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State educators hope to tackle thorny issue of math competence

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Each year, the Illinois State Board of Education releases an annual report card with data showing how students are doing in the basic subjects of reading, writing and math. And each year when those numbers come out, reporters, teachers, parents and school officials sift through the data looking for evidence to show whether scores are improving, holding steady or getting worse.

But one trend has been so consistent over the years, it rarely draws much public attention. Overall, students score lower in math than they do in English language arts.

That was true on the 2025 report card, which showed only 38.4% of Illinois students overall scored proficient or better in math, compared to



Illinois is in the process of creating a “numeracy plan” aimed at boosting math scores. Photo by Aaron Lefler.

52.4% in English language arts. Illinois students are not

unique in that regard. Nationwide, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as the “nation’s report card,” 59% of 8th graders in 2024 scored at or above the “basic” level in math – the achievement level most closely aligned with grade-level expectations – compared to 66% who did so in reading. Even on the international stage, American stu-

dents do not perform as well in math as their counterparts in many other industrialized democracies. Scores from the 2023 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study, or TIMSS exam – a project of the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics – showed 8th-grade students in the U.S., on average,

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FARM AID

Farm aid on the way

Trump earmarking \$12 billion for farmers

By JIM TALAMONTI
The Center Square

President Donald Trump has announced \$11 billion in federal public aid for row-crop farmers.

The president made the announcement during a White House roundtable Monday afternoon, along with Cabinet members, federal lawmakers and members of the farming community.

The relief funds are aimed for producers of row crops, with an additional \$1 billion in public funds for specialty crops and others.

Trump said the money would come from the “hundreds of billions of dollars” the U.S. is bringing through tariffs.

“What we’re doing is, we’re taking a relatively small portion of that and we’re going to be giving and



Despite a bumper crop during harvest, Illinois farmers have been hurting financially due to low prices for commodities. President Donald Trump’s \$12 billion aid package will help ease those financial woes.

providing it to the farmers in economic assistance,” the president said.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins said the relief funds are necessary due to a

crisis that the Trump administration inherited.

“We are going to be effectuating an \$11 billion bridge payment to our farmers. The money will move

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Billtown soccer may be a throw-in

School Board discusses possibility

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – Might soccer become an official high school sport in Williamsfield? Maybe, but a school-district official has doubts.

Williamsfield School Board members advocated Monday night for soccer’s addition. As many as 100 kindergarteners through 5th-graders participate in the village youth-soccer program, according to Board Member Paul Bosnich.

“I think that we lose kids as they go up, because there’s nowhere to go at the high school level,” he said. “There’s kids not playing any high school sport that would play soccer.”

But Board President Chad Goff was skeptical.

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- Williamsfield has a plan for a public-works building. **Page 7**

Among other issues, Goff believes soccer might cannibalize athletes from other sports, particularly during the fall semester, when the Illinois High School Association conducts boys-soccer season.

“I think there’s a lot of obstacles to overcome,” Goff said. “I’m all about kids and athletes and playing athletics. My kids love playing soccer. But you’re going to kill a sport.”

Each fall, Williamsfield offers four girls sports and activities (cheerleading, cross country, golf and volleyball) and three boys (cross country, golf and

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WILLIAMSFIELD: Approved property-tax levy

Continued from Page 1 football). Students are allowed to compete in two sports, but one must be individual based, like cross country or golf.

With fewer than 100 high school students, Williamsfield has a cooperative sports agreement with the Oneida-based ROWVA district. If ROWVA officials aren't interested in adding soccer, Billtown going it alone might undermine the co-op, according to Goff.

"Somebody told me a very long time ago kids don't ruin the co-op, adults

do," he said. "We barely have enough kids to field a basketball team. If we tried to do something on our own, I think that would cause an issue, and I don't think that's an issue we need to cause."

Still, Bosnich and Board Member Brittany Byrd said soccer is something Williamsfield should consider. Bosnich said this was the first season ROWVA children have played in the Williamsfield youth program. Byrd has a daughter who plays youth soccer in Peoria.

"I'm a huge advocate of this one," Byrd said. "We have a (youth) program, and then it stops. We've been promoting this program all along and then no longer. It's not fair to the kids. You go to a soccer field and it's full of Williamsfield kids. If we continue, we'll have more ROWVA kids playing."

More information, including soccer-related expenses, probably will be forthcoming when the board meets next month, according to Williamsfield Superintendent David Mills.

Regarding action items, the board approved a 2025 property-tax levy that was substantially higher than the previous year. The final authorized levy was \$6,128,372. That's about \$50,000 higher than the tentative levy the board approved last month.

For 2024, the district received \$4,754,520 in property taxes. The tax rate is expected to rise from 3.57 to 4.43. Equalized assessed property value in the district is estimated to be \$138,468,631, up from \$133,142,914.

The district had not been maximizing its property-tax share for years,

according to Mills. A tax increase is among the prescriptions to resolve the district's deficit and provide adequate reserve funds. Layoffs and budget cuts already have been implemented.

"The goal is that we create some financial stability starting for this next school year, and that happens year after year going forward," Mills said. "We ended the fiscal year last year essentially with no money to spend."

Board Member Jennifer Smith was the only dissenter. A state-required Truth in Taxation hearing, held immediately before the board's regular meeting, elicited no public comment.

The board also:

- Voted to abate about \$12,500 in taxes earmarked to pay off a 2019 bond issue.
- OK'd pursuit of a \$50,000 state school maintenance grant, which the district would match. The money is to be used to tuckpoint the school building, install heat sensors and repair bleachers, Mills said.
- Authorized the high school senior-class trip to Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The trip is scheduled for April 29 to May 3.

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- **Native Seed Celebration** – A variety of native prairie seeds will be available for swap or merely to take home on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at Salem Township Library in Yates City.

This Week's Events

- **Christmas Celebration** – A free Christmas celebration will be held Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. in the Jubilee College Chapel, 11817 W. Jubilee College Rd., Brimfield. Refreshments served afterwards.
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Future Events








- **Harvest Home** – A Harvest Home fundraiser dinner will be Dec. 18, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Yates City Community Center. Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes,

- corn, roll, dessert and a drink. \$13.
- **Story and Craft** – Craft a Christmas ornament with local artist Erin and hear a winter story on Dec. 19, 6-7 p.m. at Salem Township Library in Yates City.
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- Lee R. Raymond
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Illinois is heading into an energy crossroads and, for too many families and businesses, the warning lights are already flashing red.

The newly passed Senate Bill 25 – the so-called Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act – was billed as a solution to our energy challenges. But in reality it moves us further away from reliable, stable, and affordable power at a time when working families, small businesses and manufacturers can least afford higher electric bills.



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Recent analyses have confirmed what energy experts have warned for months: Illinois’ power demand is surging, while its ability to meet that demand is declining. Data centers and electrification projects are driving peak power use up by 20% to 30% in northern Illinois and as much as 17% downstate, even as fossil-fuel plants that provide dependable baseload energy are closing.

Both the ComEd and Ameren regions could face deficits of up to 20% by 2030. That means higher costs, greater strain on an already-fragile grid and a growing risk of blackouts.

Yet instead of taking decisive action to stabilize our energy supply, SB 25 hands unprecedented power to unelected regulators at the Illinois Commerce Commission. It allows the ICC – not the legislature – to determine which plants stay open, how much energy will be generated and what ratepayers will pay. The bill empowers regulators to raise electric rates, order new generation and sign long-term contracts without legislative approval. That’s not accountability. That’s abdication, and we will all pay more for it.

Opponents, including the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association, the Illinois Farm Bureau and independent consumer groups, have all warned that this bill front-loads costs onto ratepayers while deferring any real savings for years. Families and

small businesses will start paying higher surcharges within the next year, even though many of the proposed benefits – like utility-scale battery storage and virtual power plants – won’t come online until 2030 or later. That means consumers are footing the bill for promises that might never materialize.

This problem is compounded by the fact that investor-backed battery-storage projects can and should be financed through state or federal low-interest loans rather than being placed directly on consumer bills.

Other states have already demonstrated responsible financing models. In Michigan and Texas, for example, private developers have secured hundreds of millions in construction loans, tax-equity bridge loans and credit facilities without shifting those upfront costs onto ratepayers. Illinois families should not be treated as the financiers of multibillion-dollar energy assets.

The state’s own cost-benefit analysis admits that its savings projections are “modeled assumptions,” not guarantees. The report explicitly states that these figures “do not constitute a prediction of future bill levels,” acknowledging “substantial uncertainty” around the market and regulatory outcomes. In plain English: There are no consumer protections if costs skyrocket, no cap on what ratepayers will pay and no plan to deliver immediate relief.

Meanwhile, manufacturers that power our economy are sounding the alarm. The Illinois Manufacturers’ Association testified that the bill represents a \$7 billion bet on batteries, with the potential to raise industrial power bills by thousands of dollars per month. The Farm Bureau warned that the legislation imposes additional burdens on ratepayers and farmers while failing to address the reliability needs of rural communities. For both, this is not an abstract policy debate. It’s about keeping machines running, livestock safe and paychecks steady.

SB 25 also sidelines the very legislative oversight that should

protect ratepayers. Since deregulation in 1997, Illinois has relied on competitive markets to keep costs in check. Now, we’re reversing course by concentrating decision-making power in an unelected agency with limited transparency. Even the last-minute amendment allowing lawmakers to review ICC rate hikes offers little comfort. Once new charges are embedded in utility tariffs, rolling them back will be nearly impossible.

The irony is that Illinois’ energy problem isn’t ideological, it’s practical. The state needs dispatchable power that can be counted on every hour of every day. Renewable energy and storage are vital parts of our future, but they cannot yet replace the steady, on-demand generation provided by nuclear, natural gas and clean-coal facilities. Shutting those resources prematurely risks both affordability and reliability: the two pillars of a functioning grid.

Illinois will soon need up to five additional gigawatts of new capacity just to meet projected demand. We cannot build that capacity on good intentions alone. If the goal is to prevent blackouts, protect consumers and safeguard our economy, then our energy policy must be guided by reality, not politics.

This spring, the governor and legislature must return to the table with a plan that puts consumers first – one that restores balance between reliability and sustainability. That means keeping our existing baseload generation online until proven alternatives are ready, investing in transmission upgrades that move power efficiently across the state and creating rate protections that shield families and small businesses from unchecked costs.

Illinois can and should lead the nation in clean, innovative energy, but leadership begins with keeping the lights on. Our residents deserve more than promises. They deserve a power grid as strong and dependable as the people it serves.

State Sen. Sue Rezin is a Republican from Morris who represents the 38th district, which includes Bureau, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle and Putnam counties.

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Elba-Salem Park District OKs property-tax levy

By MOLLY COPHER
For The Weekly Post

YATES CITY – The Elba-Salem Park District approved a 70.78% increase of its property-tax levy at its board meeting Monday, citing increased expenses and improvement goals.

The basic costs required for the park district include fuel, equipment maintenance and mowing, basic supplies, any contracted services plus material costs, insurance premiums and utilities. Under its cur-

rent levy allowance, insurance allows 40% of the Park District’s budget.

Maintenance projects like resurfacing a walking path, updating the pavilion’s electrical system and parking-lot lighting factor into the levy consideration. Additionally, park improvements like accessible playground features and parking spaces, equipment replacement and playground resurfacing to increase the overall safety of the parks are being considered. Bathroom im-

provements, benches, repairs and new gravel are all part of the long-term plan as well.

The cost to each household will be less than \$4 per month, or \$48 annually, with large farms getting closer to the \$4 figure than average households. A \$200,000 household can expect an increase of less than \$2 per month, or \$24 annually. A \$100,000 household can expect half that.

The levy was approved by the board 4-1, with Wayne Wrage voting against.

MATH: Several components to numeracy plan

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scored below their peers in countries like Singapore, Japan, Sweden and Australia.

In Illinois, officials at the State Board of Education hope to close the gap through the development of a statewide, comprehensive “numeracy plan.” The document will direct not just the way math is taught in the classroom, but how math teachers are trained in the profession and math programs are administered in school districts.

Latrenda Knighten, a retired math teacher who is now president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, says the difficulty many Americans have with math is now so common, it has become socially acceptable for people to openly admit that they are just not a “math person.”

“It’s like a badge of honor to some people,” she said in an interview with Capitol News Illinois. “And what you say publicly aloud has a huge impact on impressionable young minds and their outlook on a subject or content area, or their beliefs about themselves. And we have to change that. We can no longer accept that it’s OK to say, ‘Oh, I’m just not good at math, and so it’s OK if I don’t understand this.’ You should say, ‘Why is it that I can’t make sense of this?’”

But Beth MacDonald, an education professor at Illinois State University who trains prospective teachers to teach math in early-elementary grades, said she believes the problem of lagging math skills in America is not just a cultural issue.

“It’s more about how we teach mathematics,” she said in a separate interview.

MacDonald traces much of the problem with today’s math education techniques to the No Child Left Be-

hind Act of 2001. That’s the signature education-policy law of the George W. Bush administration that mandated standardized testing in public schools nationwide and tied federal funding to those test results.

“When you go into a school, you’ll see educators all on the same page of the curriculum on the same day, and they’re being held accountable to stay on pace with the curriculum,” she said. “So what we’ve removed now is the need to even understand where our kids are at in their own learning.”

Knighten said she has been paying close attention to Illinois’ numeracy plan. She’s also had conversations with stakeholders at the state board in the early stages of the project.

“And from what I have observed, one of the things they’ve done is looked at this holistically,” she said. “They actually are looking at developing a plan and actually identifying what numeracy is, so that people are understanding, it’s not just that we want to raise students’ ability to memorize math facts. We’re looking at building procedural knowledge from conceptual understanding.”

The planning process was modeled after the recent development of a statewide literacy plan, which lawmakers mandated in 2023 and ISBE formally adopted the following year. Unlike the literacy plan, however, the numeracy plan did not begin with a legislative mandate but was instead initiated by State Superintendent of Education Tony Sanders.

It began in April and May when ISBE staff conducted a “needs assessment” survey of various stakeholder groups – including teachers and other classroom staff, school and district administrators and regional superintendents of education – to get a clearer sense of what needs to be

included in a numeracy plan.

The agency then held a summit meeting in June to study the survey results and form a team to begin drafting a numeracy plan.

An initial draft of the plan was released in October. The agency then held a series of listening sessions to receive feedback from teachers and other educators, which concluded in November.

“Numeracy is more than arithmetic or the memorization of procedures,” reads an initial draft of the plan. “As defined in this guidance, numeracy is the ability for all students to confidently understand, interpret, and apply mathematical concepts across all domains of mathematics in a variety of real-world and academic contexts.”

Much of the 94-page document is technical in nature – one person who took part in a Nov. 4 virtual listening session described it as “wordy” – with discussion of topics such as the difference between “traditional” and “reform” approaches to mathematical instruction.

But it also includes discussion of topics that suggest solving the problem of lagging math skills could be costly. Those include the lack of resources in school districts that are still funded far below their adequacy target and the need for more training and professional development for teachers, to name a few.

Agency officials plan to present a second draft of the plan to the state board in February. A final draft is expected to be completed in June.

“I think they’re doing a great job with the numeracy plan so far, with regard to how policy can change,” MacDonald said.

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Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Chad Jones at chad.jones@brimfield309.com.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were \$6,052,412.

The proposed corporate and special purposed property taxes to be levied for 2025 are \$6,600,431. This represents a 9.05% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt services and public building commission leases for 2024 were \$1,437,804.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2025 are \$1,462,550.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were \$7,490,216

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2025 are \$8,062,981. This represents a 7.65% increase over the previous year.

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FARM AID: Governor declares ag-trade crisis

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by Feb. 28, 2026,” Rollins said, adding that farmers would know what their payment would look like by the end of December.

“You will have that number in hand,” Rollins said, so farmers could make plans for the year ahead.

Joe Maxwell, Farm Action’s chief strategy officer and co-founder, said farmers across the country are hurting. Maxwell said the current problems facing the U.S. agriculture system have been decades in the making due to policy that prioritizes

commodity crops for export, which he said only benefits global grain traders and meatpackers.

“Without addressing the root causes of this issue, farmers will be left to continue relying on government assistance into the future. That is why Congress must take action and fix our failed subsidy system in the next farm bill,” Maxwell added.

Trump’s announcement comes weeks after Gov. JB Pritzker declared an agricultural trade crisis in Illinois. On Oct. 29, Pritzker signed an executive order directing state

agencies to take immediate action to enhance domestic markets for ag commodities and to bolster mental-health support for farm families.

Pritzker and Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello said Illinois’ roughly \$26.4 billion agricultural sector had been hurt by Trump’s tariffs and trade policies.

Trump said he would be open to tapping into tariff revenue for farmers again if necessary. He also said moves to eliminate the estate tax and end green-equipment requirements would help farmers across the nation.

AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff
vs.
BONNIE J. RENTSCH; DONNA J. RENTSCH; MARY A. SANDERS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF LARRY W. RENTSCa, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
24 FC 123
CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE
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Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
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Commonly known as **1131 W. Nowland Ave., Peoria, IL 61604.**
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the

bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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Defendant
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CALENDAR

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LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF,
vs.
BRODIE PRIM, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID PAUL PRIM; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVID PAUL PRIM; ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MICHELE PRIM A/K/A MICHELLE PRIM; BRODIE PRIM; TYLER PRIM; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JESSE PRIM; WILLIAM BUTCHER, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR S.P., DEFENDANTS.
NO. 24 FC 0000036
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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on **October 15, 2025**, will on **January 12, 2026**, in **ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602**, at **8:30 AM**, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: **TAX NO. 17-12-480-006 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3304 West Harmon Highway Peoria, IL 61604**
Description of Improvements: single family home
The Judgment amount was \$131,576.46.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff’s Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 24-175821L.
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF’S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The Weekly Post

will not publish on

Dec. 25 and the office

will be closed Dec. 20-28.

Ad deadline for

the Jan. 1 edition

is Monday,

Dec. 29, by noon.

Merry

Christmas!



Answers on Page 13

Super Crossword

MECHANICS OF SOLVING

ACROSS

1 Has a snooze

5 Workout unit

8 Anti-DUI ad, maybe

11 "The Mahese Falcon" hero

19 Conical-bore woodwind

20 Log chopper

21 Possess

22 Former airline to Rome

23 Composer of the 1938 ballet "The Incredible Flutist"

26 Squirrel-sized monkeys

27 Super-cold

28 Poddied plant

29 What a dieter may reduce

31 Pressure-reducing elastic stockings

34 Mork's home planet

35 German city

36 Ordinal suffix

37 Yvette's "yes"

38 "Gremlins" actress Gates

44 Folk great

47 Edison's phonograph medium

49 Writer Rand

52 Prefix with treat or trust

53 Bird bill

55 Booting out

56 Horn honk

58 Clears up, as code

60 Hit PC game of the 1990s

62 Director

63 Heater along the bottom of a wall

67 Houston ballplayer

68 Ending for Gator

69 CIO partner

70 Greek vowels

75 Bracing wear for a body-builder

81 Dog in "The Thin Man"

85 "Little" actress Rae

86 Mrs. with a famous cow

87 "500" auto race

88 Hone

90 William of "Hopalong Cassidy"

91 Its cap. is Buenos Aires

93 Levy

94 Video surveillance device, briefly

97 Of — (somewhat)

99 Bit of skin art

100 Timid

101 Cable TV channel for buying goods

103 Flee to weed

107 "I solved it!"

108 Type of needle-free syringe

111 ThinkPad power source, e.g.

118 Cl- or Na+

119 Gold, to Luisa

120 Zesty potato chip go-with

121 Where nine key words in this puzzle can be found

124 Word after poet or Nobel

125 LA-to-MI dir.

126 Tea vessel

127 Swing about

128 Evaluated

129 Lobed thing

130 Turndowns

131 Actress

132 Harper

9 Very muscular, in modern lingo

10 Year, to Nero

11 Like "Weekend Update" reports

12 "Alas and —"

13 "Bosch" actress

14 Lee of Marvel

15 Component

16 Et — (plus others)

17 Rinky- —

18 Relieve

24 Person for whom a thing is named

25 Kilt wearer

30 Butter-and-flour mixture

32 Crosswalk user, for short

33 Coop female

37 Tree of Illinois

38 Largest dwarf planet

39 — and hers

40 Aware of

41 Revise text

42 Crooked

43 Therefore

45 Venice beach resort

46 Totally lost

47 "That — close call!"

48 Former Royals manager Ned

49 "Mamma Mia" group

50 In-favor votes

51 Chick's home

53 Indian religion founder

54 White heron

57 For each

59 Talks big

60 Ticked off

61 Crimean resort port

64 Cursy, e.g.

65 How often the sun rises

66 Fix, as a fight

71 Osaka sash

72 Festival shelter

73 Actor Alan

74 River of myth

76 "Old Mac-Donald" letters

77 Lacks entity

78 Impend, as a deadline

79 Investments for later yrs.

80 Songwriter

81 Helper. Abbr.

82 Old New York ballpark

83 Diplomacy

84 In — (mired)

89 Expert

90 Large inlet

92 Actor Lorne

95 Like a slingshot or a wishbone

96 Schmoose

97 Singer

98 DiFranco

99 Pampering, for short

101 Cowboy doing a roundup, say

102 Eye affliction

104 Peter of "Becket"

105 Spongolike

106 Wears away

107 Grab — (eal fast)

108 Actress

109 Hot rod fuel

110 Long — (winter undies)

111 Singer

112 Santa — (hot winds)

113 Name of 12 popes

114 Flipped

115 Small bills

116 Sidewalk smooches, e.g., for short

117 Melody

122 Leg it

123 Prez after FDR

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Billtown sets plan for public-works building

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – A new village public-works building is expected to be in place along Gale Street next summer, according to Williamsfield officials.

Last week, the Williamsfield Village Board approved a \$292,835 deal with Blunier Builders, Inc., of Eureka to provide and construct the 60-by-80-foot building. It's to be built on the same site as the current public-works building, which is falling apart, according to Village President Robert Johnson.

"It's a safety hazard being held up by 20-foot railroad ties. It leaks. It's a dangerous building to be in," Johnson said following the board meeting Dec. 1.

"We need to get everybody out of there. There's a guy (in town) in his 90s who said he went to Boy Scouts in that building. It's on its last leg.

"We thought about re-roofing it, and nobody wanted to touch it. They said it was too dangerous."

The village received two other bids to replace the building, one for \$402,053 and another for \$371,166.

Proceeds from the sale of the former Williamsfield

Retirement Center are to finance the new public-works building, according to Johnson. A Peoria-area firm has agreed to purchase the former retirement center and operate it as an assisted-living facility. The sale closing date is Jan. 5. Sale price is \$199,900.

The previous owner donated the retirement-center building to the village earlier this year. It had evolved into a group home for the developmentally disabled.

A loan the Bank of Farmington already has approved is to pay for whatever the sale proceeds don't cover, including associated costs, Johnson said. The proposed interest

rate is 5%. Demolition of the current building probably will cost \$25,000.

"The donation was really a godsend," Johnson said. "We really didn't have the money to do this. A lot of citizens were concerned we wouldn't have a retirement home in town, so (the sale) took care of that worry. And the village will get a much-needed municipal building out of it."

In other action last week, the board approved \$50 monthly stipends for village employees who use their cellphones for municipal business at least 50% of the time. It's expected to cost the village about \$3,000 a year, according to Johnson.

"We could get every-

body a phone, but it would be way more expensive than that," he said.

Following closed session, trustees authorized public-works employee Braden Boyer to seek training as a certified water operator. He is to take an online class through Black Hawk College in Moline. It's to cost the village \$1,000 over two semesters.

According to Johnson, the village currently pays an outside firm \$500 a month to perform the same paperwork Boyer can do after the class.



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Police reports

- **HANNA CITY** – A Yates City man was accused of drunken driving after being found asleep at the wheel of a vehicle at an intersection south of Hanna City.
A Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputy was dispatched shortly before 4:45 a.m. Nov. 8 to Lancaster and Harkers Corner roads. There the deputy found Kaden M. Runyon, 21, inside a 2013 Chrysler 300 off the roadway at the northeast corner of the intersection, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated.
The vehicle gear shift was in drive. The vehicle was towed and Runyon was transported to the Peoria County jail, where he was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.
- **ELMWOOD** – An apparent domestic incident at an Elmwood residence resulted in a local man’s arrest.
Brayden M. Amerman, 18, was accused of domestic battery and illegal consumption of alcohol following the incident. It happened about 11:45 p.m. Nov. 8 in the 400 block of E. Cypress St., per a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.
- The victim was a 42-year-old Elmwood woman. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was notified.
- **LAURA** – A hit-and-run accident at an intersection south of Laura resulted in no apparent injuries. Amy M. Krantz of Dahinda was driving a westbound 2024 BMW 430i that was stopped about 12:30 p.m. Nov. 7 on Scotland Prairie Road at Illinois Route 78 when a 2011 Chevrolet Equinox rear-ended it, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.
The other driver called Krantz names and drove away, she said. The Audi received minor dents and scrapes. Krantz provided a deputy with a photograph of the Equinox’s license plate. It was traced to an owner in Peoria.
- **PRINCEVILLE** – A Princeville man was accused of multiple crimes following an apparent domestic dispute at a local residence.
Jesse L. Rosas, 38, was transported to the Peoria County Jail about 3 a.m. Nov. 5 from the 200 block of E. Evans St., according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.
- Victims were 37- and 44-year-old Princeville women.
- Rosas was charged with battery, domestic battery and resisting arrest.
- **YATES CITY** – A Yates City man said he received suspicious and potentially threatening social-media and internet messages.
The 19-year-old victim alerted the Knox County Sheriff’s Office about 8:15 p.m. Nov. 3. According to a report, he received multiple messages on Instagram from a man who claimed to have attended Farmington High School with him. The victim didn’t remember the suspect.
Later, the victim received telephone calls and text messages, including one that stated “Hey I sent someone after you” and another that included a photograph of the victim’s residence. The victim blocked the suspect on all electronics and reported his account to Instagram.
- **EDWARDS** – A Bartonville motorcyclist sustained apparently minor injuries from a single-vehicle accident north of Edwards.
Dale B. Rikken was aboard a northbound 2002 motorcycle shortly before 1:45 p.m. Nov. 3 in the 6000 block of N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. when a deer emerged from the east, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.
Rikken apparently avoided the deer, but the motorcycle slid off the pavement into an east-side ditch and struck a utility pole. Rikken sustained scrapes and complained about back pain but refused medical treatment from Brimfield firefighters.
- **TRIVOLI** – A three-vehicle accident in Trivoli resulted in no apparent injuries.
Shortly after 4:15 p.m. Nov. 2, Michael Hansen of Prairie City was driving an eastbound 2000 Ford Excursion sport-utility vehicle in the 19300 block of Illinois Route 116 when the driver’s-side mirror struck that of a westbound 2010 Ford F-150 pickup truck driven by Meghan N. Ratliff of Lewistown.
The Excursion mirror shattered the vehicle’s front driver’s-side window and landed in the back seat, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated. The F-150 mirror flew off that vehicle and struck the front windshield of the vehicle behind it, a 2022 Chevrolet Equinox SUV driven by Amiyah L. Bailey of Canton.
- **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington man was arrested in connection with a drunken-driving offense.
At 5 p.m. Nov. 1, a Farmington police officer spotted Arlie M. Morse, 50, entering a vehicle parked at a business on Fort Street. A check revealed Morse was wanted for failure to appear in court regarding the DUI, which dates from 2022, according to a police report.
The officer followed the vehicle, in which Morse was a passenger, to the 100 block of W. Pearl St. Morse said he wasn’t aware of the warrant and was unable to pay the \$500 bond. The officer transported Morse to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown.
- **HANNA CITY** – At 8:30 p.m. Nov. 4, Frederick P. Roe of Peoria was driving a southbound 2009 Audi A4 in the 900 block of S. Eden Rd. southwest of Hanna City when the vehicle struck a deer. Roe was uninjured, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated. The vehicle was drivable.
- **OAK RUN** – Shortly after 6:15 a.m. Nov. 4, Richard L. Brown, 72, of Oak Run was driving a southbound 2010 Ford Ranger pickup truck on Knox Highway 12 south of Knox Road 1725 North when the vehicle struck a deer. Brown sustained minor injuries, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report. The vehicle was towed.
- **PRINCEVILLE** – At 7 p.m. Nov. 3, Jessica L. Wanger of Princeville was driving a 2018 GMC Yukon north on Princeville-Jubilee Road at Parks School Road. when the vehicle struck a deer. Wanger wasn’t injured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The vehicle sustained damage but was drivable.
- **TRIVOLI** – At 7 a.m. Nov. 3, Carol A. Rathman of Farmington was driving an eastbound 2016 Toyota Camry on Illinois Route 116 east of Trivoli when the vehicle struck a deer. Rathman didn’t appear to be injured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The vehicle was drivable.
- **FARMINGTON** – At 6 p.m. Nov. 2, Stephanie M. Smith of Canton was driving a southbound 2012 Chrysler Town & Country minivan in the 4300 block of S. Stone School Rd. southeast of Farmington when the vehicle struck a deer. Smith and her five passengers weren’t injured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The vehicle was drivable.
- **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff’s Office responded between Nov. 9-15: burglary, Douglas; alarm, Williamsfield.

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Board OKs Farmington school renovation bids

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – After more than a year of planning, work to renovate the Farmington school complex is scheduled to begin in a few weeks.

The Farmington School Board on Monday voted unanimously to approve 14 construction bids totaling \$3,522,029 – \$73,401 over the budget originally proposed by Midwest Construction Professionals of Morton. MCP anticipates projects will still come in about \$135,000 under budget due to no expense for design and bid contingencies.

Work should start in a few weeks after students complete exams, Superintendent Zac Chatterton said, and is scheduled to be completed by the start of the 2026-27 school year.

Last December, the board improved the sale of up to \$8 million in debt certificates for enhancement projects.

Bids approved Monday are for a new alternative-learning center, a junior-high research area and outdoor learning center, improvements to the band and chorus rooms and improvements to all three of the school’s cafeteria common areas.

Bids were awarded as follows:

- Site building and concrete, site demolition and earthwork – Otto Baum, \$179,792.
- Steel fabrication – Titan, \$120,000.

- Masonry – JJ Braker, \$48,600.
- Doors, frames and hardware – Doors Inc., \$95,457.
- Aluminum windows, doors and storefront – Taylor Glass, \$76,620.
- General Trades/Demo and Flooring – Bishop Brothers, \$1,132,000.
- Framing, drywall and acoustical ceiling – Associated, \$598,7000.
- Painting – Vogue, \$131,500.
- Fire Protection – FE Moran, \$67,200.
- Plumbing – Dries, \$94,800.
- HVAC – Montefusco, \$139,000.
- Electrical and fire alarm – Wilcox, \$779,000.
- Landscaping – Prairie View, \$59,360.

The board also heard another presentation on the proposed 2025 tax levy in advance of a public hearing and expected levy adoption on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m.

The school district’s tax rate of \$4.54 per \$100 is actually 4 cents less than last year, according to Chatterton. Director of Student Services Toby Vallas said the district tax levy is the third lowest in Peoria, Knox and Fulton counties and has been steadily decreasing since it was \$5.68 per \$100 in 2005.

But property owners will see an overall tax increase due to rises in equalized assessed value of properties in the district. EAV for 2025 is expected to be \$203,000,000 compared

to \$109,000,000 in 2003.

Prior to the business portion of the meeting, the board honored all-state football player Jack Gronewold, a Division I University of North Dakota signee who ends his career as the school’s all-time leader in catches, touchdowns and receiving yards.

“Jack leaves here, if not the best football player ever to put on a Farmington jersey, he’s certainly right there in that conversation,” Vallas said.

Also honored were junior-high state cross country qualifiers Jack Heisel, Addi Martin and Kay Heisel and the following students of the month: 6th graders Abigail Purdue and Myles Pendarvis; 7th graders Quinton Rose and Kodilynn Bearce; 8th graders Logan Lewis-Kelly and Aria Demmin; freshman Ashlynn Brewer; sophomore Kynzie Bradt; junior Blake Melz; and senior Anthony Zotto. Orange Frog awards went to high school science teacher Stephanie Shane and Maria Kemple, math interventionist.

In other business, the board approved several policy updates from the Illinois Association of School Board’s PRESS service, approved Addison Pickens as 7th-grade volleyball coach and Kaylee O’Donnell as 8th-grade volleyball coach and banned Edward Miller for one year from school extracurricular events.

BRIEFS

Area bank executive announces retirement

GALESBURG – CBI Bank & Trust President and CEO Doug Sanders is retiring effective Jan. 5.

A Galesburg resident, Sanders began his banking career over 36 years ago and has been with CBI Bank & Trust (formerly F&M Bank) since 1997. He has been executive vice president, chief investment officer and president and CEO.

During his tenure, he and his team have grown the local asset size by nearly four times. He also orchestrated construction of new locations on Henderson Street and Seminary Square in Galesburg and guided his team through multiple acquisitions and the re-branding of F&M Bank to CBI Bank & Trust.



Sanders

Judge rejects arguments for new trial for Oglesby

GALESBURG – A Maquon woman convicted of murdering the village’s former police chief will not receive a new trial.

Knox County Circuit Judge Andrew Doyle rejected those arguments from attorneys for Marcy Oglesby, 53, during a hearing Tuesday. Doyle found Oglesby guilty in October of killing her longtime boyfriend, Richard Young, by poisoning him.

Doyle sentenced Oglesby to 50 years in state prison. She is being held at Logan Correctional Center near Lincoln. Her projected parole date is December 2074.

Bright Futures screening scheduled in January

BRIMFIELD – Peoria County Bright Futures is providing free developmental screenings in partnership with the Special Education Association of Peoria County on Jan. 6-7 for families in the Brimfield and

Elmwood area.

Peoria County Bright Futures offers free preschool for children 3-5 years of age. Children turning 3 can be screened at 2 years, 10 months.

Call (309) 686-8590 to schedule a screening or inquire about other Peoria County free-preschool locations.

Beard elected as group director of CBAI board

SPRINGFIELD – Jennifer Beard, president and chief operating officer of Farmers State Bank in Elmwood, was elected group director of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois at the association’s annual convention in Kansas City, Mo.

As a group director, she serves on the CBAI Board of Directors and its strategic planning and membership committees.

Beard started as a teller in 2004 at Farmers State Bank and was named president and chief operating officer in 2011.

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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 Illinois 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

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Pages From The Past

Compiled by Andy Latora

Five Years Ago

• The election results in The Weekly Post area mainly mirrored state and national outcomes, with the most noticeable exception being the presidential race, with President Donald Trump prevailing over Democratic challenger Joe Biden.

Illinois' total ballots for president had Biden winning 3,463,260 to Trump's 2,438,943.

• An estimate to renovate the Farmington city complex on Fort Street from D. Joseph Construction in Peoria "was the best contact we've had (with contractors)," said Alderman Terry Dicks, who during the City Council's meeting added that he's "disappointed in the price, but it doesn't surprise me." D. Joseph president Bill Joseph said remodeling the north wing of the building would range from \$2.1 million to \$2.2 million.

10 Years Ago

• Princeville hosted its Prince Holiday Homecoming. A gingerbread-house contest attracted many entries, one of many events around town.

• Elmwood High School's winter athletic programs Whiteout ceremony raised over \$7,500 that was donated to St. Jude.

25 Years Ago

• Williamsfield celebrated its 10th annual Winterfest.

• Danielle Clark of Elmwood participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York with the Universal Cheerleaders Association.

35 Years Ago

• Tasha Dawson of Princeville was the recipient of the DAR Good Citizen award for Princeville High School.

50 Years Ago

• A fire destroyed Vi's restaurant in Elmwood. The call went out at about 1 p.m. The restaurant was gutted; other buildings on the block suffered only smoke damage. The cause of the fire was determined to be electrical.

65 Years Ago

• Richard Wake retired as rural mail carrier in Farmington after serving 36 years, 7 months and 17 days.

75 Years Ago

• The LaPrarie Center Methodist Church near Princeville celebrated its 100th anniversary.

• Construction on the new Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood got underway.

80 Years Ago

• Hugh McQuiston of the Elmwood Telephone Exchange said a change will soon be made in the ownership of the company. Prospective buyers are the Illinois Telephone Co. of Springfield.

• Farmington schools were closed for a week due to illness among the teachers and pupils.

• The Alta School was burned to the ground.

90 Years Ago

• The Feldman Outlet Store in Princeville discontinued business.

• Coffee was sold for 24 cents a pound and English walnuts were 22 cents a pound.

100 Years Ago

• Apples were \$6.50 per barrel at the Quality Store in Princeville.

• The village trustees of Princeville voted 3-2 to discontinue Sunday-night movies in Princeville.

105 Years Ago

• Funds were used to replenish the Princeville High School library's shelves with new books.

• Earl Bennett of Middle Grove purchased the interest of G.P. Burrell in the motor-car firm of Burrell and Steenburg; the name of the new firm is to be Steenburg and Bennett.

• W.T. Moul purchased the Old Opera House Corner in Farmington.

• Paul Cutler, a Princeville contractor, built eight new bridges in Stark County in a year's time.

110 Years Ago

• Christmas candy was 10 cents a pound, sap maple syrup was 90 cents a half gallon, sorghum was 80 cents a gallon.

• Henry Bowers of Elmwood sold one of his cattle exhibited at the International Stock Show in Chicago for \$1,600. The bovine drew second place in her class.

115 Years Ago

• A Chicago-built automobile, the Stover, made Kickapoo Hill at a minimum speed of 20 mph.

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Ricky D. Pope
Secretary APFPD

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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.

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DATED this 17th day of November, 2025.
**STEPHEN C. GARNETT, Executor of the Estate of
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff
vs.
BONNIE J. RENTSCH; DONNA J. RENTSCH; MARY A. SANDERS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF LARRY W. RENTSCH, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
24 FC 123
CALENDAR

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff
vs.
CHRISTOPHER P. HANSARD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
25 FC 57
CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on **January 7, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602**, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Monterius Norris a/k/a Monterius J. Norris; Illinois Housing Development Authority; United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Tower Loan of Illinois, LLC d/b/a Tower Loan of Peoria; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2025-FC-0000192

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NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
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Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
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COMMONLY KNOWN AS: **923 W Willcox Ave Peoria, IL 61604**
and which said Mortgage was made by: **Monterius Norris a/k/a Monterius J. Norris** the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Flat Branch Mortgage Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2019015796 modified with 2025002963; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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PLAINTIFF,
VS.
BRODIE PRIM, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID PAUL PRIM; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVID PAUL PRIM; ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MICHELE PRIM A/K/A MICHELLE PRIM; BRODIE PRIM; TYLER PRIM; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JESSE PRIM; WILLIAM BUTCHER, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR S.P.,
DEFENDANTS.
NO. 24 FC 0000036
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PEORIA, IL 61604

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on **October 15, 2025**, will on **January 12, 2026, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30 AM**, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
LOT 5 IN KICKAPOO HEIGHTS ADDITION, PART OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX NO. 17-12-480-006
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: **3304 West Harmon Highway Peoria, IL 61604**
Description of Improvements: single family home
The Judgment amount was \$131,576.46.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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.
For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff’s Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 24-175821L
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF’S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Plaintiff’s attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Plaintiff
vs.
Jennifer Mellen; et al;
Defendant
25 FC 118
CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on **January 7, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, IL 61602**, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
LOT 9 OF THE IRIONS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF CHILICOTHE, PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 05-20-280-017.
Commonly known as **1425 N. 5th St., Chillicothe, IL 61523**.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a common interest community unit, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (25% if plaintiff is represented by Codilis & Associates, P.C.) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN AC-

CORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff’s Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-25-04021
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OBITUARIES

Dr. Robert R. Schenck

GLEN ELLYN – Dr. Robert R. Schenck, 94, was a hand surgeon at Rush University Medical Center from 1972-2008, nearly four decades. He passed away on Nov. 30, 2025, from a dementia-related illness at Churchill Place Memory Care in Glen Ellyn.

He was born on a farm near Brimfield/Elmwood, in Peoria County. He attended a one-room country school, graduating from the eighth grade at 11. In 1951, he graduated from Taylor University in Upland, Ind., and returned to his home state to attend the University of Illinois, working himself through medical school and graduating in 1955.

He was a medical staff officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, caring for Chippewa Indians at Red Lake, Minn. He transferred to the USPHS National Leprosarium at Carville, La., working with leprosy patients. His first exposure to hand surgery occurred while at Carville under Dr. Daniel Riordan. He then went as a medical missionary to Ethiopia, where he performed the first reconstructive hand surgery for leprosy patients in that country.

Because of the health needs of a child, he suddenly had to return to the United States. He then worked



Schenck

at Centerville Clinic in southwest Pennsylvania treating coal miners between 1962-66. There, he won a prize in medical photography that gave him and his family a trip around the world to visit missionary outposts.

Upon his return, he went to West Pennsylvania Hospital for two years in general surgery, followed by a residency in plastic surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. He completed his training with a fellowship in hand surgery at Roosevelt Hospital under Dr. J. William Littler in New York. In 1972, he returned to Chicago, where he became chief of hand surgery at Rush Medical Center (Rush University).

During his career as a hand surgeon, he trained 39 fellows in hand surgery at Rush, where he was director of the section of hand surgery in the department of plastic surgery. He published over 47 articles regarding hand surgery and was nationally and internationally recognized for his dynamic traction method of treatment of Proximal Interphalangeal Joint injuries.

From 1990-95, he was the founding president of the Hand Surgery Endowment of the American Association for Surgery of the Hand, which funds teaching opportunities for hand therapists in developing countries. He was a founding member of the Chicago Society for Surgery of the Hand and an officer since its inception in 1978.

Dr. Schenck was board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery with a certificate of added qualifications in hand surgery. After his retirement from Rush in 2008 at 77, Schenck and his wife, Marcia, taught as volunteers in Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Armenia and Mongolia.

At nearly 80 years, he and his friend Norbert Ertel drove an ambulance from England to Mongolia in order to benefit a charity for orphans in Mongolia. In two months, they traveled 10,000 miles through 17 countries of the Silk Road, including Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and 1,000 miles on the Tran-Siberian Highway in Russia.

In his later years, Dr. Schenck was active in the Holland Society of New York, serving as its president from 2014-16. He was inspired by his 12th-generation progenitor, Roelof Martense Schenck, who arrived in 1650 in Nieuw Amsterdam (now New York). During his term as the Holland Society's president, he oversaw the process of accepting women members of a previous all-male organization.

He sang as a tenor several years with the Great Lakes Dredge & Philharmonic Society, as well as the community chorus Sounds Good. He helped to organize a men's pre-Lenten retreat for the Episcopal diocese and men's groups at St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, Chicago.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Immanuel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah

3. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were...? Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers

4. In Luke 2:8-11, how did the shepherds learn of Christ's birth? Magi informed, Joseph announce-

ment, Mighty wind, Angel appearance

5. Where did the wise men go first when they arrived in the Holy Land? Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron

6. What does the Bible record as to when Jesus was born? Late September, Dec. 25, March 17, Does not

ANSWERS:1) Neither, 2) Isaiah, 3) Engaged, 4) Angel appearance, 5) Jerusalem, 6) Does not
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Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

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Father James Pankiewicz
9910 W. Knox St. Edwards
(309) 691-2030
stmaryskickapoo.org
Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm
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Reverend Marla B. Bauler
201 W. Evergreen Elmwood
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firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am
Sun. School: 9:30 am

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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Pastor Terry England
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Sunday Worship: 10:45 am
Sunday Evening: 6:00 pm

Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 pm
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Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)
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Pastor Mark Schoenhals
Pastor Jay Johnson
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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
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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
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Worship: 9 am
Sunday School: 10:15 am
Thursday Choir: 7 pm

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OBITUARIES

He is survived by his wife, Marcia Whitney-Schenck; from a former marriage, Ruth Helm; one son, Robert Paul; a daughter, Karen Newman of Reno, Nev.; Heidi McCluskey of Canton, Mich.; and Rebecca Lynn Van Nydeggen of Lincoln. Predeceased were two children, an adopted Native American daughter Claudia and Gwen Carolyn. He has 27 grandchildren.

Memorial donations can be sent to the Robert R. Schenck Memorial Scholarship for indigent students pursuing health-related careers, Taylor University, Advancement Department, 1846 Main St., Upland, IN 46989.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 3 at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn.

Richard L. Shelton

KINGMAN, Ariz. – Richard L. “Dick” Shelton, formerly of Trivoli, passed away at home in Kingman, Ariz., on Nov. 9, 2025, with his son helping through hospice.

Richard was born March 22, 1931, in Elmwood to parents Loren and Macanna (Weber) Shelton. Both preceded him in death.

Dick married his high school sweetheart, Betty Lou Breaden, on May 26, 1951. She preceded him in death in December 2017.

Dick was also preceded in death by one son, Rick Shelton; one brother, Robert Shelton; and one granddaughter, Heather Shelton.

Dick is survived by one son, Dennis, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Dick’s family moved to Creve Coeur at a young age. During grade school, he would spend summers helping his grandfather on the farm in Yates City area.

Dick attended Pekin High School, from which he graduated. During the summer of his junior year, he and his brother and two friends drove the length of Route 66, camping overnight in their woody station wagon and visiting national parks along the way.

Dick worked for the U.S. Postal Service before entering full time in the Illinois Air National Guard. After six years, he entered the IBEW Local Union 34 as an electrician in 1959. Later he owned Shelton Electric for a short time before working for various contractors. He finally retired from Oberlander Electric in 1997.

Dick also owned Gil’s Supper

Club and was founder of Warehouse Bar and Grill in Hanna City.

Upon retiring, he and Betty enjoyed camping in their travel trailer throughout Illinois. They traveled throughout the southwest in the winter with their trailer, looking for their retirement city. They finally found it in Kingman, Ariz., and built a house and moved there in 2012.

They enjoyed going to the old Route 66 mining town of Oatman, Ariz. They visited many national parks and recreational grounds in the area, especially liking to picnic at South Cove on Lake Mead and at Willow Beach on the Colorado River south of Hoover Dam.

He made friends with a rancher and helped with round-ups, branding and anything that needed to be done.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, 2025, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation will be held the same day from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial of ashes will be held immediately following the service in Elmwood Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Logan-Trivoli Fire Department.

To leave online condolences, visit oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

Frank E. Wright

PEORIA, Ill. – Frank E. Wright, 90, of Peoria, formerly of Elmwood, passed away on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Frank was born March 20, 1935, in Asheville, N.C., to Frank L. and Charlotte (Redmon) Wright.

He married Jacqueline “Jackie” Miles on Aug. 23, 1961, in Jacksonville. She preceded him in death on Oct. 26, 2024.

Frank is survived by one daughter, Tonia (Ron) Pringle of Lafay-



Shelton

ette, Colo.; two grandchildren, Evelyn Pringle and Gavin Pringle; two brothers, David Wright and Dale Wright; and one sister, Betty Davis.

Frank was also preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Kimberly “Kim” Wright; one brother, Wayne Wright; and one sister, Roberta Kurth.

Frank served in the Army during the Korean War. He was also an active member of the Illinois State Police Retirees.

A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood.

A private burial will be held in Elmwood Township Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

Alvin E. Bucher

FARMINGTON – Alvin E. Bucher, 68, of Farmington, passed away on Nov. 23, 2025, at his residence. He was born on July 2, 1957, in Canton to William and Nellie (Busby) Bucher. He married Lori Wallick. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are his children, Isaac (Deb) Bucher, Clinton (Nicole) Bucher and Rachel Bucher; two stepchildren, Gary and Shawna; one brother, Larry (Lisa) Bucher; one sister, LuAnn (Charlie) Bollinger; and several grandchildren.

Lawrence E. Melton

FARMINGTON – Lawrence E. Melton, 96, formerly of Bellevue, passed away Nov. 28, 2025, at Farmington Village in Farmington.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1929, in Bristow, Okla., to Lawrence A. and Pearl (Phillips) Melton.

He married Phyllis Doran on April 22, 1950, in Arkansas. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are his children, Gary (Robin) Melton of Elmwood, Steve (Peggy) Melton of Bartonville, Diane (Dave) Nichols of Farmington and Mike (Jan) Melton of Trivoli; sister Patty Watson of Morton; son-in-law Larry Hampton; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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The ego can be the great success inhibitor. It can kill opportunities, and it can kill success.

— Dwayne Johnson

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GIRLS HOOPS: Allen leads in scoring in pair of Elmwood victories

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belief and confidence in herself to set a high goal then work to achieve it.”

Improving her free-throw shooting would be a boost to Wright and her team.

“She is averaging five free-throw attempts per game, but making less than two,” Benson said. “There have been some games where she’s shot eight to 10 free throws, so improving on that will only help her reach her goal but also help us win games.”

Two weeks after Farmington scored its only win

of the year (46-36 at the Fulton County Tournament), South Fulton reversed that result with a 54-26 win at Farmington last Thursday (Dec. 4).

Despite a shaky start to the season, Farmington has stayed on task despite some lapses of concentration in practices, Benson said, noting that the season is a marathon, not a sprint.

“The girls are all starting to buy into the culture we are trying to build and we are focused on improving each day,” Benson said.

Farmington was sched-

uled to play Peoria Heights on Wednesday (Dec. 10).

• **Elmwood** (5-4) – The Lady Trojans held Ridge-wood to seven second-half points in a 50-27 home victory on Dec. 3.

Brooke Allen led Elmwood with 14 points and grabbed seven of the team’s 28 rebounds.

“We stepped up our defensive pressure in the second half,” Elmwood Coach Kevin Faulkner said. “Another team effort with seven players scoring.”

Andrea Glenn scored 12 points and Gianna Ramirez chipped in with 10.

Last Thursday, Elmwood built a 10-point lead in the first quarter en route to a 49-35 home victory over

ROWVA-Williamsfield. Allen scored a team-high 17 points and had seven rebounds.

On Monday, Havana made seven 3-pointers in a 44-27 victory over Elmwood. Glenn scored nine points to lead the Trojans.

Next for Elmwood is a home game vs. Bushnell-Prairie City today (Dec. 11) before facing Farmington and Monmouth United on Saturday in the United tournament.

• **Brimfield** (2-6) – The Indians were within five with four minutes to play Monday at Mercer County but the hosts stretched their advantage for a 44-31 win.

Schyer Meinders led Brimfield with eight points

and nine rebounds. Josie Wiewel added seven points and seven boards.

Brimfield was scheduled to host Chillicothe IVC on Wednesday (Dec. 10) before a visit to Midwest Central-Delavan today.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** (6-3) – Eliza Tucker scored 12 points, Lauren Johnson had nine and Ella Rigg had seven for R-W in a 48-19 win over United on Dec. 3.

The next day, in a 49-35 loss at Elmwood, Rigg scored nine and Megyn Erlacher added eight.

“We just couldn’t get anything going offensively,” R-W Coach Jeff Hannam said. “We cut their lead to five midway through the third quarter

and missed an easy layup. We just couldn’t recover after that.”

Last Saturday, R-W went to Glasford to face Illini Bluffs. It didn’t go well.

The hosts rolled up a 64-25 victory. Erlacher led R-W with 10 points.

“They are a very good team, and their pressure caused us problems,” Hannam said. “Too many turnovers led to easy buckets for them.”

On Monday, R-W beat North Fulton 49-45 with Tucker and Erlacher scoring 15 points apiece. Emerson Hannam added 10 points for the Cougars.

R-W was scheduled to play Princeville on Wednesday at Oneida.

LincolnLand shifting to 3 football divisions

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

The LincolnLand Conference is changing to a three-division football format starting with the 2026 season.

Instead of the large and small divisions used since the inception of the football-only conference, the LincolnLand will now feature North, South and West divisions. The West, which is made up of the league’s five larger schools, will not receive an automatic playoff bid.

Reasons for the change are to reduce travel and improve competitive balance, particularly for some smaller schools, said Elmwood-Brimfield Coach

Todd Hollis, a member of the conference’s executive board that helped draw up the divisions.

“The executive board of the conference spent a lot of time looking at geography, size and competitive issues. From a travel perspective, it is much better, as our crossover games are geographically closer, hopefully creating rivalries, or at least positive travel experiences for teams and fans,” Hollis said. “With six teams, the two smaller divisions will have a conference champion, giving them an automatic playoff birth.

“The large division, with five teams, does not have that, but the feeling was

that multiple teams in that division have historically reached the playoffs based on success, so an automatic bid was not as important.

“Finally, the three divisions gives us scheduling options should a team need to cancel a varsity season, or move to 8-man.”

The North Division will consist of Stark County, Annawan-Wethersfield, Bureau Valley, Knoxville, Princeville and ROWVA-Williamsfield.

The South Division is made up of Abingdon-Avon, Havana, LVC, Rushville-Industry, South Fulton and Monmouth United.

The West Division fea-

tures the largest schools: Macomb, Farmington, Elmwood-Brimfield, Illini West and West Hancock.

“I hope it works. I hope it keeps more people happy,” Stark County Coach Jade Noard said. “I think it alleviates at least some of the travel.

“Most of the bigs are happy to have a schedule. They were worried it was all going to fall apart.”

Conference teams play two squads from each of the other divisions in their first four games. The last five weeks of the schedule will be reserved for division games, except for the West, which must find another non-league opponent.

Farmington will play at Seneca in its non-league game next fall and Elmwood-Brimfield has agreed to a two-year contract with Chillicothe IVC.

“We had a committee that met and everybody was worried it was going to fall apart,” Noard said. “Macomb was a big sticking point. This way, at least, you might only get them every four or five years.”

Farmington Athletic Director Jeff Otto said he also thinks without the change that the LincolnLand might have been in jeopardy of folding.

“In my eyes it was close. There were some schools, and because they were smaller, they didn’t like the way it was working for them,” Otto said. “And this way LVC will have a better chance of keeping kids out and they have some numbers in the junior high which will help them.”

The current schedule is set for two years, Otto said.

“We’re going to meet again, but I think this will keep everybody content for a few more years,” Otto said. “It’s the best we can get.”



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PUZZLE CORNER

1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the bloodhound featured on the sitcom "The Beverly Hillbillies"?

2. HISTORY: Which Chinese dynasty mostly built the Great Wall?

3. MOVIES: Which 2003 movie is about juveniles who are sentenced to work at a desert camp?

4. MUSIC: Which famous song begins with the line, "Hello darkness, my old friend...?"

5. ANATOMY: What's another name for the patella?

6. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Chile?

7. FOOD & DRINK: Who perfected the Champagne method?

8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the national flowers of Japan?

9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Love in the Time of Cholera"?

10. SCIENCE: Which wire is usually the main "hot" one in electrical work?

Answers

1. Duke.

2. The Ming dynasty.

3. "Holes."

4. "The Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel.

5. Kneecap.

6. Santiago.

7. A Benedictine monk named Dom Perignon.

8. The cherry blossom and the chrysanthemum.

9. Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

10. Black, although red also can be hot in two-wire circuits.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Zootopia 2 (PG)

2. Wicked: For Good (PG)

3. Now You See Me: Now You Don't (PG-13)

4. Predator: Badlands (PG-13)

5. The Running Man (R)

6. Eternity (PG-13)

7. Rental Family (PG-13)

8. Hamnet PG-13)

9. Sis: Road to Revenge (R)

10. Nuremberg PG-13)

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CryptoQuote

AXYBLAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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

BOYS HOOPS: Elmwood improves to 6-0

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County until 4:55 re-
mained in the game. For
Brimfield, he’s averaging
about 11 points; last season
at R-W, he averaged 15.5.
But Traphagan’s per-game
assist average has almost
doubled, from 3.5 to al-
most six. He had 12 assists
against Stark County.

“They have me as a fa-
cilitator, a playmaker, a
floor general, someone to
get it done – plus rebound-
ing, scoring, anything the
team needs to get a win,”
Traphagan said. “I’m cool
with that.”

According to Carlson,
Traphagan was cool with it
from the time he joined
Brimfield for summer play.
Following the graduation
of previous point guard
Brady Johnson, Doe had
been likely to move to that
spot.

“That’s not really his
game,” Carlson said. “That
would have put more on
his shoulders. Having the
ball in Dawson’s hands and
Connor being able to find
his spots has helped his
game quite a bit, too. He
knows Dawson’s going to
find him when he’s open.”

None of this means Tra-
phagan can’t score when
the situation might call for
it. He had a team-high 19
points Dec. 2 in a 70-43
victory over Flanagan-Cor-
nell.

But with Traphagan dis-
tributing the ball, defensive
stalwart Jackson Kappes
set to return soon from in-
jury and Doe, Hougham
and Tom Burkitt free to
shoot, Brimfield appears to
be dreaming big.

“We think we’re a state
team,” Traphagan said.
“We believe we can win
over 30 games.”

Following a 42-34 vic-
tory Dec. 6 at Annawan,
Brimfield is almost one-
quarter of the way to that
goal. Doe had 16 points as
the Indians took control in
the third quarter. Brimfield
is to play tonight (Dec. 11)
at home against Havana.

• **Elmwood** – Quinton

Johns had 30 points, Miles
Addison 15 and Gavin
Strom 10 as Elmwood be-
came 6-0 with a 74-50
ICAC victory Dec. 6 over
Delavan. Elmwood led by
two at halftime, but Johns
scored 19 in the second
half. That included three 3-
pointers in a fourth quarter
that put away Delavan.

Overall, the Trojans had
10 3-pointers. They’re
scheduled to play Saturday
at Princeville.

• **Princeville** – For the
second time in a week,
Princeville lost to Peoria
Heights, the only defeats in
the Princes’ first five
games. On Dec. 5, Heights
won 61-44 as Princeville
trailed by 18 at halftime.
Princeville also lost at the
Heights Thanksgiving
tournament.

Brady Day had a game-
high 19 points Dec. 3 in a
42-34 Princeville victory
over Putnam County. Be-

fore its game Saturday at
undefeated Elmwood,
Princeville is to play Fri-
day night at Abingdon-
Avon.

• **Farmington** – A hob-
bled Farmington team (1-
4) lost its third in a row,
47-35 on Dec. 6 against Il-
lini West.

Boston Smith had 21
points Dec. 3, but Havana
made a last-second shot to
beat Farmington 43-42 for
third place in the Fulton
County Tournament at
Lewistown. Farmington
missed four free throws in
the final minute.

Landon Crawford
missed most of the game
because of a back injury,
and Kaydon Bollinger left
in the third quarter with a
knee injury, according to
Farmington Coach Marty
Lozier. Canton beat North
Fulton in the title game.

Tremont led by 14 at
halftime in a 64-38 victory

Dec. 2 over Farmington,
which had 10 points each
from Logan Gardner and
Blake Melz. Farmington is
to play Friday at Abing-
don-Avon.

• **ROWVA-Williamsville** –
Peoria Christian won 69-
25 on Dec. 5 as R-W re-
mained without a victory
in its first five games, in-
cluding two in the ICAC.

The first and fourth
quarters doomed R-W in
its 49-39 loss Dec. 2 to De-
lavan.

The Cougars won the
middle periods 24-18 but
lost the other two 31-15.
Drake DeJaynes had 11
points to lead R-W, and
teammate Duncan Secrist
scored 10.

R-W is to play Friday at
Bushnell-Prairie City, then
again Saturday at Billtown
against Varna Midland.




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Mr. Mathewson will be recognized at an upcoming Central Illinois Valley Regional event and will be eligible to be considered as the state winner for Elementary Principal of the Year. Those winners are to be announced in the spring.

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Princeville win streak 3 of a kind

Princes force 47 turnovers in last two

By **ANDY LATORA**
For The Weekly Post

After an up-and-down start through the Thanksgiving holiday, Princeville has put together a three-game winning streak in girls basketball.

The run began with a 61-53 win over Midwest Central on Nov. 26. The Princes (5-3) were then idle for 10 days before a 49-43 victory over Farmington last Saturday.

On Monday, Princeville made it three in a row with a 41-22 road run-away against Henry-Senachwine.

In the last two triumphs, Princeville benefited from a combined 47 turnovers – 24 by Farmington and 23 by Henry.

Sahara Streitmatter was the leading scorer in the last two games, with 31 points, including 20 against Farmington, and she had plenty of help.

Reagan Calder added 14 points, seven steals and three assists against the Farmers, then scored 10 in the win over Henry. Kamryn Smith grabbed six rebounds in each game. Her six boards against Farmington were all on the offensive glass.



Farmington freshman Andree Wright (11) dribble drives against South Fulton during their game last Thursday at Farmington. Wright made her first varsity start and led the Farmers in scoring last Saturday. Wright scored 11 in a 49-43 loss to Princeville. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

Bethany Sennett (eight points) and Addison Buckley (six points, five rebounds) were key contributors in the win Monday.

Princeville was scheduled to play ROWVA-Williamsfield on Wednesday (Dec. 10) at Oneida.

• **Farmington** – It took a minute or two for freshman Andree Wright to settle into her first start for Farmington’s girls basketball team.

The nerves calmed quickly and Wright went on to lead the Lady Farmers in scoring with 11 points last Saturday in a 49-43 loss to Princeville.

Farmington is off to a 1-5 start and still searching for the right court combinations, but Wright is deserving

of starting minutes, according to Coach Donovan Benson.

“Andree is one of the hardest workers at practice, so she earned her start on Saturday at the previous practices,” Benson said. “Andree is very inquisitive both at practice and film and always brings energy and focus.”

Benson is optimistic about her future because of her work ethic and determination. Plus, she has high aspirations.

“She told me in September that she wanted to score 1,000 points and I told her it wouldn’t be easy, to which she responded with ‘So?’” Benson said. “I think that says a lot about her

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Transfer on point so far for Indians

Traphagan has given Brimfield a big assist during unbeaten start

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Dawson Traphagan has made some moves the past few months. They might help the Brimfield boys basketball team make some moves the next few months.

A 6-foot-1 senior transfer from ROWVA-Williamsfield, Traphagan has reunited this season at Brimfield with some grade-school-era summer-basketball teammates. Together, they’ve sparked the Indians to victories in each of their first seven games.

“The jump was pretty easy, and it’s been a good one so far,” Traphagan said Dec. 5 following the sixth victory, 64-42 over non-conference-opponent Stark County. “I wanted to play with the boys I grew up with and win games.”

To help accomplish that, Traphagan has adjusted his game. Instead of being the

offensive focus he was at R-W, he’s become more of a pure point guard to complement Brimfield leading scorer Connor Doe, among others.

Doe had 23 points against Stark County (0-6), and Griffin Hougham scored

21. They helped avenge a 37-33 loss last December to the

Rebels after the Indians had won four of their first five.

“We knew we let one slip away big time last year, so we were trying to make sure we didn’t let that happen again,” Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson said.

Traphagan didn’t score this year against Stark

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Traphagan

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