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Farmington OKs road use for solar

City purchasing 3 vacant lots

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Farmington City Council on Monday approved a road-use agreement that could pave the way for installation of solar panels on the northeast edge of the city.

Landowner Mike Peterson approached the council last month about a 2-megawatt solar field he seeks to install on his 43-acre property. The company building the solar field, SolAmerica Energy of Atlanta, seeks to access the property via North Elmwood Road.

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Under a road-use agreement approved by the council on Monday, developers pledge to fix damage to the road or city sewer lines incurred by trucks moving materials and equipment required for the solar field. The project is expected to require 20-40 semi-truck loads of materials during construction.

Alderman Alex Gilles amended the land-use agreement to add a one-year “warranty” for any road or sewer issues. Farmington will use cam-

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Tom Wierzba greets fans and ex-players during his final Farmington home game, in February 2009. Nearly 100 former players, managers and assistants were on hand to celebrate Wierzba's 26 seasons as Farmington coach.

IBCA HONOREE

Wierzba honored

Former Farmington basketball coach to receive lifetime-achievement award

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

Fresh off the golf course on an 80-degree Monday, Tom Wierzba came to a quick conclusion about what he hasn't missed since retiring as Farmington boys basketball coach in 2009.

“I don't miss getting on a doggone school bus when it's all that snow and cold,” he said.

Cold and snow are no longer part of Wierzba's life, as he and wife Cindy now spend six months each year in Englewood, Fla., enjoying the warm Gulf breezes.

Basketball remains a passion for the longtime

coach, whose past success keeps him relevant decades after retirement.

Wierzba, 76, was recently honored with the Herrins Award from the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, a lifetime-achievement honor dedicated to brothers Ron and Rich Herrin. Formal presentation of the award will come May 2 at the annual IBCA banquet.

“It's humbling,” Wierzba said.

Fitting, too. In 38 years of coaching, Wierzba amassed 611 wins during stints at Greenview,

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Car burglaries in Elmwood, Farmington

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

At least six vehicles in Elmwood and Farmington were burglarized late Nov. 22 or early Nov. 23, according to police reports.

Of those incidents, four were reported in Elmwood.

A resident of the 100 block of S. Althea St. told police a trail camera worth \$150 was stolen from his 2015 Ram pickup truck. Nothing appeared to be missing from another truck parked there. Neither truck was locked. The owner reported the incident about 10 a.m. Nov. 23.

Some 30 minutes later, a resident

of the 100 block of N. Ivy St. reported a purse that contained about \$300 in cash was missing from a 2022 Ford Excursion parked in the driveway. Coins were missing from another vehicle, a 2007 Ford Edge. Again, neither vehicle was locked.

About 1 p.m., a resident of the 200 block of N. Palm St. told police someone entered his garage through a door that didn't have a lock, then rummaged through a closed cabinet, a 2020 Ford Ranger and a 2021 SUV. Nothing was damaged or missing.

In the 200 block of N. Knox St., someone broke the driver's-side rear

window of a locked 2016 Ford F-150 and stole a backpack, arrows, a box of 12-gauge shotgun shells and a box of ammunition. An unlocked 2014 Toyota Rav4 at that address also was entered, but nothing was missing.

The Knox Street incident was reported shortly after 2 p.m.

Both incidents in Farmington were reported before 10 a.m. In the zero block of N. East St., a box of Winchester shotgun shells and a box of Federal rifle shells were reported missing from a 2014 Chevrolet pickup. It was unlocked, a Farmington

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XMAS WALKS



Brimfield's Christmas Memorial Trees brighten a snowy scene on Friday. Brimfield, Elmwood, Williamsfield and Farmington have Christmas events this weekend. See details inside on Page 3 and in advertisements throughout the paper.



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FARMINGTON: City to pay \$20,000 for 3 lots

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eras to evaluate sewer lines before construction and up to one year after construction.

The project still requires approval by the Fulton County Zoning Board.

The council also unanimously adopted its 2025-26 tax-levy ordinance. The total tax levy of \$336,452 will fund part of the budgeted appropriations of \$3,096,097. The levy includes a 5% increase over last year.

Another ordinance approved Monday deals with construction work being done that requires cutting into a city sidewalk or right of way. Before starting work, contractors must register with the city, provide a bond and return the area to its previous

condition within five days after completing a project.

In other business, the council approved spending \$20,000 to purchase vacant lots at 71, 77 and 85 E. Fort St. located on the corner of North East St. An anonymous donor pledged \$10,000 to the purchase.

The lots owned by Sam Lillie have been vacant since a 2015 fire ravaged the former Crossroads Bar and two other attached buildings that housed Lillie & Associates insurance company, Totally Fit and Geeks on Call. The Sunday-morning fire required more than 100 firefighters to control.

Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said the purchase opens a lot of possibilities for the city. He mentioned a possible

permanent stage on the lot, picnic tables and even space for food trucks during festivals or events.

“It would allow us to determine what’s going to be in that lot,” Stufflebeam said.

After closed session, the council agreed Stufflebeam could spend \$9,000 on employee Christmas bonuses. The council also approved a \$250 donation to the Christmas Hope Chest, which is in its 62nd year of providing gifts and toys for children in the Farmington School District.

Gilles reported that the city’s leaf-collection machine is broken and he does not expect more leak pickups until next year. He said the city’s yard-waste dump area is still open.

BURGLARIES: Break-ins under investigation

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ton police report stated. Total value of the ammo was \$110.

In the 400 block of E. Fort St., \$20 was reported stolen from a 2021 Ford SUV and loose change was reported stolen from a 2016 Ford pickup. The rear passenger-side window also was broken. No suspect information from either community was available.

The incidents remain under investigation.

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This Week's Hot Picks

• **Community Luncheon** – Union Church of Brimfield, 105 W. Clay St., hosts a monthly community luncheon Tuesday, Dec. 9, at noon. Menu is ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, dessert and drink for \$7.

• **Christmas Concert** – Choral Dynamics presents “The Beauty of Christmas” Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5-6, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. at Galesburg’s Orpheum Theater. Visit galesburgorpheum.org.

• **Santa Bounce** – M&K Parties has a Santa Bounce festival Sunday, Dec. 7, 12:30-3 p.m. at Farmington Community Center. Inflatables, games, mini golf, refreshments and more. Admission is a canned good.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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This Week's Events

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

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

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

• **Craft Show** – Free holiday craft and gift show Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Millbrook Township Center in Laura. Vendors of all sorts. Food served.

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

Future Events

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

– The Elba-Salem Fire Department has an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast with Santa on Dec. 13, 7-11 a.m., at Yates City Community Center. Santa arrives at 9 a.m.

• **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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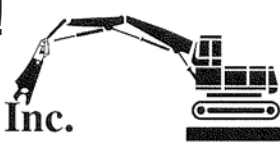
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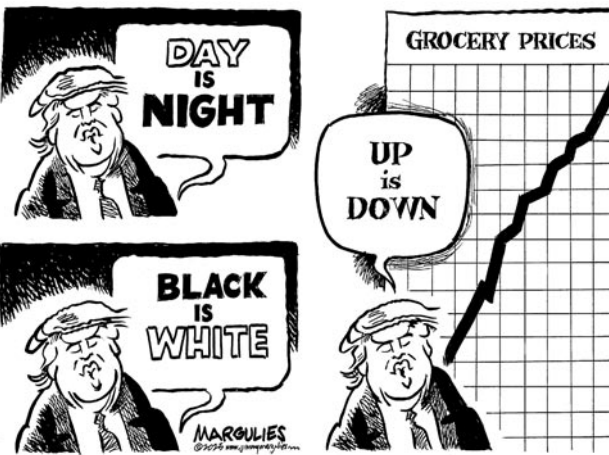
NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR ELBA-SALEM PARK DISTRICT

The Elba-Salem Park District is holding a Truth in Taxation hearing on December 8, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. located at the Yates City Community Center to consider an increase in our property tax levy of 70.78%. We want to be fully transparent about why this increase is being proposed and what the actual financial impact will be for residents. Although the percentage appears high, the real dollar impact is minimal when applied to actual property values. Most homeowners will see an increase of less than two dollars per month and large agricultural properties, such as a 200-acre farm, will experience an increase of less than four dollars per month.

The Elba Salem Park District remains committed to transparency and responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds. We understand that tax decisions matter to our residents, and we are dedicated to communicating openly as we work toward maintaining and improving the park and recreational space that benefits our entire community.

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SCATTERSHOTS



Of \$%&@//! and the seed celebration

Rambling through central Illinois, happy to have seen kids in snowpants and coats playing in the snow.

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As my wife continues her spiritual journey, more things around the household are under evaluation. Cursing, for instance, is bad.

While we know that, the Missus maintains that even personal favorites “Holy Mack-erel,” “Son of a Preacher” and “God Bless Americans” are not good.

As a result, we are shifting to more creative cursing. Unfortunately, my research indicates that most innocent-sounding foreign exclamations of frustration are not so



Jeff LAMPE

innocent. For instance, “Ay Car-amba” has lots of translations and most are bad. What could you expect from **Bart Simpson**, right?

So I’m trying to stick with classics like “Frickin’, frackin’, sackin’” and my current go-to, “Six, Seven, Eight.” That one has the added benefit of driving the kids crazy because it is apparently wrong.

None of them suffice after you smash your thumb with a hammer, but we are trying. And any ideas to expand our innocent cursing vocabulary will be appreciated.

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One of these years, I’m going to get a datebook. Until then, things like this will continue to happen: I scheduled the annual Native Seed Celebration for Saturday, Dec. 13, which also happens to be the weekend we were supposed to go pheasant hunting in Iowa and falls during muzzel-

loader deer season.

Well, the show must go on anyway on Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at Salem Township Library in Yates City. That’s the price I pay for being disorganized. Besides, I enjoy you seed folks too much to back out.

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Princeville considers code-violation software

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Reporting possible code violations in Princeville might soon take only a couple of clicks. Same with reporting water-main breaks, felled trees, potholes and other municipal hazards.

The village is considering purchasing computer software that would allow for easier processing of code-violation reports. The presumed provider is Kansas-based CivicPlus, a firm that already supplies the village with municipal-code software.

Residents and others would be able to upload addresses and up to five photographs of properties in question. The system provides automatic replies and confirmation, according to CivicPlus representatives who demonstrated the software Monday night to the Village Board Codification Committee.

“What the resident will see on their device is the image and receive an

immediate response from the village,” CivicPlus Consultant Tim Koeshall said. “You can coordinate a custom message. ‘Yes, we found an issue. Yes, enforcement is ongoing. No, we did not find a violation.’”

Reports can be sent anonymously. Organization and processing on the village’s end would become more streamlined, according to Koeshall and CivicPlus Account Executive Zach Stivrins.

The program also can be customized to allow for submission of nuisance reports and potential civic emergencies. Those can be directed to specific village employees.

“Maybe it’s graffiti on a city building,” Stivrins said. “It triages it and gets the request to the right folks.”

No prices were discussed. Stivrins said he intends to estimate at least two options for the board to consider.

During the regular board meeting that followed the committee meeting, trustees approved the 2025 village

property-tax levy. It’s \$166,100, compared to \$154,050 the previous year.

Also approved was a \$717,126.82 payment to Leander Construction Inc. of Canton, part of the wastewater-treatment improvement project underway in the village.

The board told a local-business owner she can receive a \$7,500 tax-increment-financing redevelopment grant if she provides building purchase and/or renovation receipts. There had been uncertainty regarding the TIF-grant application from Amanda Hand, who owns Hand Craft’d, a freeze-dried candy company.

Final approval is possible when the board meets Dec. 16. Trustees discussed Hand’s request the previous several meetings.

A building permit was issued for solar-panel installation at 226 N. Ellen Ave.

WIERZBA: Two sons coach women’s basketball

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Bushnell-Prairie City, Jerseyville and Farmington. The last stop was the best and spanned 26 seasons of 520-win basketball.

Seven of Wierzba’s Farmington teams played in a Class A supersectional, winning five. His 1998 Farmers finished 33-1 – losing to eventual champion Nauvoo-Colusa 48-47 in the semifinals before placing third. His 2007 team went 32-3 and placed fourth.



Tom Wierzba has a discussion with an official during his Farmington coaching career.

Defense and hard work were cornerstones of the program.

“At that time, there were coal mines and International Harvester was still operating in Canton, so kids had a very good work ethic,” Wierzba said. “I would push them to what I thought they could withstand. I was big on how you practice is how you play.”

In a career filled with good memories, Wierzba said he still regrets the Nauvoo game. That, he says, was Farmington’s best shot at a state title out

of its five Elite Eight trips. The Farmers led 43-37 with about 3:20 remaining before falling 48-47.

“We pulled it out a little too soon, probably, and we made a couple mistakes and they capitalized,” Wierzba said.

Otherwise, he looks back with pride at his Farmington days.

“A lot of good memories. We had big teams, small teams, short teams, kids who could shoot and some who couldn’t shoot a lick,” Wierzba said. “We adjusted every year. The

kids really taught me what we were able to do.”

Wierzba said he still hears from ex-players regularly and checks in with them as well.

“I miss talking to the coaches and to former players ... the relationships,” Wierzba said.

While he also misses practices, he gets plenty of chances to offer input to his sons, both of whom are associate head coaches for Division I women’s college programs.

Rhet Wierzba is in his 12th season as associate head coach at Indiana University. The Hoosiers played in Fort Myers, Fla., last week in the Coconut Hoops tournament, allowing the Wierzbas to see their younger son in action three times, as Indiana (7-1) fell in the title game to Iowa State.

Rhet is in his second year of treatment for a brain tumor, but has been able to remain on the bench, his father said. So far the news has been

good in regards to Rhet’s health, his father said.

Ben is in his third year as associate head coach at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Wierzba said Ben has two girls and a boy who all play basketball, and Rhet has two sons, the oldest a third-grader who also plays basketball.

After venturing west one winter to see the grandkids play, Grandpa Wierzba said he is now content to hear reports about the grandkids’ games instead of braving the snow.

“I don’t miss the snow one iota,” Wierzba said.

He will return to Illinois this spring, though, and looks forward to the IBCA banquet in Normal at Illinois State University.

“When you thought of southern Illinois basketball, (the Herrins) were the two names you thought of,” Wierzba said.

Just as Wierzba is the name you think of when conversation turns to Farmington basketball.

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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. RENTSCo, 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:
P.I.N. 14-32-402-034.
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

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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

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For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-279520 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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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
3304 WEST HARMON HIGHWAY

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:
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.
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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# 24-175821L

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Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff vs.
Jennifer Mellen; et al;
Defendant
25 FC 118
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Super Crossword

ONE AND THE SAME

ACROSS

1 Enchilada alternative

8 Threaten like a mad dog

15 Recurring design

20 Proved to be beneficial to

21 Audrey of "Sabrina"

22 "Magic Bites" author Andrews

23 [Span] [Span]

25 Some spongy balls

26 Morning times, in brief

27 Astrologer Sydney

28 Films based on reportage, for short

30 Heavy drinker

31 Musical scale starters

33 [Cogitates] [Cogitates]

36 Severe shock

39 Pear or lime

41 Somber

42 [Criminal] [Criminal]

46 Surrealist painter Max

47 Swiss peaks

48 Ukraine city

49 Having some benefit

52 Pick-up-sticks logic game

53 Lad from London, say

54 Old-time TV announcer Johnny

56 Spike of corn

59 "I — reason why ..."

61 [Star] [Star]

67 Reportage on American events

69 Gas station brand

70 Golf great Sörenstam

71 [Residence] [Residence]

76 Old Icelandic poetry books

77 Coast Guard officer. Abbr.

78 Strong winds

79 — and aahs

81 Raised trains

82 Not asleep

84 Obstruct

87 Parisian gal pal

88 Setting

91 [Brotherly] [Brotherly]

95 Bach choral composition

98 Poets' Muse

99 Pie portions

100 [Dictated] [Dictated]

102 Accessories for cue sticks and black-boards

105 Follower of "http://"

106 Greek epic about Troy

107 Mario's video game brother

108 Real devotee

111 Jazz singer Cleo

113 [Character] [Character]

118 Snaky curves

119 Attack the integrity of

120 Go in circles

121 Butler played by Gable

122 Foyer sofas

123 For the purpose of diagnosing

8 County officers

9 State east of Wyo.

10 Mo. before May

11 Slugging stat

12 Avoider of high-tech stuff

13 Element #18

14 High, tight sweater collars, briefly

15 Singer of lyric poetry

16 Chilean cheer

17 Process of being twisted

18 Not blurry, as an image

19 Most rapid

24 Scottish cap

29 Purpose

31 Club fees

32 German for "grandma"

33 Sushi fish

34 Concealed

35 Metallic string

36 Ooze through pores

37 Trusts in

38 Option lists for e-device downloads

40 Hi — screen

43 Like poems of praise

44 Lavish party

45 Oxidation formation

50 Mattel product

51 Old Cuzco native

53 Play tenpins

54 Bicolor whale

55 Roarer in Oz

56 Uncontrolled outbreak

57 Having a pH over 7

58 Appraise again

60 Bird's beak

62 Wedding veil material

63 Very big birds

64 Conk

65 Low bills

66 Linking word in German

68 Former rival of Nintendo

72 Sturdy wood

73 Symbol on a musical staff

74 Either director of "Fargo"

75 Jedi master

80 They're called to get assistance

82 Pot payment

83 Most fatigued

84 Russia's — -Tass

85 Came upon

86 Obtains

87 Leaves speechless

88 Giver of an angry look

89 Place to take a dirty vehicle

90 How sausage links are connected

92 Adjust to a situation again

93 Bush press secretary Fleischer

94 " — Tok"

96 Phone no.

97 Nike rival

101 Intermission

103 That fellow's

104 Ancient Greek market

107 — majesty (high treason)

108 Manicure tool

109 Off-road trucks, briefly

110 No, in Russia

112 Insect trapper

114 Allow to

115 Start for teen or adolescent

116 Film director DuVernay

117 Large number

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Super Crossword

Answers

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CryptoQuote

answer

Normal is an illusion. What is normal to the spider is chaos to the fly. — Morticia Addams

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Answer

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Police reports

• **YATES CITY** – A Yates City man was accused of numerous crimes in Peoria and Knox counties, including forgery and theft. Zachary R. Cassel, 33, was arrested Nov. 1 at a residence in Yates City, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report. He was wanted on Knox County warrants for forgery and theft, and Peoria County warrants for retail theft, driving with a suspended license and improper turn-signal use. The Peoria County charges are related to incidents that took place in August and involved forged checks. Peoria Police Department reports indicate at least \$8,000 was involved. Cassel told police he cashed the checks on behalf of someone else. Cassel received notices to appear in Peoria County Circuit Court.

• **DOUGLAS** – Authorities deemed suspicious a garage fire in Douglas. The detached garage in the 500 block of Third St. burned to the ground sometime before 8 p.m. Oct. 31, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report. The garage was not connected to a source of electricity. Neighbors said their dog began to act strangely about 7:30 p.m., but they thought nothing of it. Security video revealed only the glow of the fire. The neighbors said there had been suspicious activity at the garage, and a camper was set on fire intentionally on the property about two years earlier. A deputy was unable to immediately contact the owners, who reside in Yates City. Elba-Salem firefighters also responded.

• **PEORIA** – A Brimfield-area man was arrested following a hit-and-run accident in Peoria. Witnesses said Zachary D. Beintema, 40, was driving a southbound 2011 Chrysler minivan on Knoxville Avenue that struck a white automobile shortly after 5:15 p.m. Oct. 29 at War Memorial Drive, a Peoria police report stated. The report did not further identify the other vehicle. Beintema continued south on Knoxville Avenue and abandoned the minivan in the 300 block of E. Odell Place, where he was taken into custody at 6 p.m. He was accused of leaving the scene of an accident and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, then was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – A Wisconsin man who was driving erratically north of Williamsfield had been behind the wheel almost 40 consecutive hours, according to authorities. A Knox County Sheriff’s Office deputy observed the 70-year-old Milwaukeean driving south at 17 mph in a 55-mph zone shortly after 2:30 a.m. Oct. 29 in the 1900 block of Illinois Route 180. He said he had left a friend’s house in Chicago and was driving home, according to a sheriff’s-office report. A timer on the dashboard indicated the man had been driving for 39 hours, 45 minutes. BYE Ambulance Service personnel suggested the man be checked at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg, where he agreed to be admitted for evaluation.

• **KICKAPOO** – An Elmwood man’s vehicle spun on wet pavement west of Kickapoo and crashed into a utility pole. Jonathan T. Woodcock was driving a 1999 Ford F-350 pickup truck shortly before 10:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in the 13100 block of W. Schlink Rd. when he lost control in the rain, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. Woodcock said the vehicle’s tires were almost bald. The vehicle left the pavement and struck the Ameren Illinois pole, which damaged the front driver’s side. Ameren removed the pole.

• **EDWARDS** – Following a single-vehicle wreck west of Edwards, a Peoria man reported no injuries. Robin J. Wallenfang was driving an eastbound 2005 Ford Focus shortly before 7:45 p.m. Oct. 28 on Cottonwood Road near Old Murphy Road when he did not see a curve, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The vehicle left the pavement and came to rest in a field. The vehicle was towed.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle crash at the east edge of Princeville. Shortly before 2 p.m. Oct. 28, a 16-year-old Princeville girl was driving a 2013 Ford Escape sport-utility vehicle east in the 9400 block of Illinois Route 90 when the SUV rear-ended a 2024 Cadillac XT4 SUV, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The other driver, Thomas E. Martin of Princeville, said he had slowed behind another vehicle, which was trailing a farm tractor. The girl said she didn’t see the other vehicles in time. Both vehicles were drivable, although they sustained bumper and fender damage. A deputy gave the girl a verbal warning about failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Peoria man was accused of damaging property at a residence west of Hanna City. Brailyn P. Youmans, 25, was arrested about five hours after the incident, which was shortly after 6 a.m. Oct. 20 in the 14700 block of Illinois Route 116, per a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The victim was a 21-year-old woman. Youmans was charged with criminal damage to property and criminal trespass to a residence and was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **EDWARDS** – Shortly after 7 a.m. Oct. 31, Melissa A. Easley-Postin of Mapleton was driving an eastbound 2012 Honda Civic on Illinois Route 8 west of Heinz Lane when the vehicle struck a deer that emerged from the north. Easley-Postin said she wasn’t injured, per a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. The vehicle sustained front-hood and grille damage and was towed. The impact killed the deer.

• **HANNA CITY** – Shortly before 7 p.m. Oct. 29, Brad M. Wight of Peoria was driving an eastbound 2016 Chevrolet Cruze in the 9900 block of W. Riekana Rd. south of Hanna City when the vehicle struck a deer that emerged from the north. Wight was uninjured, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated. The vehicle sustained a dislocated driver’s-side fender and minor hood damage but was drivable.

• **EDWARDS** – Shortly before 10:30 p.m. Oct. 26, Anthony J. Koller of Princeville was driving a 2017 Ram truck north in the 2400 block of Taylor Rd. south of Edwards when the vehicle struck a deer. Koller said he wasn’t injured, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated. The vehicle sustained front-end damage but was drivable.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Tyler M. Hall, 31, of Princeville was arrested shortly after 1:45 p.m. Nov. 10 and accused of two counts of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office.

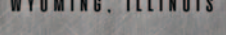
• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff’s Office responded between Nov. 2-8: grass fire, LaFayette; threats, Yates City; missing juvenile, Williamsfield; domestic dispute, Williamsfield; suspicious incident, Galva; suspicious incident, Dahinda; road hazard, Williamsfield.

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By MOLLY COPHER
For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield Village Board held a public hearing before its monthly meeting on Monday to discuss funding for replacing a ground-storage tank.

A recent inspection of the tank revealed leaks around the bottom, which were temporarily patched.

The village is working on acquiring a loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that involves several steps. The first step is to complete and submit a planning study by April. A public hearing to allow people to comment or ask questions follows the submission. There are 10 days allowed after the hearing to do so. Upon completion of this step, the EPA will issue approval for the planning study.

Once approval is reached, the loan-application documents may be submitted. The process was followed years ago to replace water mains in Brimfield.

“It’s a fairly lengthy process, but it’s a good rate if you get the loan.”

Dan Good, an engineer from Maurer-Stutz Inc., said as he explained the process to the board.

The current interest rate for a 30-year loan with the EPA is 1.62%, but that rate is not firmly established until the loan is actually issued. After the loan is issued, bids may be made for EPA review and approval.

The project includes replacing a 70,000-gallon ground-storage tank, which would be located to the west of the existing tank. A separate free-standing tower will be placed between the two tanks with the aerator attached.

Underground piping will need to be installed, and some electrical work will need to be finished due to the sensors inside the tank.

The project cost does not include removing the old tank, but it can be taken out of service and allowed to sit until removal is feasible.

The estimated construction cost earlier in 2025 was \$1 million.

“But that could change with the economy the way it is,” Good said. “It’s really hard to estimate numbers, but we try to keep that on the high side.”

A 15% contingency is included in the requested loan amount in case prices vary.

The design work is finished and was paid from existing village funds. The contingency amount could be increased.

Good estimated that a \$1 million EPA loan over 30 years at a 2% interest rate could cost an additional \$15 a month per customer, but that amount could go down if a better interest rate or loan forgiveness was acquired.

In addition to the public hearing, the board also approved a one-time \$1,500 bonus for Holly Johnson, the village secretary/clerk/collector, to balance compensation and offset the amount approved to be spent at last month’s board meeting on health-insurance increases for full-time village employees.

The appointment of Liz McRae to the Zoning Board was approved. McRae will replace outgoing member William Symonds.

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Ameren rates rising in January

By MAGGIE DOUGHERTY
Capitol News Illinois

CHICAGO — Ameren Illinois residential customers will see an average \$3.65 increase on their natural-gas bills in January after the Illinois Commerce Commission last week slashed proposed rate hikes for two of the state’s largest utilities.

Ameren, which serves approximately 816,000 customers in central and southern Illinois, initially held off on estimating the impact to customers until it could conduct an in-depth review of the ICC’s order, Brad Kloeppe, Ameren senior director of gas operations and technical services, said after the ruling.

The ICC’s Nov. 19 rulings arrived after an 11-month process of reviewing testimony and documents submitted by Ameren and Nicor, consumer protection groups and environmental advocates. The commission approved a \$73 million rate increase for Ameren and \$168 million increase for Nicor, which were more than 40% lower than what the utilities had requested.

Nicor estimated that typical residential customers would see an increase of less than \$4.25 monthly. Nicor is the largest gas utility in the state and serves 2.3 million customers in northern Illinois and the Chicago suburbs.

Both companies are eligible to propose new rate hikes to the ICC annually in January, though in recent years they have done so every other year. Any request to raise rates receives a ruling from the regulatory commission 11 months after filing, usually in November, with any approved rate hikes going into effect the following January.

That means the earliest customers could expect rates to increase again would be in January 2027, or January 2028 if the companies stick to the alternate-year request schedule.

Consumer advocates argued the rate increases go too far.

“While we’re pleased regulators lowered the size of these rate hikes, they are still the fifth increase for Nicor since 2017 and the fourth increase for Ameren since 2018,” Abe Scarr, policy director for Illinois PIRG, wrote in a statement. “Without intervention, gas bills will continue to rise.”

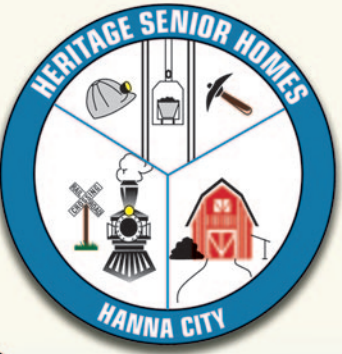
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NOTICE OF ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Effective January 2026 the Akron Princeville Fire Protection District will be changing the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees to the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at 240 East Main Street ,Princeville, IL 61559

Ricky D. Pope
Secretary APFPD

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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. RENTSCo, 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:

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For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Lender Legal PLLC, 1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 250, Orlando, Florida 32810. 407-730-4644. LLS13065-IL INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13277214

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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:

LOT 3 IN BLOCK 2 IN CHRISTIAN LAMMER'S PLACE; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N. 17-13-431-002.

Commonly known as **3128 W. HUMBOLDT ST., PEORIA, IL 61605**. 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.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-279520 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13277275

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

U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF

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

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

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

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

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

Any claim not filed by that date is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

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

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NOTICE OF ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS

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

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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** DEFENDANTS
No. 2025-FC-0000192

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: **Monterius Norris a/k/a Monterius J. Norris** **Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants**

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, **Robert M. Spears** **Peoria County Courthouse** **324 Main Street, Room G-22 Peoria, IL 61602**

on or before **January 5, 2026**, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-25-06417

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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
3304 WEST HARMON HIGHWAY
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 COURT-HOUSE, 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.

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

CLAIM NOTICE

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

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

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **BETTY L. BENNETT** on October 24, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **STEPHEN C. GARNETT, of 11700 North Princeville-Jubilee Road, Princeville, Illinois 61558**, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **5th day of June, 2026**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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

DATED this 17th day of November, 2025.

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

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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. 13275049

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OBITUARIES

Michael Buckley

CANTON – Michael Buckley, 75, of Laura, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025, at Renaissance Care Center in Canton, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 7, 1950, in Peoria, to Cornelius and Wilberta (Irons) Buckley. They preceded him in death, as did one brother, Joel Nicoll.

Mike is survived by his wife, Denise (Adair) Buckley. They were married on May 6, 2000.

Also surviving are seven children, Jason (Jessica) Buckley, Brandi (Kevin) Ferretti, Jarrod (Alexandria) Buckley, James “Jimmy” (Amber) Buckley, Patrick (Jessie) McMeen, Kelly (Molly Perry) McMeen and Sarah (James) Maher; one sister, Theresa (Ron) Kenyon; and 15 grandchildren.

Mike came from a railroad family, serving as a conductor like his father and grandfathers before him for 42 years, first for Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, which turned into BNSF. He retired in 2010. He also farmed with his father and enjoyed raising cows and pigs as Buckley Pork Farms. Mike served in the Army National Guard in Peoria from 1970-76. He enjoyed the outdoors, tending flowers and planting trees. In his free



Buckley

time, Mike enjoyed taking care of farm animals. He believed there was no such thing as a stray or feral cat.

He made lasting memories fishing in Branson, Mo., and Lake Michigan. He was an avid Kansas City Chiefs and Royals fan, but most of all Mike enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

A memorial funeral mass will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brimfield at 11 a.m.

A celebration of life will follow starting at noon at Harrison Hall in Brimfield.

Cremation rites have been accorded through Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Canton. Memorials can be made to the Brimfield Food Pantry c/o CBI Bank in Brimfield. To leave online condolences, visit oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Mildred L. Schaer

PEORIA – Mildred Louise (Daum) Schaer, 95, of Dunlap, was called to eternal rest at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1930, in Eureka, the only child of Adolph and Ada (Clark) Daum. She married Chris L. Schaer on Nov. 30, 1963, in Washington. He preceded her in death on May 14, 2002.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda (Dr. Daniel) Schaer-Lange of Bloomington and Lynette Kepley of Peoria; five grandchildren, Justin

(Hannah) Lange, Brandon Kepley, Katelyn (Grant) Smith, Cameron Stukins and Sarah (Nathan) Lange; and four great-grandchildren, Everett Smith and Frederick, Penelope and Oliver Lange. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandchild, Christian Stukins.

Mildred graduated from Washington High School and was a member of Calvary Mennonite Church in Washington. As an adult, Mildred worked for WABCO as well as a canning company in Princeville. After marriage, she dedicated herself to building a life on the farm outside of Dunlap with Chris and raising her two daughters. Mildred was instrumental in nurturing her grandchildren and, eventually, her great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at Mason Funeral Home Metamora Chapel, with the Rev. John Lashley officiating. Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Hickory Point Cemetery in Metamora.

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BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey
1. Is the book of Advent (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What was the innkeeper's name who turned away the pregnant Mary as there was not room? Eliada, Jesimiel, Phlegon, Bible does not say
3. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the wise men saw the star in the ...? North, East, South, West
4. Jesus was born in Bethlehem or in the days of Herod the King. Nazarene, Jerusalem, Judaea,

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Church: (309) 639-2768
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
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Pastor Kristine McMillan
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Yates City IL 61572
(NOTE: Church is in Douglas)

Capernaum
5. In what type of clothes did Mary wrap the newborn Jesus? Adm-on-ishing, Resurrecting, Swaddling, Castling
6. How many times is "swaddling clothes" mentioned in the Bible? 1, 2, 3, 4n, At your own will, Extravagant
ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Bible does not say, 3) East, 4) Judaea, 5) Swaddling, 6) 2
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Sun. School: 9:30 am

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Worship Service: 10:30

Farmington United Methodist Church
Pastor Austin Miller
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Farmington
(309) 245-4310
farmingtonmethodist61531@gmail.com

Sunday School 10:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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Sunday School: 9:15 am
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OBITUARIES

Shirley A. Seelye
PEORIA – Shirley Annette Seelye, 77, of rural Manito, passed away peacefully on Nov. 28, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones and under the compassionate care of the staff at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home. Shirley was born on Feb. 7, 1948, to Ralph Ryals Sr. and Lola Maddie Gallagher Ryals.

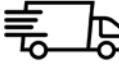


Seelye

Shirley graduated from Yulee-Fernandina Beach High School in Florida in 1966. She married the love of her life, Darrell Seelye, on Nov. 22, 1974, and together they built an amazing life full of laughter, joy and love. Shirley’s greatest pride and joy came from the family she and Darrell built. She is survived by her husband, Darrell Seelye; sons Scott (Paula) Seelye of Lorena, Texas, Bill (Meagan) Seelye of Pleasanton, Texas, Josh (Brandee) Seelye of Brimfield and Jason Seelye (Kate Malley) of St. Charles; 14 grandchildren – Billy, Lauren, Kaitlyn, Joshua, Noah, Austin, Bailee, Madison, Connor, Tanner, Wyatt, Parker, Kendall and Payton – who lovingly knew her as Me-Maw; one great-grandchild, Owen; and another on the way. She is also survived by her sisters Beth Murray, Linda Little, Patricia Rozier and Robin French (all of Florida); and brothers James Ryals (Georgia),

Wayne Groover (Idaho) and Charles Groover (Florida). She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Karla Seelye; parents, Ralph Ryals Sr. and Lillian Groover Ryals and Lola Maddie Gallagher Ryals; her grandparents Jordan and Ida Ryals and Charles and Maddie Gallagher; and one brother, Ralph Ryals Jr. In her younger years, Shirley worked at Blue Cross/Blue Shield as a coder and at Kemper Insurance as a transcriptionist. She spent most of her adult life as a devoted homemaker, lovingly caring for her family and raising five children and one grandchild, Noah. She was a past member and held various offices in many organizations, including the Peoria and Pekin Mothers of Twins Club, Tremont Mothers Club, Tremont Mothers Club Bowling League, Pekin Mothers Bowling League, the Pekin Boat Club Boatin’ Belles and the Pekin Boat Club Bowling League. More recently, she was a dedicated Tai Chi student at the Pekin YMCA and an active member and officer of the Garden & Thyme Garden Club of Manito as well as the Pekin Hoe and Hope Garden Club. Shirley loved traveling, reading, watching movies, bowling, exercising, playing cards, watching musicals, attending plays and concerts, gardening, soaking up the sunshine and spending time with her husband. Shirley especially enjoyed her visits to Florida for her sister trips and adored going out to lunch with her

many friends, but most of all, she cherished time with her children and grandchildren. Shirley will be remembered for her kind and caring personality. She was the glue that kept the family together and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her visitation will be Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m.-noon with funeral services immediately following at Henderson Funeral Home & Crematory in Pekin, Pastor Barnes officiating. Burial will be in Glendale Memorial Gardens in Pekin. Memorial donations can be made in Shirley’s name to the Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, American Cancer Society, Whitney’s Walk for Suicide Prevention and Awareness or Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association. **Jonathan D. Lant** PRINCEVILLE – Jonathan Duane Lant, 29, of Princeville, passed away on Nov. 23, 2025. Jonathan was born on June 21, 1996, to David and Anna (Bukolas) Lant. He married Asheley (Walck) Lant in December 2018. Surviving are his wife, Asheley; their two children, Silas and Amelia Lant; his parents, David and Anna Lant of Princeville; his brother, Sean (Richelian) Lant of the Philippines; parents-in-law, William (Carrie) Walck of Princeville and Kathelina Jomant of Freeport; and sister-in-law, Selena Walck. A celebration of Jonathan’s life will be held at a later date.



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED
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FOR FOR WILLIAMSFIELD
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DISTRICT NO. 210

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Williamsfield Community Unit School District No. 210 for 2025 will be held on December 8, 2025, at the Kutkat Conference Room in the District Office at 325 Kentucky Ave., Williamsfield, IL 61489.

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

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

This represents a 27.84% increase over the previous year.

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

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

This represents a 26.04% increase over the previous year.

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Hopes high for Farmington wrestlers

By ANDY LATORA

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Farmington wrestling team could pin its hopes on a battle-tested senior and a decorated incoming freshman this year.

Bradlee Ellis (144/150 pounds) and rookie Isaac Showalter (106/113) are expected to plant the seeds of success for the Farmers, but Coach Jacob Durbin is optimistic his team has the talent and depth to generate attention.

Plus, Farmington has its first official wrestling schedule for girls and enthusiasm abounds.

Durbin returns all but one starter from last season, and Ellis is the only senior .

“Ellis is a three-time state qualifier,” Durbin said. “Bradlee pinned his way through every regular-season tournament and dual last season and is looking to finish his high school career on top of the podium.”

That would be the podium at the IHSA state meet at State Farm Center in Champaign on Feb. 21.

Showalter headlines a solid freshman class. Jackson Ralph and Issac Flora are two other freshmen Durbin expects to contend for spots in the

varsity lineup. But Showalter brings the most mat cred.

“He’s a three-time IESA state champion who went undefeated all three years,” Durbin said. “He didn’t give up a single earned point last year at the IESA state tournament.”

Chase Frye (150/157) is another talent Durbin anticipates will have a big season. Frye missed qualifying for state last year as a freshman, but the Farmers coach said he’s grown physically and technically and tested his form in October at a preseason tournament in Des Moines, Iowa.

“He’s been working very hard throughout the off-season and most recently finished one match away from All-American status at preseason nationals, losing in the blood round,” Durbin said.

Frye scored a big early win in a dual against Olympia last week. He beat eighth-ranked Austin Kinser 8-5 and moved up to No. 7 in individual rankings, Durbin said.

In the same dual, Showalter edged Olympia’s Connor Collins 1-0. Collins is a two-time IESA state champ.

Ellis spent just 122 seconds on the mat in securing pins against Olympia

and Peoria Notre Dame.

Junior Austin Brewer is a returning starter along with four sophomores – Jayden Schmider, a sectional qualifier a year ago, Jordan Jones, Jonathan Peters and Gage Williamson.

“We will have a lot of starting spots that will be battled for throughout the season and I love it,” Durbin said. “That is how we get better, sharpening each other every day.”

Lyndsey Brewer has the early spotlight for the inaugural girls campaign. Brewer is a freshman who brings IKWF state hardware to the program, winning gold two years ago and bronze last year at the youth level.

“We are excited to have an official girls wrestling team,” said Durbin. “We look forward to see how (Brewer) adjusts to high school wrestling and if she can make some noise as a freshman.”

Individual state finals for girls are Feb. 27-28 at Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington. The girls compete at state in conjunction with the boys team dual finals that weekend.

GIRLS: Big game for Doe vs. Peoria Heights

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21-11 at halftime. Glenn scored nine and Allen and Ramirez scored seven apiece.

The Trojans were scheduled to host Ridge-wood on Wednesday and visit ROWVA-Williamsfield on Thursday.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Megyn Erlacher had 12 points and Kinley Danner

had eight points and 14 rebounds in R-W’s 35-32 win over Orion on Nov. 22 as part of the Ridge-wood tournament.

On Nov. 24, R-W (3-1) scored a 51-37 victory over host Rockridge.

Riley Smith made four 3-pointers en route to 17 points, Eliza Tucker scored 15 points and Lauren Johnson made eight steals.

R-W’s game Monday against Farmington was postponed, with no date set for a make-up game.

The Cougars host Mon-

mouth United on Wednesday and play at Illini Bluffs on Saturday.

• **Brimfield** – Katie Doe had an all-around high-light game for Brimfield (2-5) in a 58-32 Prairie-land Conference home win over Peoria Heights on Monday.

Doe had 22 points, eight rebounds, six assists and six steals. Layni Linticum netted 17 points and Madison Hersemann contributed eight points and six boards. Cienna Graham had five assists and five rebounds.

The Lady Indians are home vs. Mercer County on Monday, Dec. 8.

• **Farmington** – After the Farmers’ game against ROWVA-Williamsfield on Monday was postponed, the rest of the week has Farmington (1-3) hosting South Fulton on Thursday and visiting Princeville on Saturday.

• **Princeville** – Princeville’s game Monday against North Fulton was canceled, and the Princes (3-3) will host Farmington on Saturday.

PUZZLE CORNER

1. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features a French bulldog named Stella?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Algeria?
3. MUSIC: Which famous song starts with the line, "I read the news today, oh boy ...?"
4. MOVIES: Who wrote "Hedwig's Theme," the main music in the Harry Potter movies?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the origin of popcorn?
6. HISTORY: Where was Napoleon Bonaparte exiled to after his defeat in

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7. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Sound and the Fury"?

8. ANATOMY: What are the smallest blood vessels called?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In what year did the international version of TikTok launch?

10. SCIENCE: What substance makes plants green?

- ANSWERS
1. "Modern Family."
 2. Algiers.
 3. "A Day in the Life," The Beatles.
 4. Composer John Williams.
 5. Indigenous people in the Americas mastered the art of popping corn.
 6. The remote island of St. Helena.
 7. William Faulkner.
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TOP 10 MOVIES

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 3. Predator: Badlands (PG-13)
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 7. Regretting You (PG-13)
 8. Nuremberg (PG-13)
 9. Black Phone 2 (R)
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BOYS HOOPS: Brimfield wins at Heights

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Putnam County, against which Johns scored 12 and Ryan Lentz scored 11. Lentz, a sophomore, had three 3-pointers in that game and three more against Rockridge as he shot 50% from long distance for the tournament.

Elmwood's next two games are at home and in the Inter-County Conference – at 2 p.m. Saturday against Delavan and Dec. 10 against ROWVA-Williamsfield. Fugitt hopes the momentum continues.

“We did some things well, but ... a lot of the teams in the tournament seemed to be young and playing some inexperienced players,” he said. “There are some more-experienced teams coming up that lead me to believe our conference is going to be challenging and difficult for us if we don’t improve.”

• **Brimfield** – All-tournament selection Connor Doe had 27 points Monday night as Brimfield won the championship of the Peoria Heights Thanksgiving tournament by beating the hosts 55-46. Brimfield (4-0) led 32-20 at halftime behind 11 first-quarter points from Doe.

Tom Burkitt scored 10 overall.

Brimfield had four double-digit scorers, including Doe and fellow all-tourney pick Dawson Traphagan (14 points each), in a 65-36 victory Nov. 28 over Knoxville that ended pool play. Doe had 23 points and 10 rebounds Nov. 25 in a 50-46 overtime beating of Tremont. Traphagan scored 13, including five in OT.

The tournament was to end Nov. 29, but snow forced a title-game postponement. Brimfield plays twice this weekend – home Friday night against Stark County and at 4 p.m. Saturday at Annawan.

• **Princeville** – In one week, Princeville (2-1) had perhaps a half-season’s worth of close games.

Following a season-opening victory on a last-second shot, Princeville beat Varna Midland 39-36 on Nov. 25 in the second round of the Heights tourney. Jacob Bosch had 14 points and Brady Day scored 12.

On Nov. 28, host Heights beat Princeville 44-42 on DeAndre Marks’ 3-pointer with 2 seconds to play. Day had 14 points,

Brock Butler 10.

The Princes’ final tourney game was canceled because of snow. Heights is to play Friday night at Princeville.

• **Farmington** – The Farmers are getting healthier and not-so-healthier simultaneously.

Farmington senior Jack Gronewold, who is recovering from a hamstring injury, began practice this week. But classmate Landon Crawford sustained a slight fracture of a back vertebra and is expected to miss some time, according to Farmington Coach Marty Lozier. Doctors don’t believe it’ll be a long-term issue.

Bad weather postponed Farmington’s third-place Fulton County Tournament game against Havana until Wednesday of this week. Boston Smith had 19 points and Logan Gard-

ner scored 10 when Farmington (1-1) beat South Fulton 57-29 in a tournament game Nov. 26.

Farmington is host to Illini West at 3 p.m. Saturday.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – The hosts of the R-W round robin went 0-3 in another event where snow forced a schedule change.

Galva went 3-0 and secured the championship by beating R-W 67-57 on Nov. 28, a game that was scheduled for the following day. Gage Browning had 17 points to lead R-W, all in the fourth quarter, including five 3-pointers. Duncan Secrist scored 12.

Browning had 14 points Nov. 25 and Daniel Skala scored 12, but R-W lost to Biggsville West Central 67-49.

Peoria Christian is to visit Williamsfield for an ICAC game Friday night.

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Tuesday’s games at Hancock Stadium, Normal

- Class 5A – Wheaton St. Francis vs. New Lenox Providence Catholic, 3 p.m.
- Class 6A – Oak Park Fenwick vs. East Saint Louis, 6 p.m.

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Elmwood captures Keller title

Trojans go 5-0 to win Thanksgiving tourney

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

KEWANEE – Elmwood didn’t let a little snow and a significant schedule adjustment spoil its Thanksgiving boys basketball bounty.

The Trojans went undefeated in the five games they played last week in the Wally Keller Invitational at Kewanee Wethersfield. That secured the first Elmwood regular-season tournament championship in six years, as best as Coach Josh Fugitt can recall.

Although challenges await, particularly from conference opponents like Brimfield and Farmington, memories of this one will be good.

“Through five games, this looks like a team where even if we’re not the best on paper, maybe through some effort and hard work and playing as a team, we might find a way to compete in games that perhaps we shouldn’t, or find a way to win against teams a little more skilled and athletic than us,” Fugitt said.

The de-facto title game in the Wally Keller round robin tipped off at 10 a.m. Nov. 28, against Annawan.



The Elmwood boys pose with a plaque after winning last week’s Wally Keller Tournament at Kewanee Wethersfield. Team members are, Front row (left to right): Cooper Brown, Karsyn Bolton, Garrett Webster, Quinton Johns and Cody Burge; Back row (l to r): Silas Schmieg, Gavin Strom, Ryan Lentz, Miles Addison and Hason Hubbard.

Elmwood won 55-42 in a meeting of 3-0 teams. The early start time resulted from a rejiggered schedule that required each team to play twice that day.

Games scheduled for Nov. 29 were moved to the previous day because of an impending snowstorm. Tournament MVP Garrett Webster had 17 points against Annawan, Quinton Johns scored 14 and Miles Addison 11. Elmwood led 31-21 at halftime and withstood an Annawan charge.

Later Nov. 28, Elmwood beat Stark County 61-40 behind 20 points from Webster and 12 each from Johns and Gavin Strom. But according to Fugitt, a pivotal game for Elmwood came Nov. 25, when his team beat Rockridge 58-51.

Elmwood overcame a double-digit second-quarter deficit against a team that scored 85 the previous night in beating Stark County. Elmwood held Luke McKay, who had 37 points in that game, to 10. Meanwhile, Johns had 20 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter.

“They put up an easy (85) and I felt like it could have been 120,” Fugitt said. “They were just unbelievable on offense. But our guys took it to them in the second half. We lost McKay a few times, but we did a great job in transition. In the fourth quarter, we strung together two really solid runs.”

The Elmwood run last week included a 54-23 victory Nov. 26 over

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Cool on the court

Early results for area girls basketball teams a mixed bag

By ANDY LATORA

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – En route to a fourth-place finish, Elmwood’s girls basketball team knocked off Princeville 46-35 as part of the Elmwood Turkey Tournament last week.

After an even first quarter, the hosts reached double digits in each of the next three quarters to pull away in the Nov. 25 matchup.

Andrea Glenn dominated inside, scoring a game-high 25 points to lead Elmwood. Gianna Ramirez and Brooke Allen, who scored 10 points, set the tone for Elmwood on defense.

Sahara Streitmatter led Princeville (3-3) with 12 points and seven rebounds. Addison Buckley chipped in 11 points and six rebounds and Kamryn Smith added six boards.

In tournament games on Wednesday (Nov. 26), Kewanee beat Brimfield 47-24, Princeville clipped

Midwest Central 61-53 and Tremont posted a 58-42 win over the hosts.

In Princeville’s victory, Streitmatter scored 24 points, Buckley had 14 points and 11 rebounds, Bethany Sennett scored 11 and Reagan Calder chipped in nine.

Allen scored 18 points and Adelyn Magee had 10 for Elmwood

(3-2) in the loss to the Turks.

Glenn, Lana Scott of Wethersfield, Kaydin Quinn and Kennedy Quinn of Abingdon-Avon, Damaris Diaz of Kewanee and Sophia Wagenbach of Tremont were named to the all-tournament team.

On Monday, Elmwood dropped a 39-37 decision at Canton after trailing

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