family was Ralph's greatest priority. He and Annette ensured their children had the tools to succeed in science, art, accounting and medicine. They regularly hosted all their grandchildren for tennis lessons followed by a Shabbos meal together. After Annette's passing in 2011, Ralph found renewed joy marrying Mandy in 2012 and later moved to Elmwood, Ill., continuing his lighting career and aiding businesses in transitioning to LED systems. He also sold advertising for The Weekly Post newspaper.

At age 83, Ralph celebrated his Bar Mitzvah, a milestone he had missed at 13. He attended nearly all his grandchildren's weddings and spent his final months in Overland Park, Kan., passing peacefully with compassionate care from Catholic Community Hospice and Delmar Gardens. His final wish was to celebrate his 90th birthday, which he did.

A graveside service was held Nov. 23 at New Mount Sinai Cemetery in Affton, Mo. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity or to Mitzvah Garden KC. Please make checks out to B'nai Jehudah and put Mitzvah Garden KC in the memo line.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR THE CITY OF ELMWOOD in Peoria County, Illinois

I. A Public Hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the CITY OF ELMWOOD, Peoria County, Illinois, for 2025 will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6:45 O'Clock P.M., at the ELMWOOD CITY HALL, located at 201 West Main Street, in Elmwood, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the Public Hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Bethany Lovingood, City Clerk, 201 West Main Street, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529; Telephone: AC-309/742-2351.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were $330,909.40. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2025 are $357,382.00. This represents an 8.0% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended or abated for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 were 0. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2025 are 0. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were $330,909.40. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2025 are $357,382.00. This represents an 8.0% increase over the previous year.

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SERVICES

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OBITUARIES

Sandra K. Weir

BRADFORD – Sandra Kay (House) Weir, 76, of Bradford, beloved sister, wife, mother and friend, passed away peacefully on Nov. 19, 2025, in Sebring, Fla.

Weir

Born on May 11, 1949, to Clarence and Juanita (Cinnamon) House, she grew up in Bradford as one of 11 children. On May 29, 1970, she married the love of her life, Roger Weir. Together they raised four children and celebrated 55 years of marriage. He survives.

Surviving family members left to cherish her memory include her four children, Andrea (Dion) VanWynsberg of Brimfield, Theresa (Robert) Strong of Dunlap, Nicholas Weir of Princeville and Stephanie Weir of Peoria; grandchildren Ryan VanWynsberg, Tyler VanWynsberg, Kaitlyn Weir, Bryson Weir, Justin Weir, Evan Weir, Alexander Strong and Shelby Strong; four great-grandchildren; siblings John (Maribe) House, Helen Hagen, Margaret House, Marie (Geoff) Underwood, Joe (Lauri) House, Ruth (Terry) McIntosh, Janis Paulen and Kim (Gordon) Mills; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence House, mother, Juanita (Cinnamon) House, and sisters Carol (House) Gosnell and Mary (House) Prather.

Sandra had a deep and abiding love for her Lord and Savior. Her faith and determination were truly an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Bradford for many years, Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria and South Oak Church in Lake Placid, Fla. She especially loved teaching Sunday School and helping with Vacation Bible School.

Sandra graduated from Bradford High School and Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She loved her career as a registered nurse, spending most of her career at Methodist Hospital with her treasured co-workers and friends. After she retired from Methodist Hospital, she worked part-time as an RN in Sebring, Fla., and volunteered at Illinois Cancer Care in Peoria.

Throughout her life she also loved spending time sewing, genealogy research, quilting, playing the piano, flower gardening, scrapbooking and gathering with her family.

To her husband, she will be remembered as his best friend of 59 years, the one who wrote him a letter every day while he was serving his country in Vietnam and his cherished devoted wife. To her children, she will be remembered for her ever-present smile, the way she made celebrations uniquely memorable, the Christmas stockings she made, the pancakes she made every morning before school, her beautiful outfits and her frequent phone calls.

To her grandchildren, she will be remembered for their adventures in the country, the wonderful toys, playing dress-up with her jewelry and shoes, the Monopoly games, watching the trains and eating her all-time favorite Zebra cakes. To her siblings, she will forever be "one of the 11" and a sister with whom they shared so many wonderful memories throughout all the years of her life.

Her legacy is one of service and love for others.

A private celebration of life will be held in the future.

LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790

LEGAL NOTICE

Public comment is invited with regard to the proposed Project Plan prepared by the City of Elmwood, and Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination (PEID) prepared by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the Wastewater System Improvements Project.

The Wastewater System Improvements Project involves the removal of the existing sludge within the wastewater lagoon cells by dredging and applying on surrounding farmlands and replacing the rock filter. The project will include the addition of valves and piping to allow for the isolation of any portion of the lagoon cells and rock filters. The City will conduct a public hearing on **December 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm.** The documents will be on display at **City Hall, 201 West Main Street, Elmwood, Illinois 61529** for a period of ten (10) days following the public hearing, during which time comments may be filed with the City Clerk. Comments may also be directed to **Rachael Armstrong, Illinois EPA – Bureau of Water, 2520 W. Iles Ave, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276**. It is the intention of the City of Elmwood to obtain a low interest state revolving loan with which to construct the proposed improvements. This notice is required by 35 Illinois Administrative Code Chapter II Sec. 365.530.

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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice **Elmwood Storage-Elmwood, located at 900 E. Main St. Elmwood, IL 61529,** intends to hold an auction of the storage listed below to enforce its privilege against the following party at the facility for default payment of rent. The sale will occur as an online auction via **www.storageauctions.com** on **12/1/25 at 10 AM. Breanna Welsh Unit E**. The Sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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NOTICE OF ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Peoria County on November 20, 2025, under the Assumed Name of Eunoia Charms Co., with the business located at 1501 E. Gardner Lane, Apt. 1722, Peoria Heights, IL 61616. The true name and residence address of the owners is: Lauren O. Hougham, 1501 E. Gardner Lane, Apt. 1722, Peoria Heights, IL 61616.

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NOTICE OF ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Peoria County on November 24, 2025, under the Assumed Name of Stumpy Joes Stump Removal, with the business located at 5504 E. Washington St. Chillicothe, IL 61523. The true name and residence address of the owners is: Joe Thompson, 5504 E. Washington St. Chillicothe, Illinois 61523

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NOTICE OF ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS

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STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
) SS.
COUNTY OF PEORIA.)

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

JAY I. McKINTY, Treasurer of the ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, upon his Oath does hereby submit his Report of all moneys received and from what sources received, of all moneys paid out including compensation paid for personal services and of all fund balances on hand, including a summary statement of operations for all funds and account groups; and he does further Depose and Say the following Statement by him subscribed and the matters and things therein set forth are true and correct:

FIRE PROTECTION / AMBULANCE FUND

Revenues:

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2024 - Checking (Joint Fund) $500, Savings (Fire Fund) $59,348, Savings (Ambulance Fund) $60,457: $120,305

PEORIA COUNTY TREASURER - Property Taxes and Interest:	$265,280
KNOX COUNTY TREASURER - Property Taxes and Interest:	$3,598
ILLINOIS COMPTROLLER - Replacement Tax:	$2,759
FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX:	$9,951
INTEREST:	$1,459
Total Beginning Balance and Revenues:	$403,352

Expenditures:

THE ELMWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - Fire Protection Contract including $9,951 Foreign Fire Insurance Tax:	$136,000
B.Y.E. AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. - Ambulance Service Contract and Facilities Agreement and $17,448 Small Equipment Grant:	$127,448
Other - all other disbursements less than $2,500:	$4,239
Total Expenditures: $267,687	

Balance on hand June 30, 2025 – Checking (Joint Fund) $500, Savings (Fire Fund) $90,127, Savings (Ambulance Fund) $45,037: $135,665

GROSS PAYROLL

Under $25,000: Dave Wagner, Jay McKinty, and Chad Jordan.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 3rd day of November, 2025.

_/S_JAY I. McKINTY, Treasurer of ELMWOOD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.
SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 3rd day of November, 2025.
_/S__Stephanie Faye Schmieg, Notary Public

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY - ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v.-
DELOIS TAYLOR et al
Defendant
2025-FC-0000086

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 9, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on **December 8, 2025, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, NE Jefferson St., Main Entrance, PEORIA, IL, 61602,** sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
LOT TWELVE (12) IN WILLIAM HAASE SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF LOT TWO (2) IN A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT (28), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE EIGHT (8) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 624 E WILSON AVE, PEORIA, IL 61603
Property Index No. 14-28-431-010
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.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-25-00619
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2025-FC-0000086
TJSC#: 45-1920
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2025-FC-0000086
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY - ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BM-SC SERIES I TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DARWIN MCPHERSON; DIANE L. MCPHERSON; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).
Case No. 2025-FC-0000218
1412 W. MARLENE AVE.
PEORIA, IL 61614

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Peoria County by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain

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LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790

PUBLICATION NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PEORIA COUNTY - CHANCERY DIVISION

Mid-America National Bank, a national banking association, Plaintiff v. Randy L. Barth, Julie R. Barth, Nonrecord Claimant, Unknown Owners, and Unknown Tenants, Defendants
Case No. 2025-FC-0000222

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Nonrecord Claimants, Unknown Owners, and Unknown Tenants, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Peoria County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 9 North, Range 6 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14 and running thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 18 seconds East, a distance of 966.03 feet along the East line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14 to the Point of Beginning of the tract to be described. From the Point of Beginning, continuing thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 1725.50 feet along the East line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14 to the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 20 seconds West, a distance of 541.30 feet along the South line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 18 seconds West, a distance of 883.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 88.87 feet; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 18 seconds West, a distance of 328.46 feet; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 30.19 feet; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 18 seconds West, a distance of 395.67 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 599.98 feet; thence North 12 degrees 48 minutes 39 seconds East, a distance of 7.74 feet; thence Northeasterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 334.45 feet, an arc distance of 121.37 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 1149.02 feet to the Point of Beginning, situated in Peoria County, Illinois.

PARCEL 2:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 9 North, Range 6 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 14 and running thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 541.30 feet along the South line of said Section 14; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 883.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 88.87 feet; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 328.46 feet; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 30.19 feet; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 325.67 feet to the Point of Beginning of the Tract to be described. From the Point of Beginning running thence North 64 degrees 38 minutes 19 seconds West a distance of 167.08 feet; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 150.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 70.00 feet to the Point of Beginning situate, lying and being in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois.

PINs: 12-14-400-012 and 12-14-400-014

Property address: 6640 N. Kramm Road, Brimfield, Illinois 61517

And which said mortgage was made by Randy L. Barth and Julie R. Barth, as Mortgagors, to Mid-America National Bank, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document Number 2018016518 on September 11, 2018;

And for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the said Circuit Court of Peoria County against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance in the Office of the Peoria County Circuit Clerk, at the Courthouse in the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of the complaint.

Dated: November 7, 2025, at Peoria, Illinois.

Robert M. Spears, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Peoria County, Illinois

NANCY A. SCHELL
Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP
167 West Elm Street, Canton IL 61520
309/647-6317
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of **SHIRLEY R. WILSON**,
Deceased
No. 2025PR314

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **Shirley R. Wilson**. Letters of Office were issued on **October 30, 2025, to Susan Coulter** as **Independent Executor** whose attorneys are **Barash & Everett, LLC**.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, **Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois** or with the representative, or both on or before **April 30, 2026**.

Any claim not filed by that date is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within l0 days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions.

To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gove/FAQ/gethelp.asp. Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Executor
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City Galva, IL 61434
(309) 932-2001
everettr@barashlaw.com
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CLAIM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
PEORIA COUNTY

In Re ESTATE OF **BETTY L. BENNETT,**
Deceased
CC 2025-PR-0000327

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **BETTY L. BENNETT** on October 24, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **STEPHEN C. GARNETT, of 11700 North Princeville-Jubilee Road, Princeville, Illinois 61558**, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **5th day of June, 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.

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

DATED this 17th day of November, 2025.

STEPHEN C. GARNETT, Executor of the Estate of BETTY L. BENNETT, Deceased.

STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, Esq.
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Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH EAST4 OF THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE SOUTH 265 FEET; THENCE WEST 620 FEET TO THE TRACT OF GROUND TO BE DESCRIBED: THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO UNIVERSITY STREET. 198 FEET; THENCE WEST AT RIGHT ANGLES 75 FEET; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL TO UNIVERSITY STREET 198 FEET: THENCE EAST 75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Tax Number(s): 14-20-328-008
commonly known as 1412 W. MARLENE AVE., PEORIA, IL 61614; and which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by DARWIN MCPHERSON; DIANE L. MCPHERSON, and recorded in the Office of the Peoria County Recorder as Document Number(s) 06-27826; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Peoria County, located at 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602 , on or before December 15, 2025, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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2700 Patriot Blvd., Suite 250
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A
QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A
QUICKEN LOANS INC.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JAMES ANTHONY STEVENS JR. et al
Defendant
2024-FC-0000219

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 11, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on December 12, 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:

LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA IN THE STATE OF IL:
LOT SEVENTEEN (17) IN SANTO SUBDIVISION SECTION TWO (2), A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOT TWENTY-THREE (23) AND PART OF THE WEST HALF OF LOT TWENTY-TWO (22) IN HASKELL'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION SIX (6), WEST PEORIA TOWNSHIP, TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH, RANGE EIGHT (8) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 2925 W KENWOOD AVE, WEST PEORIA, IL 61604

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The real estate is improved with a residence.

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Super Crossword — GROUP OF HERBS

ACROSS
1 Tasks
5 Witty remark
11 Pinnacles
16 Inaccurate
19 Sailing
20 Ablaze
21 Pinnacles
22 Money for the senior yrs.
23 Start of a riddle
26 Guided
27 Redeemers
28 Tally
29 Forest growth
30 Comics cry
31 Omitted, as a syllable
35 Used a scull
37 USN VIP
39 Riddle, part 2
44 Riddle, part 3
47 "Mayday!"
48 Take to the road
49 Neighbor of Georgia
50 Aroma detector
52 Stain-fighting toothpaste, e.g.
54 "Year One" director Harold
55 Gun, in slang
56 Asian "way"
58 "Three's Company" co-star Suzanne
59 Aversion
62 User's guide
64 Celtic language
65 Riddle, part 4
69 Je ne — quoi
73 Incendiary felonies
74 Most frequently
79 Golf legend Palmer
81 Picnic pest
82 Lifelong pal, informally
84 Tiny hairlike structures
85 Not crying
87 Currency of Latvia
89 Gives the means
91 "— dabba doo!"
92 Lick like a cat
94 Riddle, part 5
96 End of the riddle
99 Part of ROY G. BIV
100 A stage past embryonic
101 Protested unpeacefully
102 Gp. checking baggage
104 Actresses Jillian and Blyth
105 Joan — (French saint)
108 Elliott of the New England Patriots
112 Permit to
113 Riddle's answer
118 Maui garland
119 Bother a lot
120 Sprinted faster than
121 Prefix with byte or ton
122 Org. on a toothpaste box
123 Pre-Soviet rulers
124 Sneeze catcher
125 "You, over there ..."

DOWN
1 Skull parts
2 Worker welfare org.
3 Rodent-built channel blockers
4 "Vexations" composer Erik
5 Churlish sort
6 Difficult task
7 Gridiron gp.
8 Prefix with term or week
9 Eye, to poets
10 Casual shirt
11 Tiered temples
12 Pale tan
13 "Preach it!"
14 "Sleeper" co-star Diane
15 Old fast jet, for short
16 Worker purifying petroleum
17 Breath-holding reef explorers, e.g.
18 Lose color
24 Bowl-shaped frying pan
25 Brand of PCs and tablets
29 Warship with three banks of rowers
31 Letters after els
32 Hotelier Helmsley
33 Otherwise
34 Huskies, e.g.
36 Expand on
37 Swiss — (beet variety)
38 — Lama
39 Math game with matchsticks
40 "I'm — loss"
41 Resign from
42 Hearth waste
43 Succinct
45 Just slightly
46 Rips into
51 Coup d'— (rebellion)
53 Dot of land in the ocean
55 Is given the chance to chime in
57 Darth Vader, as a boy
60 Hue
61 Roadwork goo
62 Eds. mark them up
63 '80s sitcom
66 Took the gold
67 Poker stake
68 Deteriorate
69 Man-goat of myth
70 Where aid is urgently required
71 While not physically attending
72 Ice cream alternatives
75 Pen tips
76 "Phantom Lady" co-star
77 Prolonged attack
78 Zapped with a stunning weapon
80 Camel cousin
82 "DMZ" actor Benjamin
83 "— is an Englishman" ("H.M.S. Pinafore" lyric)
86 Kind of 35mm camera
88 High colf
89 Furniture wood option
90 Bridal bio word
93 Avian mimics
95 Rock guitarist Barrett
97 Luau hellos
98 Ward for preemies
102 Decimal base
103 Be too thrifty
104 Spaghetti — bolognese
106 Goat cheese
107 Miles away
108 Jacob's twin, in the Bible
109 Region
110 Nest fillers
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113 Vietnamese New Year
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115 Anna of fashion
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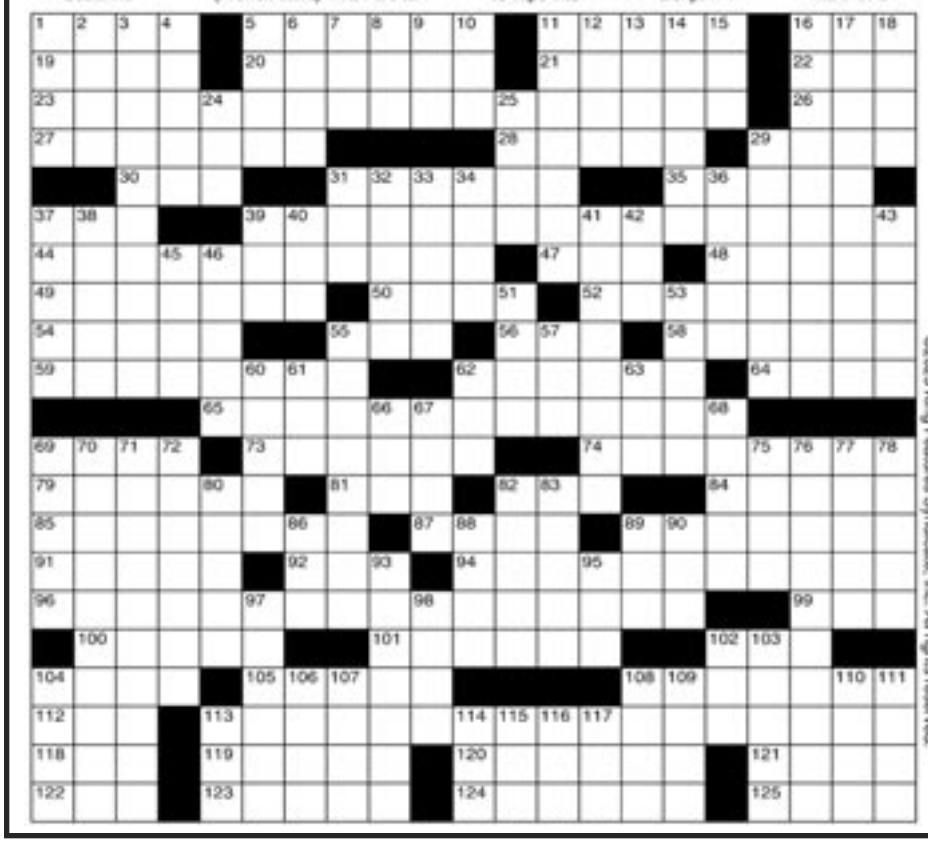
117 "— longa, vita brevis"



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BOYS HOOPS: Elmwood, Princeville post wins in openers

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is week-to-week because of a leg injury.

Scoring, shooting and balance are strengths, according to Carlson. Defense needs improvement, as does rebounding; no Brimfield player is taller than 6-foot-2.

"I expect this group to show great improvement throughout the year on the defensive end, along with great ball and player movement on the offensive end," Carlson stated. "When this happens, we should be a very solid team, a reason for concern from each of our opponents."

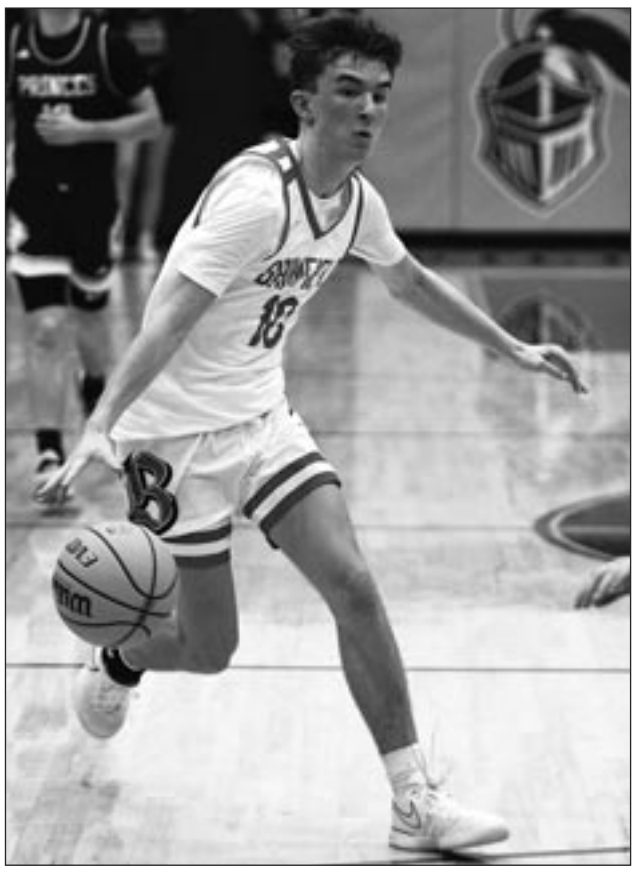
Tournament play is to continue Friday and end Saturday.

• **Princeville** – Jacob Bosch's buzzer-beating 3-pointer Monday night gave Princeville a 57-56 victory over Manito Midwest Central in its opener at the Heights tournament. Bosch finished with 13 points, one of four Princes in double figures.

Brady Day had 15 points, Eli Christianson 12 and Collin Lowery 11 for Princeville, which trailed 18-7 after a quarter and 27-24 at halftime. Bosch had seven fourth-quarter points.

Princeville lost four starters from its 27-9 Class 1A sectional finalist, including its backcourt of Tucker Sennett and Jake Williams. Among the returnees are two seniors, guard Day (7.7 ppg) and center Lowery (5.2 rpg). Classmates Kaden Blunier, Brock Butler and Christianson are expected to bolster them.

"Our defense and hard work will help us win games, although we will look to push the pace," Princeville Coach Tait Sennett stated. "We graduated a great class of hard-working individuals. We are going to have to learn and develop quickly if we want to match recent success."



Brimfield senior Connor Doe reached 1,000 career points with the last of his 17 points in a 53-22 romp over Peoria Christian on Monday at the Peoria Heights Thanksgiving tournament. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

A trio of juniors – guards Gavin Carroll and Blake Dickinson, and forward Hunter Cornell – is expected to contribute firepower and defense, according to Sennett.

• **Elmwood** – Garrett Webster had 24 points, Quinton Johns 13 and Miles Addison 12 in the fourth quarter as Elmwood expanded an early lead and beat host Wethersfield 61-42 in a Wally Keller Invitational opener at Kewanee. Webster had all his team's 13 first-period points.

Tournament play is to continue Friday and end Saturday.

Elmwood seeks to improve last season's 15-15 record. The Trojans return three starters – senior guard Webster, junior guard Johns and sophomore forward Karsyn Bolton. One of his classmates, Gavin Strom, is expected to contribute at center.

"Every night should present a challenge for us to overcome," Elmwood Coach Josh Fugitt stated. "Our players enjoy competing each night in practice, they're a coachable group and we hope to make a lot of progress throughout the season before regionals in February."

• **Farmington** – North Fulton defeated Farmington 51-42 in a Fulton County Tournament opener at Lewistown. According to Farmington Coach Marty Lozier, his team had too many turnovers and self-inflicted mistakes against the North Fulton 2-3 zone defense.

The Farmers' second-leading returning scorer, Jack Gronewold, didn't play. He's expected to miss at least two weeks with a hamstring injury, according to Lozier. Landon Crawford had 13 points, and Boston Smith scored 10.

Smith averaged 17.6 points per game last season behind a hot final 12 games. Gronewold averaged 11.8 points and 4.1 rebounds in only 15 games because of injury. Crawford averaged eight points, 5.3 boards and 2.6 assists.

Those three players, all seniors, have started since their sophomore seasons. Senior Kaydon Bollinger and sophomore Logan Gardner add height (both are 6-5). Others expected to compete for starting spots are senior Treyven Haroldson and juniors Cole Blackhurst, Noah Howell and Blake Melz.

"We will have a group of players who have bought into our defensive philosophy," Lozier stated. "They worked hard this summer on their defensive fundamentals, and each player defined their role and expectations on both sides of the ball."

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Mason Empson had 12 points, but ROWVA-Williamsfield opened its tournament with a 61-40 loss to loss to Henry at Oneida. R-W had only two field goals in the first half.

Round-robin play is to conclude Saturday, when R-W is to play Galva at 2:30 p.m. at Billtown.

With Traphagan gone to Brimfield, the Cougars return only one starter, 6-7 junior Max Nichols, from an 11-21 team.

"He brings an immense presence in the paint on the offensive and defensive ends of the court and should be a force down low," R-W Coach Ryan Hart stated. "We will heavily rely on his talents, as well as his experience."

Returnees who don't have much game experience are Empson, Drake DeJaynes, Robby Nixon, Daniel Skala and Hayden Tucker. Hart sees the inexperience as a strength, because opponents won't know what to expect.

"We will use this as an advantage to where we will be highly diversified on both ends of the court," Hart stated.

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

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What is the name of the dragon in "The Hobbit"?
2. MOVIES: Which holiday is being celebrated at the end of "When Harry Met Sally"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to the famous Angkor Wat Temple?
4. HISTORY: In which year did the Internet become available to the public?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which wrestler is known by the nickname "The Rock"?
6. LANGUAGE: What is cryptophasia?
7. TELEVISION: In which state was the sitcom "Newhart" set?
8. MATH: How many sides does a nonagon have?
9. MUSIC: Which singer/songwriter wrote the soundtrack for the animated movie "Tarzan"?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is the essential spice in paella?n the dystopian novel "1984"?

ANSWERS

1. Smaug.
2. New Year's Eve.
3. Cambodia.
4. 1993.
5. Dwayne Johnson.
6. A unique language developed between twins.
7. Vermont.
8. Nine.
9. Phil Collins.
10. Saffron.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Now You See Me: Now You Don't (PG-13)
2. The Running Man (R)
3. Predator: Badlands (PG-13)
4. Regretting You (PG-13)
5. Black Phone 2 (R)
6. Keeper (R)
7. Nuremberg (PG-13)
8. Sarah's Oil (PG-13)
9. Bugonia (R)
10. Chainsaw Man - The Movie: Reze Arc (R)

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GIRLS HOOPS: Early local results mixed

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more, and freshmen Audrey Updyke and Madison Hersemann round out Brimfield's roster.

McKown said he's not sure what to expect from his team early. Losing Ava Heinz, who averaged 20 points per game last year, poses a problem. But it could be a blessing in disguise.

"The flip side of (losing Heinz) is that everyone that will play has the ability to score and they'll be looking to do that more since we won't have a specific No. 1 option offensively," McKown said. "We should be a fairly quick team and hopefully that leads to us causing some havoc on the defensive end."

Size is an issue for the Indians so rebounding could be a problem, and they will have to limit turnovers.

"We are fairly young and inexperienced, but I still think we have potential to sneak up on some teams," McKown said. "Plus, with only nine girls, we aren't deep so that's an area we will have to navigate.

"However, I'm very pleased with the progress we've made since day one of practice and I love how hard these girls work."

Brimfield scored a 45-32 win over Midwest Central last week. Linthicum had 13 points and seven assists, Doe scored 10 and Meinders had seven rebounds.

The Lady Indians then suffered losses to Princeville (47-39), West Prairie (44-27) and Abingdon-Avon (55-25). In the loss to A-Town, the Tornadoes' Kennedy Quinn canned eight 3-pointers en route to 34 points.

On Monday, Brimfield got off to a good start against Tremont but the Turks turned it up in the second half and pulled away for a 62-48 victory.

Updyke led Brimfield with 14 points.

• **Farmington** – A youth movement is underway at Farmington, which was 6-25 a year ago and fifth in the Prairieland North.

Coach Donovan Benson has just one returning starter on a roster with only two seniors. Junior wing Lynsey Shriber started last season and will be joined by seniors Laney Pollitt and Sophia Anderson. Pollitt is a post player and Anderson is a guard.

Top newcomers for the Farmers include Avery Blunier, a junior guard, and sophomore guard Sophia Puckett. Three freshmen – Ella Essex at guard and wing players Ashlyn Brewer and Andree Wright – are also expected to be in the mix for Benson.

"We are a young team with only four upperclassmen, but our basketball IQ is as high as it's ever been," Benson said. "The freshmen had a lot of success in junior high that I would like to carry on throughout high school. Once we all learn each other's play styles and start to jell, I think we can be competitive in a lot of games."

Rebounding and turnovers were a challenge last year, but Benson said

Brimfield's Layni Linthicum (left) is guarded by Princeville's Bethany Sennett during their season opener on Nov. 17 at Brimfield. Princeville scored a 47-39 road victory. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

he's seeing improvement in those areas, particularly in rebounding from the guard spot.

"We are a lot quicker and more physical than we have been in the past," Benson said. "If we can cut down on our unforced turnovers, that will help get us some extra possessions and hopefully more points."

Farmington got off to a rough start to the season, losing 49-10 to host Lewistown on Nov. 18 at the Fulton County Tournament. The Farmers scored five first-half points, doubled that in the third quarter and were scoreless in the fourth quarter.

"Too many turnovers put us in a hole early," Benson said. "I have to do a better job at preparing us for intense defensive pressure."

The Farmers split their next two games, falling 33-23 to North Fulton on Nov. 20 before notching their first win of the year, 46-36 over South Fulton last Saturday.

In the loss to North Fulton, Farmington shot just 9-for-53 from the field. Puckett led Farmington with 11 points.

In the rebound victory, Wright had 12 points and Schriber added 11.

"Way better game shooting the ball," Benson said. "Lynsey Schriber got us going by hitting her first two shots and everybody else got going behind her."

Farmington (1-3) fell 70-31 to a tall, talented Chillicothe IVC team on Monday.

• **Princeville** – Sahara Streitmatter, a 5-foot-8 junior guard/forward, returns after posting 14.9 points and 6.1 rebounds per game a season ago. Guard Reagan Calder brings back the next-best scoring average at 7.3 ppg and is joined by forward Brie Ehnle as the only two seniors on Princeville's roster.

Bethany Sennett, Kamryn Smith and 5-8 forward Addison Buckley round out the Princes' junior class. Sennett averaged 3.9 points and 3.5 rebounds at a guard spot last year, while Buckley pulled down 5 rebounds a game.

Princeville has two sophomore guards – Morgan Cafferty and Laurynn Bowers – and two tall freshman forwards in 5-8 Ella Buckley and 5-9 Abbie Christianson.

So far, Princeville has sandwiched two wins around a loss to Tremont.

Princeville beat Brimfield 47-39 on Nov. 17 and scored a 51-42 win over Wethersfield last Saturday. Calder had 16 points and Streitmatter netted 15 in the win over the Geese at Elmwood's tournament.

Princeville (2-2) dropped a 40-28 decision to Kewanee on Monday. Calder scored 10 points and Addison Buckley had 11 rebounds.

"We have played two good games and two absolutely horrible games," Coach John Gross said. "I believe we could have a good season if we get our act together. We need to get tougher mentally and play consistently to reach those goals.

"The ability is there if I can get them to play harder and with more confidence."

Princeville was scheduled to play at Elmwood on Tuesday in a tournament makeup game that was delayed due to a power outage Saturday.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Expectations are high for the R-W girls despite posting a 9-22 season a year ago. The Cougars only lost two senior starters and return a wealth of experienced players.

"It was the girls' first year under a new system and we played a lot of close games, but just couldn't get over the hump when we needed to," Coach Jeff Hannam said.

Seniors Ella Rigg and Lauren Johnson, along with junior Emerson Hannam and sophomore Eliza Tucker will all play big roles in R-W's backcourt.

Senior forward Riley Smith will be relied on as a perimeter shooter, and junior front-court mate Kinley Danner is versatile and will see time at numerous spots on the floor, the coach said.

Senior post players Megyn Erlacher and Ella Erlacher provide a physical presence in the paint. Megyn Erlacher was an all-conference selection in the Lincoln Trail last year and has high expectations this season.

Maddi McGarry, a junior forward, was hurt in R-W's sectional volleyball game and her return is questionable, according to Jeff Hannam.

"We would like to get out and run this year," he said. "Our post play is our strength, so we want to get the ball inside as much as possible."

Rebounding and perimeter shooting are weaknesses heading into the ICAC and LTC.

"Playing in two conferences can be rigorous, but I think we have the depth to handle it," Hannam said. "I would like to think that we can compete with everyone on our schedule."

R-W has started 1-1, topping Monmouth United (45-24) and losing to Mercer County (55-21).

IHSA football playoff pairings

Class 2A

Last week's semifinal results

Wilmington 41, El Paso-Gridley 0
Maroa-Forsyth 28 Arthur-Lovington 6

Class 1A

Last week's semifinal results

Lena-Winslow 30, Stockton 16
Brown County 14, Hardin Calhoun 13

Friday's title games

(At Hancock Stadium, Normal)

• **Class 1A** – Lena-Winslow (12-1) vs. Brown County (11-2), 10 a.m.
• **Class 2A** – Wilmington (12-1) vs. Maroa-Forsyth (11-2), 1 p.m.
• **Class 3A** – Byron (13-0) vs. Tolono Unity (12-1), 4 p.m.
• **Class 4A** – Lombard Montini (13-0) vs. Rochester (12-1), 7 p.m.

Saturday's title games

• **Class 5A** – Wheaton St. Francis (10-3) vs. New Lenox Providence Catholic, 10 a.m.
• **Class 6A** – Oak Park Fenwick (10-3) vs. East Saint Louis (10-3), 1 p.m.
• **Class 7A** – Chicago St. Rita (9-4) vs. Chicago Brother Rice (12-1), 4 p.m.
• **Class 8A** – Chicago Mt. Carmel (13-0) vs. Oswego (11-2) 7 p.m.

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Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Superintendent David Mills, 325 Kentucky Ave., Williamsfield, IL 61489 or 309.639.2216.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for or abated for 2024 were $4,754,520. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2025 are $6,078,372.

This represents a 27.84% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 were $364,012. The estimated property taxes extended for debt service and public building leases for 2025 are $373,481. This represents a 2.6% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were $5,118,532. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2025 are $6,451,853.

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Girls tip off

Full-court press to start season for girls and holiday hoops

By ANDY LATORA
For The Weekly Post

There's depth and there's experience. Then there's Elmwood.

Elmwood's girls basketball team, which went 19-11 last year, has eight to 10 juniors and seniors with varsity experience who can all step on the floor and contribute quality minutes, Coach Kevin Faulkner said.

Andrea Glenn, a senior, and junior Brooke Allen are returning starters who can play guard or forward for the Trojans, with senior forwards Raelynn McClain and Addison Thrasher also returning.

Natalie Babcock, a senior guard, and a strong junior class of five players are expected to play key roles for a very quick team, Faulkner said. Mackenzie Caulkins, Corinne Colgan, Adelyn Magee, Gianna Ramirez and Anna Salverson are the juniors.

"We are a very physical team and we will run the floor," Faulkner said.

The key will be mixing newcomers with veterans. That's where improvements must be made, according to Faulkner.

"Communication on the floor and trust in our system," he said.

The Trojans' outlook is promising heading into the Prairieland Conference season and beyond. Faulkner believes Elmwood will challenge North Fulton and Havana in the conference's North division.

"Our depth will be a real strength this season," he said. "Our goals are to win 20-plus games, capture the conference title and make a deep postseason run."

Elmwood posted wins over Kewanee and Peoria Christan last week with Glenn leading the way. She had 21 points in a 49-18 season-opening win over Peoria Christian.

On Monday, Glenn scored 17 points in a 41-35 overtime loss to Wethersfield, which got a game-high 23 points from Lana Scott.

Andrea Glenn drives for a basket in Elmwood's overtime loss to Kewanee Wethersfield on Monday. Glenn led the team with 17 points. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

• **Brimfield** – Junior guard Layni Linthicum and senior forward Josie Wiewel were starters last year for a Brimfield team that went 19-12 and finished in the top half of both the ICAC and Prairieland.

Katie Doe, a sophomore guard, senior center Schyer Meinders and senior guard Landrie Quiram came off the bench last year and are expected to make key contributions for Coach Josh McKown. Freshman Cienna Graham also figures to be in the mix.

Rosalie Higgs, a sopho-

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Reversal of fortune

Brimfield boys open basketball season with big win led by Doe

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

Monday night represented quite a two-game reversal for Brimfield boys basketball.

Senior Connor Doe had 17 points, the last being the 1,000th of his career, as Brimfield defeated Peoria Christian 53-22 in a season-opener at the Peoria Heights Thanksgiving tournament. Doe did all his scoring in the first three quarters against the third-place finisher in the 2025 Class 1A state tournament.

In its final game last season, Brimfield lost by 26 points to Peoria Christian for a regional title.

ROWVA-Williamsfield transfer Dawson Traphagan had 12 points in his official Brimfield debut, all after the first quarter. Teammate Griff Hougham had 10 points, five rebounds and four steals. Tom Burkitt had seven rebounds and drew two charging fouls.

The Indians held the Chargers to one first-quarter point and four third-quarter points.

Dawson Traphagan had 12 points in his official debut with Brimfield on Monday at the Peoria Heights Thanksgiving tournament. The ROWVA-Williamsfield transfer helped the Indians beat Peoria Christian 53-22.

"Didn't expect that outcome," Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson said. "Burkitt's hustle was huge. Really got the team fired up."

Brimfield returns three starters, including Doe and Burkitt, from a team that finished 22-10 last season, although Jackson Kappes

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