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## New leaders hoping to grow Peoria County Farm Bureau

**By NICK VLAHOS**  
For The Weekly Post

A recent leadership change on the Peoria County Farm Bureau Board was overdue, according to its new president and vice president.

Cheryl Walsh was elected to the top position and Korbin Wagenbach won the No. 2 spot in a vote held during the county organization's annual meeting Nov. 15. They defeated incumbents

Bob Janssen and Bob Benson, respectively.

According to Wagenbach, the election was the first contested one in at least five years. Leadership terms are for one year.

"There was an actual election



Walsh



Wagenbach

this year, compared to every (other) year, where everybody just agrees with what the board presents to them and nobody is really nominated from the floor," Walsh said. "This year, there were actual nominations from

the floor."

Vote totals were not available. About 250 people attended the meeting held at the Itoo Hall in Limestone Township, although there were proxy votes, according to Walsh.

The new leaders suggested the election was a changing of the guard in several ways. One was generational. The other was occupational.

Walsh and Wagenbach are

younger than 50, and both said farming is their primary source of income. That wasn't necessarily true regarding Janssen and Benson. According to Walsh, Benson is a banker and Janssen is a retired construction worker who owns a farm and leases it.

"If we have a board that doesn't have production agriculture as their sole income, how can they understand what these

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### SOLAR PROJECT ONLINE

## Brimfield's solar first

### School to save \$22,000 a year on energy costs

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Officials, politicians and labor leaders gathered Dec. 11 for an official ribbon cutting of the new 3-megawatt Jubilee Solar farm on the campus of Brimfield CUSD 309.

The solar field is the state's first Illinois Shines Public Schools community solar project, built on public-school property. Jubilee Solar was developed by Trajectory Energy Partners and is built, owned and operated by Nexamp. Featuring more than 5,400 solar panels and generating electricity that will serve area residents and businesses through community solar subscriptions, it is designed to deliver long-term economic and environmental benefits.

The Brimfield School District is the anchor subscriber of the project. The project, which feeds energy to



*Brimfield CUSD 309 is the first site to bring a solar farm online under the Illinois Shines Public Schools Program. The solar program is designed to help public schools reduce operational costs and also to extend solar benefits to local residents.*

the Ameren utility grid, is expected to offset the district's energy costs.

"Our district will save more than \$22,000 every year on its energy bills," Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones said. "That is a significant amount of money that can be redirected toward future capital projects and other enrichments to better the school and student outcomes."

Local residents and businesses can subscribe to the project and save up to 15% on their energy bills without having to install panels on their own property.

Jubilee Solar comes online just weeks after the passage of the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act, projected to bring up to 17.4 gigawatts of renewable energy online by 2035.

## Principal's FB post raises ire of some

### Brimfield will not discipline Steele

**By NICK VLAHOS**  
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Public reaction was plentiful regarding a social-media post that featured an obscene gesture by the Brimfield High School principal.

A photograph of Marcy Steele and two of her children upturning their middle fingers in front of the Trump International Hotel & Tower in Chicago almost certainly was to be addressed during the public-comment portion of the Brimfield School Board meeting Wednesday night.



Steele

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The meeting was conducted after The Weekly Post deadline this week. Full coverage will be available in the Jan. 1 edition.

Steele posted the photo Dec. 7 on her Facebook account, along with this caption: "When in Chicago, you give the international eff you sign to Trump with your children." It wasn't clear when the photo that mocked President Donald Trump was taken.

The post was deleted Dec. 8, according to Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones. But screen-

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# PRINCIPAL: Online reactions have been mixed

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shots of it and related text messages were disseminated quickly and widely. Among those who posted a screenshot on Facebook was southern Illinois attorney Thomas DeVore, an unsuccessful Republican candidate in 2022 for Illinois attorney general. Shortly after Steele addressed the high school student body and staff Dec. 11, the district issued a statement that was critical of the post and of the principal’s judgment.

“District representatives do not condone the obscene gesture shown in the now-deleted post and have formally addressed the matter with Principal Steele,” the statement read, in part.

“To her credit, she has acknowledged that use of this obscene gesture was a mistake as it does not reflect well on herself or the school district generally. She has apologized to the administration and the board as well as the high school student body.”

The statement also suggested Steele would not receive additional sanction.

“(We) consider her actions in this single instance an exception to Mrs. Steele’s many years of commendable service in the District and support her in her efforts to effectively lead the high school into the future,” it read.

Jones had no additional comment.

DeVore, whose Facebook page has 66,000 followers, suggested Steele’s post set a bad example of conduct toward those with different political opinions.

“I can’t imagine being a child who goes to school there having to deal with this lady after knowing she engaged in such vulgar behavior towards any political figure,” DeVore wrote.

Reaction on a Facebook page geared toward Brimfield residents was mixed.

“I’m all for freedom of thought and expression,” Ryan Stear posted at Brimfield News. “However, can we trust that conservative high school kids aren’t going to be given the proverbial middle finger when it comes to development and discipline?”

Some posts concurred. Others suggested the incident was overblown, or that Steele’s performance outweighed the post.

“Having seen the policies she’s enacted since she has arrived here ... she truly cares for the well-being of children, in general,” Natalie Zeman posted. “She’s a wonderful asset that I hope we don’t squander.”

Steele has been Brimfield principal since 2022.



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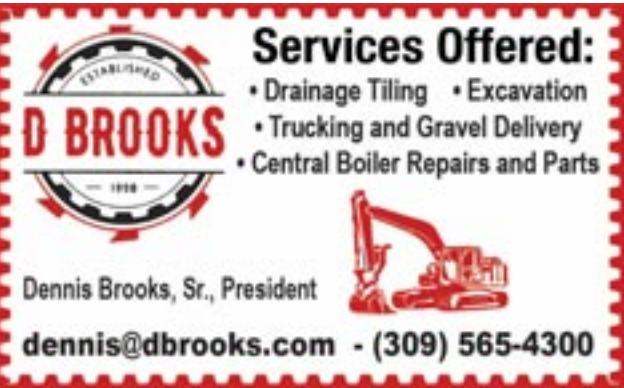


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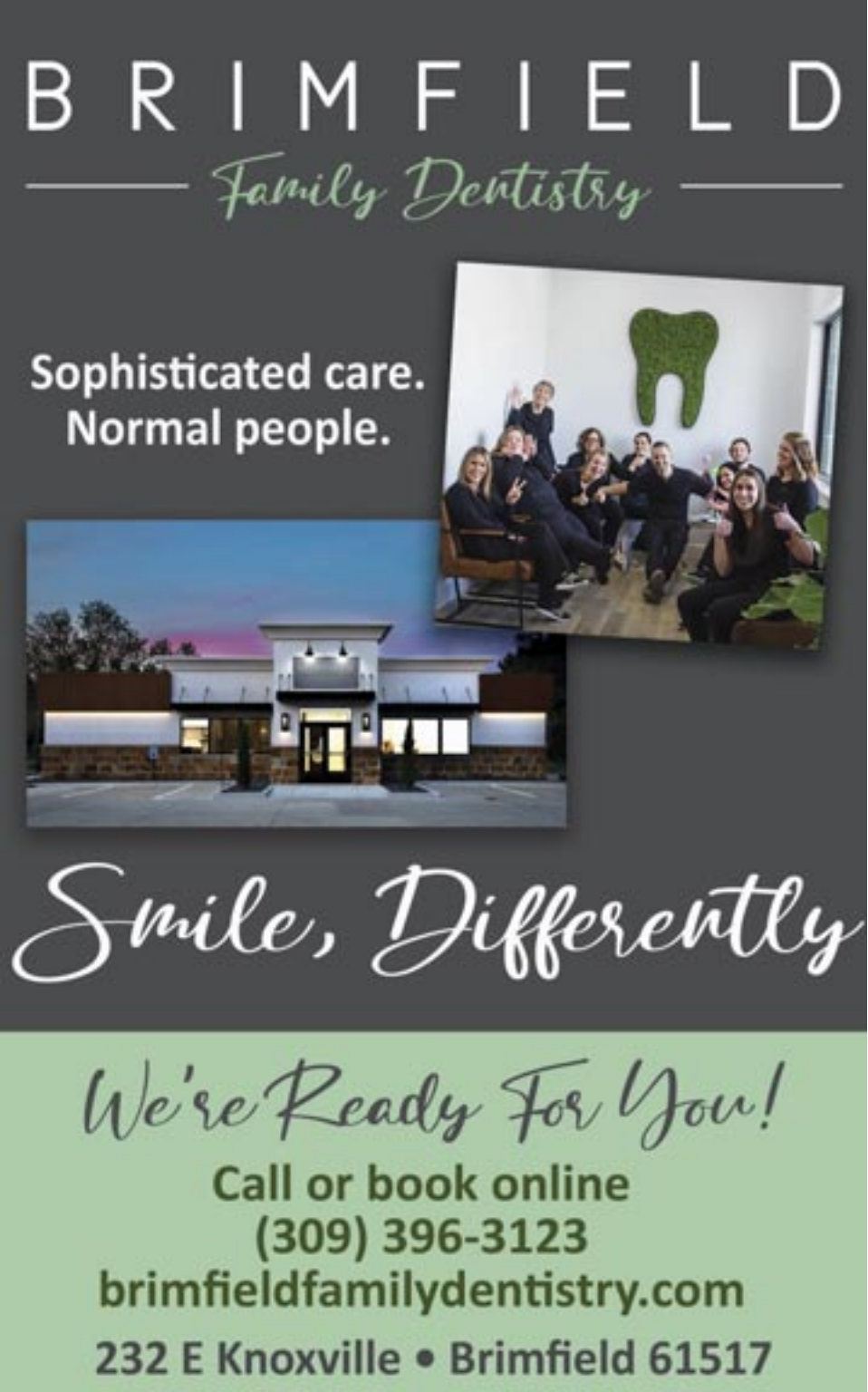
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THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week’s Hot Picks

- **Cookie Walk** – Union Church of Brimfield has a cookie walk Saturday, Dec. 20, 8:30-11 a.m. Cookies \$7 per pound, candy \$8 per pound.
- **Story and Craft** – Craft a Christmas ornament with local artist Erin and hear a winter story on Friday, Dec. 19, 6-7 p.m. at Salem Township Library in Yates City.
- **Community Sing** – A community sing of Christmas carols with refreshments to follow will be held Friday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at Old Texas Church, 3322 N. Texas Rd., Elmwood. All are welcome.

This Week’s Events

- **Harvest Home** – A Harvest Home fund-raiser dinner will be today, 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.
- **Cookie Exchange** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood has a Ladies’ Night Out Cookie Exchange today, Dec. 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. Participants (age 18 and up) are asked to bring four-dozen cookies to exchange with others.
- **Food Pantry** – Elmwood United Methodist Church’s food pantry will give out food boxes on Friday, Dec. 19. Signup at elmwoodumc.com or call (309) 742-7221. Free bread probably will be avail-

able that day.

Future Events

- **Meals on Wheels** – Meals on Wheels delivered in Elmwood and Yates City on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call (309) 772-9284.
- **Mahjong** – A Mahjong group plays on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood. Adults welcome.
- **Manna Meal** – There are no MANNA meals in December at Elmwood United Methodist Church.
- **Yoga** – Yoga Thursdays, 6 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library. \$4. Classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Princeville’s Lillie M. Evans Li-

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– Jimmy Griffin, former mayor of Buffalo, N.Y.

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## Of frozen seeds & heartwarming memories

Rambling through central Illinois, wishing a ghost would take me back to witness Christmas past.

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Want to predict the worst weather day of the winter? Just circle whatever day is selected for our Native Seed Celebration, which we had to postpone last Saturday.

Trust me, for me to postpone an event takes some actual weather.

Among my many frustrations is seeing things canceled a night in advance because of predicted bad weather ... only to wake to sunny skies and dry roads.

Another pet peeve is how many people who act so worried about road conditions can be seen in their vehicles later that same day, driving to get milk or other cold beverages. Actually, the latter doesn't bother me as much as it reminds me of 1985, when an impending storm

prompted Buffalo Mayor Jimmy Griffin to advise citizens, “Stay inside. Grab a six-pack.”

Difference was, that storm piled up 36 inches of snow over three days. But I digress.

We are rescheduling the Native Seed Celebration for Saturday, Jan. 17. Barring snow and frigid cold, the event will be held at Salem Township Library from 10 a.m. to noon.

A savvy person might ask, why wait until winter to hold this event, since many seeds are already collected before the snow falls?

My answer, November is hunting season. Also, winter is a great time to broadcast native seeds onto snow or frozen ground, since cold stratification helps break down a seed's outer coat and facilitate germination.

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Among the things I enjoy most about Christmas are predictable pulls on the heartstrings. Seems every step of the season is met with memories, some even on TV.

Strings are pulled every time Charlotte the newscaster on “Elf” gets choked up to see Santa soaring over

Central Park and then again when breathless Donna Reed rushes up the stairs to reunite with George Bailey in “It’s a Wonderful Life,” telling him, “Come on George, they’re on their way ... It’s a miracle.”

My best memories, though, perch on the Christmas tree. A favorite placed close to me is a crocheted snowflake made by Grandma Esther. She’s been gone since 2002, but when I see that snowflake, I hear her laugh.

Many memorable ornaments came from my late mother, who disliked spending money unless it was for Christmas decorations. For years, she bought two of any ornament she liked: one for me, one for my brother. When grandkids came, she upped the buying to such a level that four trees could not house all our Christmas chatzkies. Only the best earn a spot on the tree now, and admiring them brings me comfort because of how happy that display always made Mom. My hope is that similar joys brighten your holidays.

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# Elmwood consulted on waste collection

**By NICK VLAHOS**  
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Increased competition for municipal waste-collection business might help the City of Elmwood save money. Eventually, Elmwood residents might benefit, too.

That’s the perspective of a cost-reduction specialist who presented that proposition Dec. 9 to the Elmwood City Council.

Joe Hitchcock of Schooley Mitchell, a Canadian-based consulting firm, suggested the city could save almost \$50,000 in waste-collection money. Hitchcock would negotiate with various waste-collection firms to seek the lowest price, rather than the usual practice of putting out a contract for bid.

A Trivoli-area resident, Hitchcock said waste-collection firms don’t have set rates, typically. According to current market trends, he believes he can secure a deal for Elmwood at \$10.50 per month per waste-collection customer. Currently, the monthly rate through GFL Environmental Inc. is \$17.50.

The amount each customer pays would not change. But the extra revenue the city would glean from the reduced per-customer charge might result in fewer and/or lower tax increases, among other things,

Hitchcock indicated.

“I think it makes a lot of sense,” Alderwoman Kristy Johns said.

Schooley Mitchell works on a contingency basis, according to Hitchcock. It would split the savings with the city. Hitchcock suggested the company’s vendor search would be more dynamic than the usual municipal contract-bidding practice.

“The problem with (that) is it’s very passive. It’s the difference between fishing and hunting,” he said. “We will actively go and seek out vendors in the area that are willing to provide that service.

“The more bidders, the better. If you have some smaller local person that would really want to be doing this, I’d rather go with that person. I’m a small-town guy. I want to give local businesses a shot.”

The city contract with GFL is to expire in 2028. A renegotiated rate from GFL is possible, as is a contract buyout from whatever company offers the lowest bid, according to Hitchcock. A council vote regarding whether to proceed with Schooley Mitchell is probable in January.

Approval of the 2025 municipal property-tax levy was the only formal action the council took last week. The levy is \$357,382, an increase of \$26,473 from the previous

year. As a result, taxes will rise by \$9.08 for a house valued at \$150,000 and \$19.39 for one valued at \$300,000, City Attorney Bob Potts said.

The levy increase prompted a state-required Truth in Taxation hearing. It was the last of three public hearings held in the 45 minutes before the council meeting began.

Pursuit of a state Energy Transition Community Grant prompted the first hearing. The city has qualified for a grant of \$53,800.81, according to Amy Davis, the municipal economic-development director. The money would fund creation of a municipal comprehensive plan.

Communities are eligible for the grant if they’re located within 30 miles of a closed fossil-fuel or nuclear plant or mine. If all goes according to schedule, the city could receive grant money this spring, Davis said.

The second public hearing was the first step in the city’s application for an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan regarding long-planned improvements of the municipal wastewater lagoons. The \$2 million project also is being considered for federal funding.

None of the hearings elicited public comment.



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# Princeville board hears pushback on levy

**By MOLLY COPHER**  
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Before it approved a Fiscal Year 2026 tax levy on Dec. 9, the Princeville School Board received pushback from several district residents in response to the 9.02% property-tax increase.

“It’s almost another house payment for my property tax alone every month already,” Jessica Buckley said. “We need to decide if we really need to ask for the max amount and what that money is being used for.”

Her husband, Jason Buckley, added, “I would just like to ask the board as a whole for fiscal conservatism here. Going for the max causes everybody’s stuff to go up.”

He continued, “I think you’ve done a good job with many things in this school district. You’re making a good effort for what’s going on with the district, but not everything needs to be shiny and new and upgraded every year.”

Other speakers questioned why staff numbers have increased by 5%

while the student population has dropped by 12%, noted that income of taxpayers has not increased by 9% to help fund the increase, questioned the need to keep building new facilities, wondered whether a proposed fitness center will be open to the public since taxpayers are funding it and questioned the impacts of village TIF districts on the school district.

School Board President Amy Davis thanked everyone for their comments. Superintendent Tony Shinall addressed the group, saying, “No one in this room thinks that we will get 9%. We think we’ll get at least 5%.”

Shinall then added, “I do think that the strength of your public-school system is what drives your property value. Because if the schools aren’t worth anything, no one wants to live here. The board is doing a phenomenal job managing taxpayer money during tough times.”

The board had a presentation prepared to explain its backing of the

9.02% levy increase. The board noted that the state’s estimated proration for transportation reimbursement is 73% for regular transportation and 61% for special-education transportation. Another was that Peoria County Assessor Chad Jones estimates that the EAV, the taxable value of a property used as the basis for calculating property-tax bills, will increase by 4.5%.

Other factors that the board considered were teacher negotiations this year, an estimated spending deficit totaling over \$1 million dollars and the inability to rely on the state or federal governments for aid.

The board also approved several personnel matters at the meeting:

- Julie Catton, the 7th-grade volleyball coach, and Jesse Cobbs, a school custodian, both resigned.
- Justin Begner was hired to teach health, physical education and driver’s education, and Tiernan Simpson was hired as a custodian.
- Teacher Sue Williams will retire at the end of the 2027-28 school year.



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# BUREAU: 7,700 members in Peoria County

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members are going through?” Walsh said. “There was just some disconnect with some of our board members and our executive board.

“I want to put the farmers back into Farm Bureau – the people who are actively farming on a day-to-day basis who depend on it for their livelihood. ... I’d love for us to be an organization that the farmers in the community are proud of and see a benefit for why they pay their dues.”

During a separate interview, Wagenbach echoed Walsh’s thoughts almost verbatim. Both said issues with Farm Bureau leadership are state-wide, not just in Peoria County, where the organization has about 7,700 members.

“The Farm Bureau should be run by farmers, or people who have that as their livelihood,” Wagenbach said. “There was a disconnect in Peoria County between the board of directors and some of the active farmers out there.”

Wagenbach and Walsh are family farmers who grow corn and soybeans and manage cattle. Both also were active in the Farm Bureau Young Leaders 35-and-under program.

Walsh, 46, resides near Princeville. She is a former board vice president and is past president of the Illinois Pork Producers Association Board. According to Walsh, she is the first female Peoria County Farm Bureau Board president.

A Kickapoo-area resident, the 28-

year-old Wagenbach also is a feed-mill manager for Akron Services Inc. in Glasford and Kewanee.

“I talk to farmers all over the county,” Wagenbach said. “I think I have a good scope of things about what farmers are dealing with.”

Among those issues are wind- and solar-energy proliferation, international trade agreements and commodity prices, according to Walsh. In addition to improved engagement with local farmers, Walsh and Wagenbach want to better promote agricultural education in county schools.

Walsh said she and Wagenbach have received encouragement and support from the county agricultural community so far. Walsh also said she respected the previous leaders.

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

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

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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

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# Super Crossword

UNIVERSITY SUBSTITUTES

ACROSS

1 Small, sticky sheets

8 Sentimental souvenir

16 Bit of aquatic flora

20 In hitting position, in baseball

21 Haphazardly

22 Ringing thing

23 Providence

25 Not phony

26 Auld lang —

27 Wed. preceder

28 Stale

29 Passover bread

30 Pixieish type

32 Nicer than a Madison university?

38 Actress

41 Anderson

42 Jeans, e.g.

43 Ridden horse

44 Located on a Somerville university's campus?

46 Pooh or 'Yogi

48 Encyclopedia unit: Abbr.

50 Clueless

51 Cruise of film

52 Mine metals

44 Baseball Hall of Famer Tony

56 Some Siouan people

58 Shakur of hip-hop

62 LAX stats

64 Little — ("Hairspray" girl)

65 Certain till bill

66 Title of a picture album featuring an Atlanta university?

70 Paella veggie

71 Singer Abdul

72 Crp. offering tows

73 Inadequate leader of a Durham university?

80 Easter meat

83 Santa — (desert winds)

84 Tart garnish

85 Italian actress

86 NFL coach

88 Port Knox bar

90 — deck (cruise ship part)

92 Cup edge

94 Actress Lena

95 Loud noise

96 Mega meloe

98 Unable to escape from a New York university?

103 Routine

105 Animals of a region

106 Pretenses

107 Houston university attended for four complete years?

112 Tattoo fluid

113 Make ecstatic

114 "Way cool"

115 Tazo drink

117 "Intolerance" star Lillian

120 TV imp

121 Simpson

122 Leave a New Haven university with no exit fee?

127 Kin of -trix

128 Able to do no wrong

129 Swiveled

130 Big name in private jets

131 Used a sieve on

132 Partner of Hutch

DOWN

1 Alehouses

2 Nashville's Grand Ole —

3 Wall builder, e.g.

4 Moist wipe

5 "Son of," in Arabic names

6 Successor of Roosevelt

7 Malty brew

8 Kit — bar

9 Biblical verb ending

10 Sooner than, in verse

11 — -Man (arcade game)

12 Hair nets

13 Past puberty

14 Organizing expert Marie

15 First-aid pro

16 Chafe

17 Golf great called "The Merry Mex"

18 Like many a bored person's eyes

19 Permit

24 Early car ints.

29 Subway system

31 Winter woe

33 Mil. missions

34 Fissure

35 The Yoko of "Dear Yoko"

36 "Beetle Bailey" dog

37 Troop gp.

38 Plane tier

39 "La. — to follow so"

40 Sternward

44 Dog in Oz

45 X-rated stuff

46 Actress Mary — Hurt

47 Actor

48 Morales

49 Like loafers

53 Fix

55 Peru's capital

57 Went swiftly

59 Burst open, as com

60 Lab gel

61 Very mean

63 Eye carefully

67 Lug

68 In addition

69 Gobbles up

70 Cali currency

73 Installed, as carpet

74 Totally

75 Document of English liberties

76 Metric mass, in brief

77 Give forth

78 Nixing mark

79 City in

80 Hawaiian dancers' garments

81 Wonderland girl

82 Long, thick heads of hair

87 Wishing to receive

89 Stale

91 Royal name of Norway

93 Sow or boar

97 Figure skater

99 Arles assent

100 Wolf Blitzer's channel

101 Chiang —

102 Rape — (Easter Island)

104 No longer ill

105 Hat for Frank Sinatra

107 Mutinous sort

108 Former senator Lott

109 Spiteful sort

110 Home for a 93-Down

111 Messy stacks

116 Dismounted

118 Search for

119 Lamar of "Algiers"

121 Mil. enlistees

122 Mentalist

123 Khaki cousin

124 Certain till bill

125 Bouquets-to-order co.

126 Mendes of "Hitch"

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Police reports

• **YATES CITY** – During a search for explosive devices at a Yates City residence, a local man was arrested for illegal-drugs possession.

Zachary R. Cassel, 33, was found shortly before 11:30 p.m. Nov. 22 on the back porch of a residence in the 400 block of S. Dixon St., according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report. In one of Cassel’s pockets was a clear baggie that contained a white substance, which tested positive for methamphetamine.

Also found was a glass pipe. Cassel was accused of possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg.

Robert L. Cassel, 58, also was arrested. He was accused of making a terrorist threat and disorderly conduct. Components of a possible pipe bomb were found inside the residence. According to a report, Robert Cassel intended to use an explosive device against a Brimfield man.

• **OAK HILL** – A tractor worth about \$100,000 was destroyed in a fire at a farm south of Oak Hill.

First responders were summoned about 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16 to the 5900 block of N. Windish Rd. Heavy black smoke and flames were emanating from the 2006 Caterpillar Challenger tractor, which was about a mile into a field, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.

The 69-year-old farmer said the tractor died as he was traversing a hill. He noticed a small flame in the intake, but his fire extinguisher malfunctioned. Brimfield, Elba-Salem, Elmwood and Logan-Trivoli fire-fighters responded, as did BYE Ambulance Service.

• **ELMWOOD** – An Elmwood woman was accused of drunken driving following a two-vehicle wreck north of the city.

Jennee E. Stear, 35, was driving a westbound Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck shortly before 8:45 p.m. Nov. 14 on Illinois Route 8 when at Illinois Route 78 the vehicle rear-ended a Ford Edge, according to the Illinois State Police.

The Edge was stopped at the intersection. Authorities did not identify the driver. No injuries were reported. Stear was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol and for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. She was transported to the Peoria

County Jail.

• **FARMINGTON** – A traffic stop on Nov. 15 in Farmington led to a local man being accused of failure to appear in court. Daniel B. Kenney, 48, was wanted in Fulton County in connection with a 2025 accusation of driving with a revoked license, according to a Farmington police report.

Kenney received a notice to appear.

• **KICKAPOO** – A Peoria man was accused of attempting to fight other people at a Kickapoo bar.

A Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputy was summoned about 8:30 p.m. Nov. 12 to Kickapoo Creek Saloon, 9827 U.S. Route 150. There he found Kevin E. Bracy, 33, described in a heavily redacted sheriff’s-office report as a former employee who refused to leave when asked.

Bracy was charged with criminal trespass.

• **TRIVOLI** – A Trivoli woman appeared to avoid injury from a hit-and-run accident in her hometown.

Xochitil R. Stafford was driving a 2019 Chrysler Pacifica minivan that slowed to make a left turn shortly after 9 p.m. Nov. 12 on Illinois Route 116 near Quarry Road when another westbound vehicle passed hers, struck it, then traversed ditches on both sides of the road and continued on its way.

Stafford said she didn’t see the occupants, per a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. A witness said the other vehicle might have been a 2000s-era Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck. Stafford said she wasn’t injured. The vehicle sustained functional damage.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – For the third time in less than a month, a Princeville man was arrested for domestic battery. Jesse L. Rosas, 38, was transported to the Peoria County Jail following the most recent incident, which happened shortly before 4 p.m. Nov. 12 at a residence in the 300 block of E. Evans St. The victim was a 37-year-old Princeville woman, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was notified. Rosas also was arrested Nov. 5 and Oct. 23.

• **ELMWOOD** – At least three shotguns were reported stolen from an Elmwood-area residence.

The apparent burglary in the 6300 block of N. McClellan Rd. was reported shortly before 2:30 p.m. Nov. 10. The model of firearms were among items redacted from a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report.

A 42-year-old Elmwood man was

the victim. A suspect was listed, but his or her name was redacted.

• **VICTORIA** – A Williamsfield-area man was accused of multiple offenses after his vehicle hit a trailer parked along a road east of Victoria.

Shortly before 11 p.m. Nov. 8, Michael E. Alford, 23, was driving a northbound 2008 Hyundai Sonata that failed to negotiate a curve on Illinois Route 180 at Knox Highway 24. The vehicle traversed an east-side ditch, struck culverts and hit the front of the trailer, a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

The trailer, which sustained significant damage, belonged to a Port Byron highway-construction company.

Alford appeared to be uninjured. He was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, failure to give information about an accident that involved property damage and failure to report an accident. The Sonata was towed.

• **LEWISTOWN** – Jacob G. Stevenson, 37, of Edwards was arrested Nov. 28 for failure to appear in court regarding a domestic-battery case, according to the Fulton County Sheriff’s Office.

• **KICKAPOO** – Shortly after 10:45 p.m. Nov. 11, Adam L. Wasson of Princeville was driving a 2019 Nissan Versa west on Grange Hall Road near Evans Mill Road north of Kickapoo when the vehicle struck a deer. Wasson was not injured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The vehicle was drivable.

• **GLASFORD** – At 6:15 a.m. Nov. 11, Michael M. Cady of Trivoli was driving a southbound 2020 Ford F-150 pickup truck in the 8000 block of S. Trivoli Rd. north of Glasford when the vehicle struck a deer. Cady had no apparent injuries, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated. The vehicle was towed.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff’s Office responded between Nov. 16-29: two suspicious incidents, Yates City; unwanted subject, Yates City; open door, Dahinda; civil issue, Williamsfield; theft, Yates City; fraud, Williamsfield; three fires, Yates City; suspicious incident, Dahinda; stray dog, Williamsfield; telephone harassment, Yates City; two domestic disputes, Yates City; suspicious incident, Douglas; damage, Williamsfield; domestic dispute, Dahinda; road hazard, Dahinda; trespass, Dahinda.



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# Hearing on railroad crossing closure yields possibility of another

By **NICK VLAHOS**  
For The Weekly Post

A railroad crossing east of Laura doesn't appear to be the only one in that area BNSF Railway might want to shutter.

The BNSF crossing at Brimfield Road could be subject to alterations at some point, according to a railroad-company representative. The Brimfield Road crossing is about a mile east of the Whittaker Road crossing, which BNSF has asked the Illinois Commerce Commission for permission to close.

"We'd be happy to discuss closing that road as well," Jake Rzewnicki, a BNSF manager of public projects, said about Brimfield Road. "Any at-grade crossing, we'd be happy to discuss closures for. We view every crossing closure as a safety improvement."

In arguing for the Whittaker Road closure, BNSF recommended Brimfield Road as an alternate crossing.

Rzewnicki spoke Dec. 11 during an ICC evidentiary hearing regarding the proposed shuttering held via

electronic conferencing. BNSF first requested the closure in 2023. Since then, the ICC has held multiple, brief status hearings. Last week's hearing lasted more than four hours.

BNSF based its closure request on lack of use and safety concerns; the Whittaker Road crossing has no gates or warning lights. Local officials oppose closure because oversized farm equipment uses the crossing and proposed detours are unsafe, among other reasons.

ICC Administrative Law Judge Latrice Kirkland-Montaque indicated she won't issue a decision until at least mid-February. It's unclear if the ICC board must approve Kirkland-

Montaque's decision. An ideal alternative to the Whittaker Road crossing, according to BNSF, is about a mile west, at Illinois Route 78. The state highway passes under the railroad tracks there.

But Millbrook Township representatives said some farm vehicles are too tall for the height clearance – 13 feet, 9 inches – and oncoming-vehicle visibility is questionable because of a dip in the road.

Almost 50 trains, averaging 70 mph, cross daily at Whittaker Road, Rzewnicki said. About 10 vehicles cross there each day on average, but that number can approach 100 during planting and harvest seasons, Township Engineer

Patrick Meyer said. "This crossing is too important to the community, and there's too many risks to divert the traffic to another location," he said.

Meyer indicated vehicle visibility is a problem at Brimfield Road and Illinois Route 90, just north of the tracks.

BNSF witness Gary Thomas, a Texas-based transportation engineer, ac-

knowledgeed the clearance on Route 78 is lower than typical and the visibility on Route 90 might cause a problem. He suggested warning signs be erected.

"I had no trouble at the intersection, let's just say that," said Thomas, who toured the area last month. "The roadways are well designed to handle the traffic. There's not much traffic to start with. The amount

added is incredibly small." That didn't assuage Township Highway Commissioner Matt Perham. He suggested drivers who use the Whittaker Road crossing might take problematic shortcuts if it's closed. "I haven't had anybody come to me and say anything other than they want it to stay open," Perham said. "It's a safety issue. They don't want to see anybody get hurt."

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Farmington hires new full-time police officer

FARMINGTON – The Farmington City Council on Monday approved hiring Kevin Morrow as a full-time police officer.

A resident of Hanna City, Morrow had been working as a part-time officer for Farmington and began his law-enforcement career as a Canton cop. He replaces Bryan Green, who left for a position with Carle Medical.



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In other business, the board approved paying for half of the \$123,894 cost for paving parking areas and shoulders along Illinois Route 78 during an upcoming repaving of that road by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said IDOT plans to repave Route 78 from the four-way stop sign in town to just past Davis Ford in Canton. Work is scheduled to start in February. The work Farmington is paying for will be on both sides of the road from Spin City Laundromat to Farmington Village Nursing and Rehab Center.

The board also agreed to authorize the sale of 165 N. Wall St. The city purchased that residential lot last year and tore down a vacant building. Minimum bid for the lot is \$6,000. Bids will be opened Jan. 19.

Finally, the board approved CEDC recommendations for TIF grants of \$2,500 to Brian and Alexis Elliott for a tree removal and \$7,842.75 to Lozier Oil Company to replace sidewalks near the business



Former Princeville Township Trustee Jon Bateman was honored at a special dinner and given an award by the township board for 22 years of service to the community. Bateman served from 2003-2025.

along South Main Street.

– Jeff Lampe

Yates City board OKs hike in sewer, water

YATES CITY – The Yates City Village Board on Dec. 10 approved an ordinance that will raise sewer and water rates by 3%. The fee for a late payment will rise from \$10 to \$15, and deposits will rise from \$50 to \$100.

A provision has been added for the enforcement of liens, and garbage rates will rise to \$16.71 per month to match an increase included in the new contract between the village and the collection company.

In other business, Yates City police officers got an increase in pay, effective Dec. 14, from \$23 per hour to \$25 per hour. Brian Efnor, a public-works employee, was approved to receive a \$2,000 retirement payment, and village employees will receive a

\$100 holiday bonus.

Several repairs related to water-main breaks and curb-spot replacements were approved. The three curb-spot replacements were done by Kinsel Trucking & Excavating for \$2,010. Kinsel also repaired a water-main break at the intersection of Illinois Routes 8 and 78 on two occasions and a water-main break at Washington and Burson streets for a total of \$5,795.80. B&B Equipment repaired the village tractor for \$500.

– Molly Copher

Golnick acquires Haskell funeral home

PRINCEVILLE – James and Brandee Golnick have acquired Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services from Bert and Veronica Haskell.

The Haskell family has run their two funeral homes in Princeville and Wyoming since 2013. Bert Haskell has 30 years in the industry.

The Golnicks also run Golnick-Schueneman Funeral Home in Keokuk. In a Facebook post on Dec. 12, the Golnicks said, “We believe that the future of the funeral care industry is expansion by small, family-owned funeral homes, not corporations. We will continue to provide the same level of personal care for our communities and the surrounding areas.”

Joining the Golnick staff will be several Haskell staffers, including Nicole Reed, Jake Martin, Shalaine Maher and several funeral assistants.

Et cetera

DAHINDA – U.S. Route 150 near the Spoon River bridge was closed from last Friday through Tuesday while crews worked to remove an oversize load with a broken trailer that was blocking the roadway.

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Interested parties may contact Eileen Huber at Jim Maloof Realty for more information on the donated lot #86. Additionally, thank you to Eileen and Jim Maloof Realty for generously waiving their fees as the listing agents for this property!

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# Elmwood School Board OKs using state grant to resurface track

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – With the help of a state-maintenance grant, Elmwood CUSD 322 plans to repair, resurface and restripe its track.

The \$50,000 School Maintenance Project Grant will fund a portion of a project expected to cost \$108,000 to \$135,000. Work is expected to start in the summer of 2026 and will also

be funded by the County School Facility Sales Tax. The track has not been resurfaced since 2017.

The board’s building committee also reported on Monday that moving the school’s rental house went well. Barry Shoop, who moved the house, said he will remove concrete, level and reseed the area in the spring.

The board also heard from President Jessica Reyling that

negotiations with the teachers union are projected to start in February.

In other business, the board approved the annual 2026-27 SEAPCO hiring survey with no changes from last year.

In personnel matters, the board approved hiring Samantha Severns as a long-term substitute teacher, Lindsay Anderson as a high school aide and the following substitute

aides, pending background checks: Nicole Boggs, Nancy Schultz and JoAnna Bernal.

The board also accepted the resignation of Zach Bomhold as a custodian and bus driver.

The board learned in Principal Tom Bell’s report that Elmwood had six students named as Illinois State Scholars for their achievement on the ACT and SAT tests. The six are Darwin Herman, Walter Lampe, Evan

Patterson, Kaylyn Sharp, Kam Stevenson and Addison Thrasher.

Eric Windish was named the November Community Member of the Month, and Emily Brunnelson was honored for December.

The last day of school for this semester is Dec. 19 and winter break lasts until Jan. 6, when students return for the second semester.

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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. RENTSCA, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS**  
Defendant  
24 FC 123  
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:  
A PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 32, T. 9 N., R. 8 E., OF THE 4TH P.M., MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT A POINT 20 RODS S. AND 531.4 FEET E. OF THE CENTER OF SAID SEC. 32; RUNNING THENCE S. 165 FEET TO A POINT 135 FEET S. OF THE S. LINE OF MACQUEEN AVENUE TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE E. PARALLEL WITH THE S. LINE OF MACQUEEN AVENUE, 36 FEET; THENCE S. 135 FEET TO THE N. LINE OF NOWLAND AVENUE; THENCE W. ON THE N. LINE OF NOWLAND AVENUE, 36 FEET; THENCE N. 135 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.  
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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 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file 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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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 Non-record Claimants**  
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No. 2025-FC-0000192  
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25 FC 57  
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P.I.N. 17-13-431-002.

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**NOTICE** is hereby given that pursuant to the Illinois State Statutes and the permanent **Zoning Ordinance of Peoria County, the Peoria County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings on January 8,2026**, as follows:  
*Case No. ZBA-2026-0001 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.*  
Petition of **Paul W. Jones, acting on their own behalf, a VARIANCE** request from Section 20-5.13.3.4 of the Unified Development Ordinance, which requires that for lots and parcels in platted subdivisions not created by tract surveys or in residentially zoned districts, the total floor area of all accessory buildings, attached or detached, shall not exceed the footprint of the principal structure or 1,300 square feet, whichever is less, plus 750 square feet for a private garage. The petitioner proposes to construct a 1920 sq. ft accessory structure in the “R-2” Medium Density Residential Zoning District, which would exceed the 1288 sq. ft. footprint of the principal structure, resulting in a variance request of 632 square feet.  
LOTS NUMBERED 2.3 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 6, IN THE VILLAGE OF LAURA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. (Millbrook Township 01-22-307-009) Case No. ZBA-2026-0002 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois

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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  
3304 WEST HARMON HIGHWAY  
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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:  
LOT 5 IN KICKAPOO HEIGHTS ADDITION, PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 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.  
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Petition of David and Susan Klasing, acting on their own behalf, a SPECIAL USE request from Section 20-6.2.1.1.b of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use when a proposed land split does not meet the 40 acre minimum lot size in the “A-1” Agricultural Preservation Zoning District. The petitioner proposes to divide an existing 42.2-acre tract into 22-acre and 20.2-acre tracts. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS: PART OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 34 AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE 4TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREE, 46 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, 1313.00 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES, 20 MINUTES, 17 SECONDS EAST, 1310.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES, 52 MINUTES, 43 SECONDS EAST, 149 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES, 52 MINUTES, 02 SECONDS EAST, 1289.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES, 03 MINUTES, 49 SECONDS WEST, 1327.14 FEET; THENCESOUTH 89 DEGREES, 54 MINUTES, 02 SECONDS WEST, 1326.70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES, 26 MINUTES, 41 SECONDS WEST, 27.8 FEET; THENCE SOUTH89 DEGREES, 20 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 35.78 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES, 59 MINUTES, 58

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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# 24-17582IL  
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25 FC 118  
CALENDAR

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**(Logan Township 16-35-100-009)**  
All pertinent written materials by either proponents or objectors pertaining to the above cases should be filed in the Department of Planning and Zoning, 324 Main Street, Room 301, Peoria, IL 61602.

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## OBITUARIES

**Barbara J. Dollar**

FARMINGTON – Barbara Jean (Herron) Dollar was born in Gays, Ill., on Dec. 5, 1934, to Homer and Dorothy (Wood) Herron and passed away on Dec. 10, 2025, having just celebrated her 91st birthday a few days prior with dinner with her family and visits from friends like family. She was married to Robert (Bob) Dollar at Bethel Memorial Church on July 4, 1952. He preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1998.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and two sisters, Helen Herrin Bradford and Nancy Mattson. One sister survives, Carol Herrin of Morton.

Surviving are her children, Julia Dollar Steigleder of Birmingham, Ala., Keith (Linda) Dollar of Farmington, Gayle Green of Elmwood and Beth (Mike) Kolowski of rural Elmwood; three granddaughters, Kristin (Brad) Miller of Gardendale, Ala., Jessica (Chris) Zambie of Greenville, S.C., and Faith Green of Farmington; four grandsons, Eric (Haley) Kolowski of East Peoria, Bradley (Kayla) Kolowski of Garden City, Kan., Brian (Sydney) Steigleder of Alpharetta, Ga., and Brad (Kelly) Dix of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Barb was blessed with 11 great-grandchildren, with one on the way; and four nieces and two nephews.



**Dollar**

Barb was a 1952 graduate of Pekin Community High School, where she was a Y-teen and served as a high school intern at Caterpillar Tractor Co. corporate office in Peoria. Barb was subsequently employed there for 27 years, taking a break after the first five years to begin her family. She worked in several departments, retiring on May 1, 1994, from her position as executive administrative assistant in the human-resources department. She made many friends while working at Cat and learned a lot about farming from her great friends in her carpools. In later years, she served as secretary on the Pleasant Grove Cemetery board.

Her retirement allowed time spent with her husband and grandchildren at “Mimi’s house” in Farmington and “Papa’s lake” at Lake of the Ozarks. Bob and Barb moved to Farmington in 1961 from Shady Knolls, East Peoria, when Bob was recruited to Midland Coal Mine in Middle Grove.

Her fondest memories included her trips to Missouri to visit all of Bob’s family and especially their nieces and nephews there, boat rides at the Lake of the Ozarks, her trips to Europe, England and Hawaii and as a child when she moved to Creve Coeur during grade school and found some of her lifelong best friends. She loved the summers when her grandchildren could visit and Prospect Street became quite the hangout again. She especially enjoyed watching her grandsons play baseball.

She was a St. Louis Cardinals fan and spent many days and nights watching and listening to the games. She had fond memories of her parents taking her to watch Sunday Morning League baseball and the Pekin Lettes. Her most recent favorite thing to do was to visit thrift stores and consignment shops, looking at things from the past displayed there.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025, at Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington, where a visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the services. Gary Dollar will officiate. Burial will follow the services and take place in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in rural Trivoli. Memorials may be made to the Farmington Rescue Squad 1100, Pleasant Grove Cemetery or St. Jude of Central Illinois.

To leave online condolences, visit [www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com).

**Blake C. Rosenbohm**

ELMWOOD – Blake Cox Rosenbohm, 22, of Elmwood, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025, at 2:12 p.m. at his residence.

He was born March 13, 2003, in Peoria to Elizabeth Hill and Jonathan Rosenbohm.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Elizabeth (Beau) Cox of Elmwood; father and stepmother, Jonathan (Candice) Rosenbohm of Pekin; and brothers and sisters Derek Cox and Cole Cox, both of Elmwood, and Bryson, Brogan, Brady

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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](mailto: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**  
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Rev. Michael Wagnitz, Pastor  
204 W. Clay St. Brimfield, IL  
(309) 446-3233  
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**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](http://brimfieldefree.org)  
Worship: 10:30 am  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm ages 3-12

**Union Church at Brimfield**  
**United Church of Christ**  
Pastor Stephen Barch

**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
By Wilson Casey  
1.. Is the book of Bethlehem (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?  
2. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, 'Blessed art thou among women'? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi  
3. With perhaps two different biblical answers, who was the father of Joseph? Jacob/Heli, Gideon/Ishmael, Solomon/Nahum, Samuel/Pilate  
4. Which Old Testament prophet predicted Jesus would be born in

105 W. Clay Street Brimfield  
(309) 446-3811  
[brimfieldunionchurch.org](http://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.

**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](mailto:williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com)

**DOUGLAS**  
**Douglas United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Kristine McMillan  
484 3rd St.  
Yates City IL 61572  
(NOTE: Church is in Douglas)

Bethlehem? Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum  
5. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Cart, Rode donkey, Small raft  
6. Which of these wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense  
**ANSWERS:** 1) Neither, 2) Nazareth, 3) Jacob/Heli, 4) Micah, 5) Bible not specific, 6) Silver  
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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org)  
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am  
Sun. School: 9:30 am

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

**United Methodist Church of Elmwood**  
Pastor Austin Miller  
821 W. Main St. Elmwood  
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Sunday Worship: 9 am NEW!  
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**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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)**  
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Pastor Mark Schoenhals  
Pastor Jay Johnson  
(309) 696-1300  
[zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com)  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am  
4th Sunday of month Worship: 8 am with communion

**WILLIAMSFIELD**  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
Father Deogratias Mpewo  
214 N. State Route 180  
Williamsfield  
(309) 446-3275  
[stjameswilliamsfield.org](http://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

and Sophia Rosenbohm, all of Pekin. He is also survived by maternal grandmother, Paula Rickey of Tonica; maternal grandfather, David (Dawn) Cox of Dunlap; paternal grandfathers, Paul (June) Rosenbohm of Peoria and Scott (Jill) Carpenter of Pekin; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Blake loved running, fishing, playing games and cheering on the Dallas Cowboys. He had a soft spot for all animals, especially his pets. He came from a big family and was happiest when he was with them. Blake had a big heart and a smile that lit up the room. He will be deeply missed.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of Blake’s life was held on Dec. 16, 2025, at Davison-Fulton Woolsey-Wilton Funeral Home in Peoria.

Burial was to be Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025, in Prospect Cemetery in Dunlap.

After a long and difficult struggle with the emotional grief of a tragic car accident, Blake succumbed to the inner battles he faced and passed away. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Whitney’s Walk for Suicide Prevention.

View Blake’s obituary online at [www.Woolsey-Wilton.com](http://www.Woolsey-Wilton.com).

**Jimmy G. Holford**  
CANTON – Jimmy G. Holford Sr., 87, of Canton, formerly of Rock-

ford, passed away Dec. 9, 2025, at Red Oak Estates in Canton.  
He was born on Dec. 27, 1937, in Hanna City, a son of George and Beulah (Snider) Holford. He married Mary Kathryn Wilkins on Sept. 29, 1962, in Louisville, Ky. She preceded him in death on Nov. 29, 2002.  
Surviving are his children, Tina (James) Walker of Stillman Valley and Jimmy (Kathleen) Holford Jr. of Janesville, Wis.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother Donald Holford and and sister Bonnie Griggs, both of Canton.

There will be no services.  
**Charles H. Ludolph**  
KICKAPOO – Charles Henry Ludolph, 84, of Kickapoo, passed away peacefully on Dec. 12, 2025. He was born Nov. 11, 1941, to Henry and Rita (Stark) Ludolph, a brother to Mary, Bill (Kathy) and Ruth (John) Clift. He spent his entire life cherishing the community and countryside of Kickapoo.

Charlie was a 1959 graduate of Spalding Institute in Peoria, where he met the love of his life, Barbara (Hanley), whom he married in 1962.  
After success in several careers, Charlie’s work ethic and ability to tell a good story led him to open Ludy’s Kickapoo Creek Saloon. Barb and Charlie worked tirelessly to develop Ludy’s, whose Ludy Burgers won many awards. He devoted himself to Ludy’s for 10 years and the Ludy’s name continued for another 17 years, closing in 2021 when his daughter-in-law and son retired.

Charlie and Barb raised four sons, and those boys along with their wives

blessed them with 17 grandchildren: Dan and Lynn and daughters Rashelle (Davin Reust) and Kelsie; David and Amy and children Jake, Alex, Joshua and William; Brian and Desarae and children Charles (Taylor), Luke, Cole (Lexi), Clayton, Raelyn and Landyn; and Doug and Mary and children Sophie, Vance, Jack, Dean and Ty. The newest addition to the family is Vincent Daniel Reust, Charlie’s first great-grandson. First great-granddaughter, Lainey Jean Ludolph, is to arrive in February.  
Visitation was Wednesday, Dec. 17, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Parish Hall in Kickapoo. Another visitation is today, Dec. 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m. with the funeral Mass starting at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. The Rev. James Pankewicz will officiate. Burial will be in St. Patrick’s Cemetery in Kickapoo.

**Cheryl E. Weisser**  
FARMINGTON – Cheryl E. Weisser, 80, of Farmington, formerly of Peoria, passed away Dec. 11, 2025, at Farmington Village Nursing and Rehabilitation.

She was born on Nov. 8, 1945, in Peoria to Dillard and Ruth (Ballingler) Cosby. Cheryl married Garey Weisser on Aug. 9, 1984, in Peoria, and he survives.  
Cheryl is also survived by two children, Debra Cheney of Kewanee and Ruth (Jim) Bill of Williamsfield; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.  
Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services at this time.

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**CryptoQuote**  
answer  
People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought which they avoid.  
— Soren Kierkegaard  
**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer  
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Farmington Central High School's December Senior of the Month is Anthony Zotto! Anthony is the son of Bob Zotto and Christy Lopez. Throughout his time at FCHS, he has been involved in theatre, Science Olympiad, marching band, winter guard, Scholastic Bowl, football, wrestling, golf, track and field, Key Club, chorus, and jazz band.

After graduation, Anthony plans to attend the University of Dubuque's flight program with hopes of becoming an airline pilot. One of his favorite high school achievements is placing first at WIU in marching band this year. In his free time, Anthony enjoys 3D printing and playing both board and video games. A fun fact about him is that he is an Illinois State Scholar, and his favorite song is "A Symptom of Being Human" by Shinedown.

Anthony's best piece of advice is: "Always look at the glass half full, not half empty." In 10 years, he sees himself stepping off a plane in another country and traveling the world. **Congratulations, Anthony!**

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# BOYS: Brimfield’s Doe sprains his ankle

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“Those guys are gunners,” Lozier said. “Macomb runs a lot of methodical offense. They’ll eat up a lot of time just looking for an opportunity.”

Still, Macomb won 47-35 on Dec. 9 to send Farmington to its fifth defeat in six games. Jack Grone-wold returned from injury to give Farmington a team-high 10 points. The Farmers are back at full strength, according to Lozier, following injuries to multiple players.

“Our record doesn’t speak very well, but I think we’ll hopefully be a second-half team,” Lozier said.

a.m. Saturday against Fulton in the Great Western Shootout.

Farmington is to begin play Dec. 27 in the Macomb-Western Holiday Tournament, which continues Dec. 29-30. Pairings are to be released Sunday.

- **Brimfield** – Connor Doe had 21 points and Dawson Traphagan scored 16 to lead Brimfield (8-0) to a 62-37 victory Dec. 9 over ROWVA-Williamsfield. Brimfield was to play Dec. 11 against Havana, but snow forced a delay until Jan. 28. That’s probably fine with Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson.

Doe sprained one of his ankles during practice last week, according to Carlson. He indicated Doe wasn’t likely to play earlier this week against Kewanee Wethersfield. Brimfield also is to play Friday night at Lexington and at 2 p.m.

Saturday against Deer Creek-Mackinaw at the Eureka Shootout.

Brimfield is the top seed in the Princeville Holiday Tournament, which begins Dec. 26 and continues Dec. 27 and 29. In their opener, the Indians face eighth-seeded Ridgewood at 6:30 p.m.

- **Elmwood** – Also undefeated is Elmwood, which on Dec. 10 beat R-W 58-27 behind 15 points from Kar-syn Bolton, 14 from Gavin Strom and 13 from Garrett Webster. The Trojans are 7-0 overall, 2-0 in the Inter-County Conference.

Elmwood was to play Dec. 13 against Princeville, but that game was postponed by snow and re-scheduled for 5 p.m. Jan. 10. Elmwood is to play two home games this weekend, Friday night against Havana and at 3:30 p.m. Saturday against Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley.

points, including 14 in the third quarter of a 58-31 victory Dec. 9 against Lowpoint-Washburn. Butler made six 3-pointers, including four in the third. Day scored 10.

Princeville is to play tonight (Dec. 18) at Henry, then again at 1 p.m. Saturday at Delavan. Fifth-seeded Princeville opens its holiday-tournament schedule at 8 p.m. Dec. 26 against fourth-seeded Peru St. Bede.

- **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Duncan Secrist had 13 points Monday night and Mason Empson scored 10, but R-W lost 58-39 at Lewistown to fall to 0-8. Lewistown took control by outscoring R-W 20-5 in the second quarter to erase a 14-12 Cougars lead. Secrist scored 10 in the first period.

In a 58-27 loss Dec. 10 to Elmwood, Empson scored five. Drake De-Jaynes had eight points in a 62-37 loss Dec. 9 to Brimfield.

R-W had two games postponed last week – Dec. 12 at Bushnell-Prairie City and Dec. 13 against Varna Midland. Those have been reset to tonight and Dec. 23, respectively. R-W also is to play Friday night at Bill-town against Peoria Heights, then travel to Man-ito Midwest Central for a lunch-hour game Saturday.



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## PUZZLE CORNER



**Trivia test**  
by Fifi Rodriguez

The Next Generation?"

7. ASTRONOMY: What is an exploding star called?

8. SCIENCE: What kind of cloud is associated with thunderstorms?

9. U.S. STATES: Which states have no sales tax?

10. ANATOMY: What is the function of the carotid arteries?

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first left-handed president?

2. GEOGRAPHY: What country is home to the largest cave in the world?

3. MOVIES: Who is the voice of Buzz Lightyear in the "Toy Story" movies?

4. HISTORY: Who was the first emperor of Rome?

5. LITERATURE: In what city is James Joyce's novel "Ulysses" set?

6. TELEVISION: What is the name of Data's cat on "Star Trek:

**Answers**

1. James Garfield.

2. Vietnam.

3. Tim Allen.

4. Augustus.

5. Dublin, Ireland.

6. Spot.

7. A supernova.

8. Cumulonimbus.

9. Five states have no sales tax: Alaska, Delaware, Montana, New Hampshire and Oregon.

10. They supply oxygen-rich blood to the face, neck and brain.

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate

♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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### TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Five Nights at Freddy's 2 (PG-13)	6. Kill Bill: The Whole Bloody Affair (NR)
2. Zootopia 2 (PG)	7. Eternity (PG-13)
3. Wicked: For Good (PG)	8. Hamnet (PG-13)
4. Jujutsu Kaisen: Execution (R)	9. Dhurandhar (NR)
5. Now You See Me: Now You Don't (PG-13)	10. Predator: Badlands (PG-13)

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### FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 13

## CryptoQuote

**AXYDLBAAXR**  
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

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**— GEIPH AYPIAPFOOIU**

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Farmington

GAME 5  
Saturday, Dec. 27  
Noon JH Gym

GAME 7  
Saturday, Dec. 27  
9 a.m. HS Gym

Princeville

GAME 2  
Friday, Dec. 26  
10:30 a.m. HS Gym  
Bushnell-PC

GAME 3  
Friday, Dec. 26  
Noon JH Gym  
Galva

GAME 6  
Saturday, Dec. 27  
1:30 p.m. JH Gym

GAME 8  
Saturday, Dec. 27  
10:30 a.m. HS Gym

Tremont

GAME 4  
Friday, Dec. 26  
1:30 p.m. JH Gym  
Peoria Heights

GAME 10  
Monday, Dec. 29  
10:30 a.m. JH Gym

GAME 11  
Monday, Dec. 29  
9 a.m. HS Gym

GAME 12  
Monday, Dec. 29  
10:30 a.m. HS Gym

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THIRD PLACE

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The top team in a bracket is the home team and wears white jerseys.

## GIRLS: Elmwood 6-4

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every game and our players are really buying in to the defensive style we want to run this season,” Coach Kevin Faulkner said of his 6-4 squad.

The Monmouth United Tournament was shortened to two games. Elmwood played Ridgewood on Tuesday and either Illini Bluffs or West Prairie on Thursday, depending on Tuesday’s results.

- **Brimfield** –Katie Doe led Brimfield with 10 points and Schyer Meinders had eight points and nine

boards as Brimfield (2-7) lost 59-31 to Chillicothe IVC on Dec. 10.

Brimfield’s next game was scheduled on Wednesday against Illini Central.

- **Farmington** – Defeated Peoria Heights 46-29 on Dec. 10 as freshman Ella Essex scored a team-high 13 points. Farmington (2-5) was part of the United Tournament and played West Central on Tuesday and again on Thursday.
- **ROWVA-Williamsville** – Lost to Princeville 49-34 on Dec. 10 and 39-31 to Orion on Monday.

## IHSA members approve football playoff change

Reaching the Illinois High School Association football playoffs just got considerably easier.

Ballots from members schools were tallied Monday and the vote was 377-252 in favor of an amendment to expand the playoff field by 16 teams per class starting in 2026. Another 96 schools had no opinion.

Along with expansion, the football season will move up one week, meaning opening day will be Aug. 21 instead of Aug. 28. By expanding from 32 teams to 48 teams per class, many 3-6 squads will reach the post-season. The top 16 teams in each class will also receive a first-round bye.

While most teams will simply move their season up one week, the change creates headaches for Lincoln-Land schools Illini West and West Hancock, who play Iowa schools whose schedules have not changed.

Another amendment approved by schools is to move up the start of softball season by one week.

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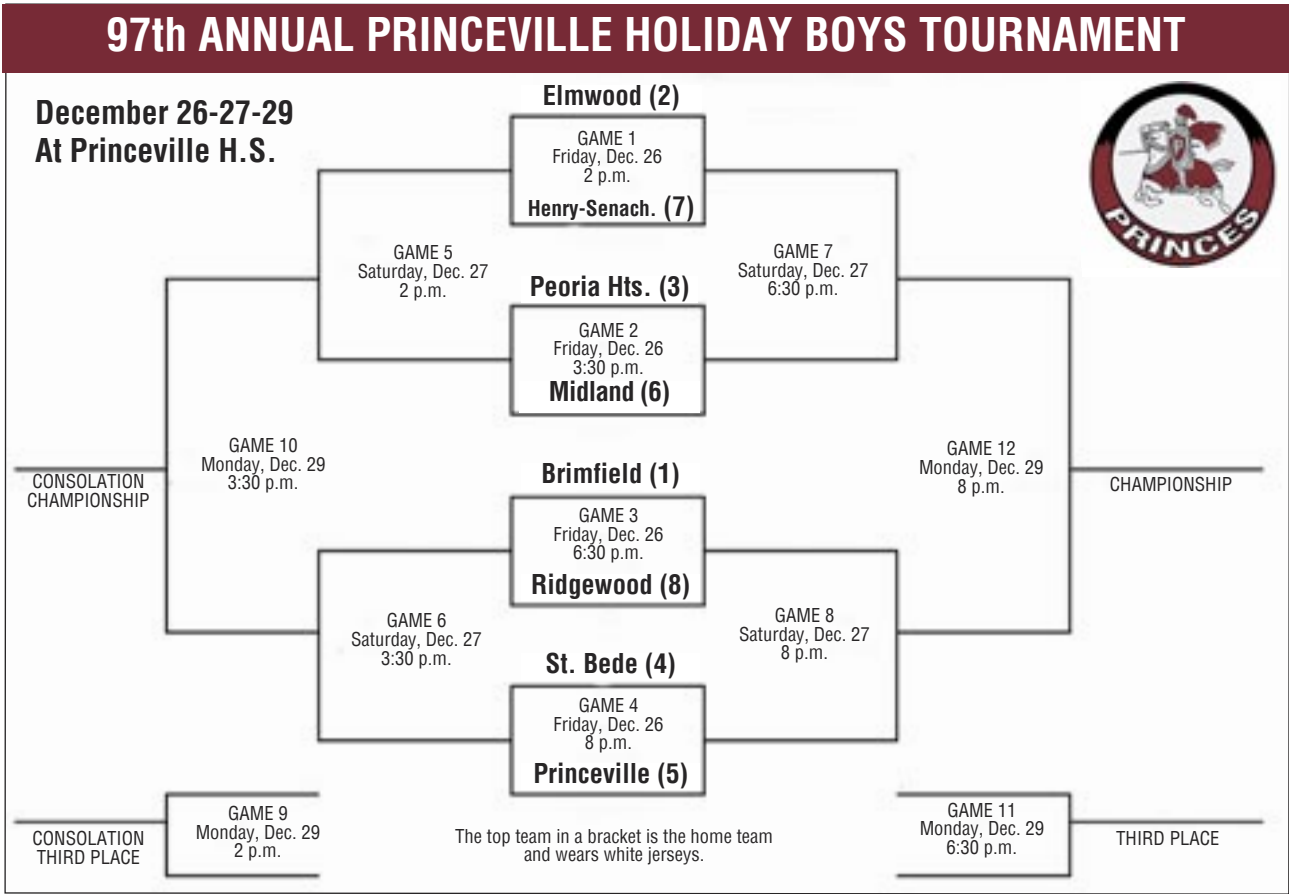


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## Princeville stays hot despite cold

**By ANDY LATORA**  
For The Weekly Post

Like everybody else last weekend, the Princeville girls got a weather-induced break from the basketball court.

The Lady Princes (7-3) defeated ROWVA-Williamsfield 49-34 on Dec. 10 before Monday night's 52-47 win over Stark County. Princeville was slated to host Lewistown on Wednesday before a makeup game against North Fulton on Thursday.

A matchup against Illini Bluffs on Monday, Dec. 22 will lead Princeville into the 14th Lee Westerman Tournament it hosts beginning Friday, Dec. 26.

"We have improved our defense some, but there is still a lot of room for improvement," Coach John Gross said. "Offensively we are shooting better from the field, but have fallen off at the foul line. "We still need some more players to step and help us get where we want to be."

For Princeville's upcoming tournament, Tremont and Midland were both 6-2 as girls hoops returned to the court this week. Princeville is in the same half as Midland and could see the Timberwolves in the semifinals on Dec. 27.

"Our tournament looks to be an interesting one this year," Gross said. "Tremont and Midland have the best records coming in so far, but don't count Elmwood or us out."

In the 49-34 win over R-W, Sahara Streitmatter led the way with 17 points.

Streitmatter led Princeville's comeback win over Stark County with 22 points. The Rebels led 29-17 at halftime.

• **Elmwood** – Beat Bushnell-Prairie City 34-23 on Dec. 11. Andrea Glenn led the team with 17 points, while Emily Anderson and Brooke Allen scored six points apiece.

"We're getting better

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## Farmers put opponents on the clock

**By NICK VLAHOS**  
For The Weekly Post

A 35-second shot clock is coming next season to all of Illinois high school basketball, but Farmington is getting a head start.

The Farmington boys have been using the shot clock at their home games this season. As far as Farmington Coach Marty Lozier is concerned, the sooner it's implemented universally, the better. He finds the shot clock compatible with his team's offense and defense.

"I love the shot clock," Lozier said. "I really don't think it's going to be a problem. Thirty-five seconds is an extremely long time."

A Farmington teacher operates the shot clock, and problems related to it have been few, according to Lozier. Opponents' adaptation depends on what kind of offense they run. A recent game against Illini West suggested it might be ready right now for the impending change.

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