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2025 was dry run for some in Illinois

Drought issues brought on by historically dry conditions statewide

By RHIANNON BRANCH

FarmWeek

Drought, flooding, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and extreme temperature swings; 2025 had it all and it varied drastically by location, making last year a memorable one from a weather standpoint for many Illinois farmers.

State Climatologist Trent Ford of the Illinois State Water Survey reviewed weather statistics from 2025 and events that stood out during a recent FarmWeek interview.

Precipitation, or lack thereof

Nearly the entire state is abnormally dry or in some form of drought as a re-

WEATHER REPORT



Sunlight pokes through cloudy skies over an Illinois farm. Despite recent rains, drought and dryness remain a top concern following a wild weather year that wound up historically dry in Illinois. Photo by Catrina Rawson of FarmWeek.

sult of a shortfall of precipitation last year, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor released Jan. 15.

Preliminary statewide average total precipitation in 2025 was 31.78 inches, about 9 inches below normal. While official rankings by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration were not released as of press time, it is likely 2025 will make the top 20

driest years on record statewide.

However, there was a lot of seasonality for precipitation last year and the amount of rainfall varied dramatically by region within the state.

January and February were drier than normal across the state, March was close to normal and then April and May were huge precipitation months

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Getting cool in Brimfield gym

Grade school gym to get AC, 26-27 school year moving up

By MOLLY COPHER

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – Brimfield Grade School will get an air-conditioned gym after action by the School Board at its Jan. 21 meeting.

The school district has received a \$50,000 school-maintenance grant from the state. After reviewing three quotes, Montefusco HVAC, Inc. of Peoria was awarded the installation contract for \$80,500.

The board also heard that progress has been made on the bus barn during recent warmer weather. Still to be completed in the barn are doors, flooring, electrical and plumbing.

The board agreed that the start of the 2026-27 Brimfield school year will be moved to re-align with Old Settlers Days, scheduled for Aug. 13-15.

Superintendent Chad Jones said the district is doing its best to accommodate families and, regarding the schedule change, the board "has received almost all positive feedback from

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Speaker helps start Elmwood White Out Week

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – A guest speaker had Elmwood CUSD 322 administrators buzzing during a short meeting of the School Board on Monday.

Motivational-speaker Terrence Lee Talley addressed grades 5-12 in two different assemblies.

Superintendent Joel Schmieg said Talley has spoken to more than 270,000 students across the country. His appearance coincided

with the school's start of White Out Week, which includes a variety of fundraisers for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

According to Principal Tom Bell, Talley shares stories from other students around the country to help audience members know they are not alone in their struggles and should never give up.

"To be able to captivate 5th through 12th graders ... he did a really great job," Schmieg said. "Terrence left our stu-

dents and staff with two messages: 'Don't Give Up' and 'I've got your back,' focusing on defining resilience and empathy and its power for others."

Schmieg also praised the process of setting a 2026-27 school calendar, noting that 44% of school staff favored the selected version that features an Aug. 13 first day of school for students. Other notable dates include Dec. 21-Jan. 1 winter break and in 2027 a spring break from

March 22-26 and tentative last day of school on May 20.

Before then, Elmwood plans to resurface the track. The project, funded in part by a \$50,000 state maintenance grant, is expected to be completed this summer. Bids are due by Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. for a bid opening.

The district continues to be plagued by a shortage of bus drivers, Schmieg said.

"It is a definite need for us," he said.

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Motivational-speaker Terrence Lee Talley spoke to Elmwood students in grades 5-12 on Monday. Talley stressed that students should never give up and have each other's backs

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WEATHER: Extreme temperature swings

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for southern Illinois.

"There were places that coming into June 1 were having nearly their wettest year on record, especially the closer you got to the Ohio River and the Kentucky border," Ford told FarmWeek.

But the consistent location of those storms in the jetstream through central and south-central Illinois meant a lot of the northern half of the state was getting missed.

June and July brought a little bit more equitable

precipitation, including heavy rainfall.

Only two months, April and July, averaged wetter than normal statewide. In central Illinois every month was drier than normal except July.

"In many places in the central part of the state, we were drier than some of the most extreme drought years like 1988 and 2012," Ford said. "But the reason we didn't see catastrophic agricultural losses is because we got rain when it really mattered."

Total precipitation in

September and October was about only 3 inches statewide, less than 50% of normal, making it the third driest August to September period on record in the state.

Total annual precipitation by town varied greatly. Metropolis had 67 inches of precipitation in 2025, about 23 inches more than normal, while parts of central and northern Illinois got about only 30 inches.

"There were a couple places in Champaign and Piatt County that only had 22 inches of precipitation in 2025," Ford said. "It was the top-10 driest year on record in Peoria and Springfield, the 12th driest in Quincy, and the second driest in Champaign-Urbana where we were only slightly wetter than 1894."

And for the first time since 2021, Illinois was snowier than normal, especially later in the year. Some places around Decatur got 16 to 18 inches above average snowfall in 2025.

Slightly warmer

Last year will be remembered by some for extreme temperature swings – especially in December when some areas dropped more than 60 degrees in less

than 24 hours following 60-plus degree conditions on Christmas. But, statewide the year averaged only 1 degree above normal temperature, making it the 20th-warmest year on record.

Most of the state ended up between 0.5 and 2.5 degrees warmer than normal with a bit higher temperatures in northern Illinois than southern Illinois.

It was the 15th-warmest year on record in Chicago and 20th-warmest in Peoria.

Severe weather slowed

Last year began on track to beat 2024's record for most tornadoes in Illinois. But active weather slowed as the year went on.

"In 2024, we had 142 tornadoes, which was the highest on record. In 2025, the National Weather Service confirmed 126," Ford said. "So still about two times our long-term average and certainly a top three most active tornado year."

By July 1, Illinois residents experienced more tornadoes than in the first half of 2024, with 35 tornadoes in March, more than 45 in April, more than 20 in May and 25-plus in June – all above average.

But severe weather became quieter by late summer, in general, with fewer than five tornadoes statewide each month from July through November capped by 10 in December.

"We had some extremely dry conditions statewide from August to November and when we have drought we usually don't have very much severe weather," Ford said.

Illinois finished second in the nation for most tornadoes in 2025, behind Texas.

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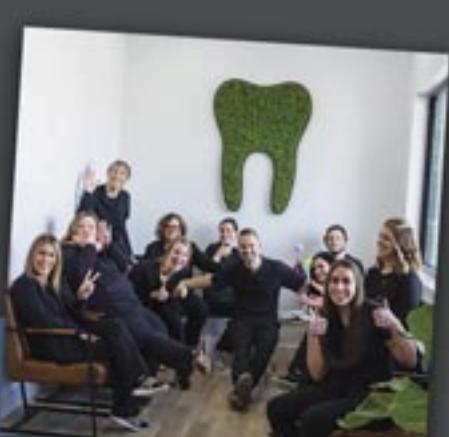
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• **Princeville Forum** – Peoria County has a Princeville Future Talk today, Jan. 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at LME Library in Princeville.

• **Raccoon Roundup** – The fourth Raccoon Roundup is Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31. Sign up Jan. 30, 5-8 p.m. and weigh-in Jan. 31, 2-5:30 p.m. at Elmwood Tap. Cost \$25 per person, up to four-person teams. Raffles at weigh-in, DJ after. Call (309) 403-1183.

This Week's Events

• **Soup Day** – Douglas United Methodist Church has its annual soup day Saturday, Jan. 31, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Menu includes chili, vegetable soup, broccoli cheese soup, maidrites, hot dogs and desserts. Free-will donation. Carry out or dine in.

• **Crochet Group** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood hosts the Hooked on Crochet group every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Crafters can bring projects from home.

Future Events

• **Circl Mobility** – Brimfield Public Library offers a new health and wellness class on Mondays in February, starting Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. Focus is on functional movement, flexibility and breathing. Good for all fitness levels. Cost \$4.

• **Pancake Breakfast** – Elmwood Kiwanis Club has its all-you-can-eat pancake and whole-hog sausage day Feb. 7, 6:30-10:30 a.m. at Elmwood High School. \$8

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• **Food Pantry** – Farmington has a drive-through food pantry the third Wednesday each month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at New Hope Fellowship Church.

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- Nell Scovell

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SCATTERSHOTS



Easy to tick off Dad with deep-fake opossum

Rambling through central Illinois, spreading the last seeds collected last fall in hopes of some thawing and less freezing.

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We were driving home after checking traps on a recent frigid day when the middle boy grumbled.



Jeff LAMPE

Our catch that day was one opossum and the boy mentioned something about "all the ticks that opossums eat."

I almost crashed the truck.

Perhaps you too have heard about the wonders of opossums or have seen a popular meme on social media that praises them for eating up to 5,500 ticks per week. This may have made you change your view of opossums – or even led you to attract them to your property to rid the area of ticks.

Well, you've been had.

The study that spawned that tick-

eating narrative was done by New York researchers in 2009. They live-trapped five opossums and put them in kennels after infesting each of them with 100 larval blacklegged ticks. Ticks were given time to get a bloodmeal, after which they are typically so fat they fall off the host.

Unlike other animals in the study (chipmunks, squirrels, mice, voles and catbirds) opossums kept the bottom of their kennels relatively free of ticks.

Then the animals were set free, without combing their fur to see if the ticks were still on them. Thus was born the legend of tick-eating possums.

But the rest of the story is that Cecilia Hennessy, an assistant professor of biology at Eureka College, also did a scientific study in 2021. Her study included a review of 23 other published papers that examined opossum diet. None found evidence of tick nymphs or adults being eaten.

Hennessy also studied the gut contents of 32 opossum carcasses collected in central Illinois. While

there were ticks on the carcasses, there were none in the stomachs of those same carcasses. None. You think they might eat a few while grooming, but there was no sign of that.

Now, this is not a reason to dislike opossums, though they are vectors for several tick-borne diseases and are generally disagreeable little marsupials. This is just a cautionary tale about social media, memes and arguing with your father.

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Parting shot: Does Illinois have a pension problem? Hmm. Consider the following from IllinoisPolicy.org. If the state paid \$1 million per day, it would still take 597 years to pay off the current pension deficit. And that doesn't count any additional pension debt that might accumulate along the way. Overall, the state has a total of \$497 billion in pension liabilities and pays \$32 million per day just to fund the five state-pension systems for public employees.

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Empathy must function within moral framework

To the Editor:

Empathy is a foundation of Western civilization. A functional democracy requires that the majority be able to imagine themselves in the shoes of the minority. The idea that suffering matters even when it isn't our own is the basic underpinning of things like welfare, accommodations for disabilities and Western medicine.

These are all good things, even if the word welfare can evoke certain strong reactions. Those reactions are not totally unfounded, and I find they rarely end up at the hard position of, "No welfare ever for anyone."

There is a misunderstanding here, though, that I want to mention after reading Brad Guidi's letter in the Jan. 22 edition. When someone like Elon Musk talks about empathy being bad for society, he is not challenging the core tenants of empathy or the good it brings to society. He is bringing attention to the idea that empathy is supposed to function inside a moral framework, bounded by the limits of that framework. It should be reciprocal and tempered by reason.

Western societies, though, have seemingly en masse decided to embrace unchecked empathy in ways that are detrimental to those societies. When empathy becomes a sacred axiom, no longer functioning within a moral framework but being the moral framework itself, society becomes vulnerable to manipulation and self-negation.

Modern Western society has scaled empathy up to a level that is unsu-



tainable. We practice global empathy without reciprocity, we attempt to enforce unquestioning empathy toward broad categories of people rather than individuals and individual circumstances and emotion replaces reasoning.

Why should any society prioritize the feelings, narratives, or perceived suffering of outsiders or sub-groups when doing so erodes social trust, institutional legitimacy and long-term stability? At that point, empathy stops being humane and becomes self-liquidating.

A society that can't say "No" because "No" feels cruel cannot protect itself and transmit its values to the future. Empathy without mutual obligation, shared norms and enforceable boundaries is an abdication from our duty to propagate Western civilization. It is a betrayal of our forefathers, who fought and died to create societies where empathy is so fundamentally ingrained as to be exploitable.

Politics focused on moral blackmail, monetary solutions over truly functional ones and guilt is the problem being highlighted.

- Ian Brown, Princeville

Embrace empathy, join up to help those in need

To the Editor:

I wish to take the baton from Brad Guidi and carry forth his thoughtful message on the lack of empathetic understanding in our nation and world.

I, too, have expected more from the front of the church. The religious theme of the recent holiday season was to be better aware of those less fortunate. Most of us can meet our basic needs, yet many in our country don't have their daily bread and can't afford health care or proper shelter. We have neighbors judged to be criminals by the color of their skin. Many of our Gen-Z youth are challenged by social ability, employability and even the chance for romance.

Our political division has led to so much social isolation that there is less opportunity to meet, find common ground and love thy neighbor.

The mystic poet Rumi wrote, "Out beyond the ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing is a field. I'll meet you there."

Empathetic awareness and initiative are wonderful human traits, and I join Brad in urging us to be more humanistic. I do hope that we, as brothers and sisters of just cause, can find that field and join together in helping those in need.

George Tanner, Yates City
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Elmwood nearing efficiency agreement

By MOLLY COPHER

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD — A few minor contract changes seem to be the only thing standing in the way of a signed agreement between the City of Elmwood and Joe Hitchcock of Crystal Creek Advisory Group.

CCAG, of Trivoli, is a subsidiary of Stratford, Ontario-based Schooley Mitchell Services, an efficiency expert that will be tasked with saving the city money through its garbage-collection services contracts.

Contract changes include specifying that the venue for any lawsuits involving the two parties would be Peoria County instead of the current language that suggests the venue would be wherever Hitchcock happens to live at the time of litigation.

Another change allows payments to be remitted within 60 days instead of the current 30-day term.

Half of any savings found by Hitchcock would be his to keep whether changes are implemented or not, a clause designed to protect Hitchcock.

"I could do all of the work, not get paid and have my work used anyway," Hitchcock said. "A municipality could deny my initial value report, and then come back and implement it six months later without me getting any of the reward for it."

The Elmwood City Council intends to vote on the contract once the changes have been made.

Tracey Mas, owner of Woppers bar in Elmwood, attended the meeting to address any questions or concerns the city council has regarding ongoing litigation between the two groups.

Mas said the litigation stems from a July 3 event outside Woppers that caused bricks to be dislodged from the build-

ing's facade.

"A bunch of kids pulled up on a party bus and threw half-sticks of dynamite," she said. "The boom shook the building, and I thought we were under attack of some sort. I flew outside, and the flash made my eyes water, and there were bricks on the ground."

Regarding the damage to her business, she said, "The next thing I know, I'm getting letters pertaining to it. We initiated repairs, and we knew we were going to be doing them, but there's no point

in trying to put mortar up right now because it's too cold. I started the painting on the lower deck, but it won't stick once it's too cold."

Elmwood Mayor Andrew Almasi assured Mas that the city is "willing to negotiate and work with you, provided that we are given a report showing progress."

Mas said she is willing to discuss the matter and plans to have facade repairs completed this spring, once temperatures are conducive to working with mortar and painting.

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PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Plaintiff vs.

Dominic W Ramsey; United States of America; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendant 25 FC 114 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. 25-268717

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff vs.

Patrick Craig; et. al. Defendant 23 FC 228 CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE

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P.I.N. 14-27-258-005.

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idence. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 25 1505.

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650 Chicago IL, 60602 312-541-9710 E-Mail: pleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 25 1505 Case Number: 2025FC0000136 TJSC#: 45-3004

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff vs.

Patrick Craig; et. al. Defendant 2025 FC 0000037

NOTICE OF SALE

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Property Index No. 14-10-301-005 The real estate is improved with a residence.

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PUBLIC RECORD

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

Police reports

• **ELMWOOD** – An Elmwood-area man was accused of threatening to use a drill bit to stab someone.

Russell M. Varnell, 51, was arrested following the incident. It happened shortly before 6:30 p.m. Dec. 27 at a residence in the 2300 block of Illinois Route 8, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

The victim, a 33-year-old Canton man, said he was remodeling the kitchen at his cousin's residence when Varnell began to argue with him. A physical fight ensued and continued outside. A Milwaukee-brand impact drill with a 6-inch bit was the weapon, according to the victim, who sustained minor injuries.

When asked what happened, Varnell said he hit his head on a trailer in the driveway. He was transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg, then to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center for observation. Varnell was charged with battery and aggravated assault.

• **WEST PEORIA** – A traffic stop in West Peoria led to a Farmington man's arrest on various charges.

Scott E. Garretts, 44, was driving shortly before midnight Dec. 30 when an Illinois State Police trooper pulled him over near Kansas Street and Lehman Road. He was found to have an active Peoria County warrant regarding non-consensual dissemination of a sexual image, according to state police.

Garretts also was accused of driving on a suspended license, expired vehicle registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Kewanee woman required hospital attention following a single-vehicle accident east of Princeville.

Jessica D. Smith was driving a westbound 2014 Jeep Wrangler shortly after 6:45 p.m. Dec. 30 on Illinois routes 90 and 91 when at Rice Road she heard a loud, popping sound, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Smith lost control of the vehicle, which rolled into an east-side ditch. It appeared a passenger-side tire fell off the axle. An ambulance transported Smith to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria to be treated for pelvic and right-leg pain. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed.

• **BELLEVUE** – No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle accident in Bellevue that involved a Farmington man.

David P. Bohanan was driving a southbound 2005 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck shortly before 3:30 p.m. Dec. 29 on Maxwell Road when at Plank Road it sideswiped a

2022 Ford Transit van that was preparing to turn right, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Chad DeRenzy of Canton was the other driver. Both vehicles sustained minor damage and were drivable.

• **BRIMFIELD** – A Dunlap woman was accused of drunken driving following a single-vehicle wreck near Brimfield.

Shortly before 9 p.m. Dec. 25, Laurie M. Stoller was driving a 2019 Infiniti QX5 north in the 7500 block of N. Maher Rd. when she became lost and attempted to turn around. She backed into a ditch and the vehicle struck barbed wire, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The vehicle sustained driver's-side damage and was towed. A separate report regarding Stoller's drunken-driving arrest was heavily redacted. BYE Ambulance Service and Brimfield firefighters responded, but Stoller declined medical treatment.

• **OAK HILL** – A Laura man was cited for multiple offenses after his vehicle crashed into a ditch west of Oak Hill.

The accident happened shortly before 4:30 a.m. Dec. 25 on Pulsifer Road at Illinois Route 8, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. Mason D. Johnson said he lost control of a 2026 Chevrolet Impala, which ended up facing east in the ditch. A deputy noted west-to-east tire tracks in a nearby field.

He was accused of failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper lane use and having open alcohol in his vehicle, although he didn't appear impaired or injured and denied drinking.

• **FARMINGTON** – A non-functional headlight resulted in a Norris woman being detained on a Fulton County warrant.

Katherine J. Siglar, 43, was driving a 2024 Kia shortly before 8:15 p.m. Dec. 23 when a Farmington police officer stopped her on South Main Street because of the headlight issue. A check revealed Siglar was wanted for contempt of court, according to a police report.

After Siglar paid \$130 in bond and fees, she was given a new court date and released.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington-area man fled a traffic stop in a side-by-side vehicle, and a companion in another vehicle was wanted in Fulton County.

Dennis C. Kingsley, 62, was driving the side-by-side shortly after 9 a.m. Dec. 23 in the 600 block of N. Main St. when a Farmington police officer noticed the vehicle did not have a city sticker. He stopped the side-by-side near Knox Road 2300 East and Knox Road 50 North, according to a police report.

A vehicle following the side-by-side, driven by 51-year-old Margaret

E. Venzon of Farmington, also stopped. After the officer told Kingsley to wait, he reboarded the side-by-side and continued north on Road 2300 East to his residence. He said he believed the stop was completed.

Venzon was found to have an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court on a 2025 charge of driving with a suspended license. She was arrested and transported to the Fulton County Jail in Lewistown. Kingsley was cited for driving with a license revoked in 2013.

• **BARTONVILLE** – A traffic stop in Bartonville resulted in a Tri-voi woman's arrest on various illegal-drugs charges.

Alicia L. Phillips, 35, was driving a 1998 Chevrolet Blazer erratically when a Bartonville police officer pulled it over shortly before 2:15 p.m. Dec. 21 in the 5400 block of W. Monroe Rd., according to a police report. A large, clear bag of marijuana was found on the passenger seat.

Further investigation revealed two smoking devices and a substance that tested positive for methamphetamine. Phillips was accused of possession of meth, a hypodermic needle and drug paraphernalia and was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **EDWARDS** – Shortly after 8:15 p.m. Dec. 26, Austin J. Deroo of Homewood was driving a west-bound 2026 Chevrolet Trailblazer in the 11900 block of Illinois Route 8 west of Edwards when the vehicle struck a deer. Deroo was uninjured, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle sustained front-end damage but was drivable.

• **BRIMFIELD** – Shortly after 7 p.m. Dec. 26, Kimberly R. Lenaway of Williamsfield was driving a west-bound 2023 Chevrolet Trailblazer in the 19500 block of U.S. Route 150 near Brimfield when the vehicle struck a deer that emerged from the north. Lenaway declined medical attention, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle was drivable, although it sustained dents on its driver's-side front panel.

• **KICKAPOO** – Shortly before 5:45 p.m. Dec. 21, Grant M. Hunt of Princeville was driving a northbound 2007 Toyota Camry in the 10900 block of N. Princeville-Jubilee Rd. north of Kickapoo when the vehicle struck a deer that emerged from the east. Hunt and his passenger, a male, declined medical attention, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle was drivable, although it sustained major front-end damage.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Jan. 4-10: suspicious incident, Yates City; alarm, Farmington.

Princeville eyes vacant lots, if price is right

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE — The village might consider purchasing two vacant parcels of land that once were the site of a Mexican restaurant.

According to Village President Jeff Troutman, the current owner of the lots in the 100 block of N. Walnut Ave. appears to be delinquent in paying property taxes. Troutman suggested the village buy the land, if the price is right.

"We may be able to market that property better and maybe get something in there," Troutman told the Village Board when it met Jan. 20. "If you put a building on that lot, that could increase tax revenues coming into the village."

A fire in June 2019 destroyed a two-story building on those lots.

The building housed Los Jimadores restaurant on its first floor, apartments on its second. Troutman suggested a two-story apartment building could fit in that space, if not a business.

Troutman intends to check the lots' tax status and availability before the next board meeting, scheduled for Feb. 2. It's possible the board could ponder a purchase then.

Regarding action items, trustees approved using leftover budgeted municipal Christmas-supper money to finance an employee bonus. About \$1,000 is to be split among five village workers. Previously, the board authorized giving \$1,000 to the supper caterers, who donated the meal to the village.

The board also authorized a \$1,000 donation to Princeville Little

League. Tabled was approval of the 2024-25 village financial and audit report. Trustee Spencer Wilson wanted clarification regarding part of it.

Wilson also was unable to talk before the meeting with a representative of an upstate-New York community that uses code-enforcement software Princeville officials are considering for purchase. Wilson wants to know if that community's experience with the software has been worthwhile.

Final Princeville-board software-purchase approval is possible in February. Wilson chairs the board's codification committee.

Building permits were also issued for an enclosed front patio at 632 W. Main St. and for solar-panel installation at 701 E. Woertz Rd.

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BRIMFIELD: No Back to School Night?

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families in the district."

The first day of school will be on Friday, Aug. 14, the morning after Wristband Night at Old Settlers Days. Jones isn't concerned that this will impact the first day of school at all, saying, "The first day of school is really just getting them back in here and getting started" and isn't an overly intensive day.

Due to scheduling around Old Settlers (Aug. 13-15), the current plan is to not hold a Back to School Night. Board member Ashlee Stabler suggested having Back to School Night on the Tuesday or Wednesday of that week, expressing concern that kindergarteners

and preschoolers might feel overwhelmed that morning if they haven't already seen their classrooms and dropped off their supplies.

Julie Kurtz, the Brimfield Grade School principal, will solicit community opinion in an upcoming family feedback survey.

The survey will also include a suggestion from Board Member Clint Drury to move future homecomings to the fall, instead of January.

Because Brimfield doesn't have a football team, homecoming is historically celebrated at the end of basketball season. That can be a problem since winter weather can make the dance a cold affair.

Marcy Steele, Brimfield High School principal, said the school met its goal of adding AP classes to its curriculum. So far, 31 students have signed up for those classes. Additionally, Brimfield had over 100 registrations for dual-credit courses, with multiple students signing up for multiple dual-credit courses.

"This shows our kids want opportunities to challenge themselves," Steele said.

The school board approved a biology field trip, the Senior Class field trip, the FY27 calendar and hiring Joanna Bernal as a student-transportation driver.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

by Jeff Pickering

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: When did the Easter Rising insurrection take place in Ireland?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of India?
3. MEDICAL TERMS: What is a common name for lateral epicondylitis?
4. MOVIES: The "Back to the Future II" characters travel forward in time to which year?
5. LITERATURE: What color is the badge of courage in Stephen Crane's novel about the Civil War?
6. GAMES: How many points is the center red bullseye on a dartboard worth?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of floating otters called?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which car company used the slogan "Drive your dreams"?
9. TELEVISION: What is husband Darrin's profession in the "Bewitched" sitcom?
10. SCIENCE: What part of the brain controls hunger?

Answers

1. 1916.
2. New Delhi.
3. Tennis elbow.
4. 2015.
5. Red.
6. 50.
7. A raft.
8. Toyota.
9. Advertising executive.
10. Hypothalamus.

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FOR ANSWERS, SEE PAGE 10

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Avatar: Fire and Ash (PG-13)
2. Primate (R)
3. The Housemaid (R)
4. Zootopia 2 (PG)
5. Greenland 2: Migration (PG-13)
6. Marty Supreme (R)
7. Anaconda (PG-13)
8. The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants (PG)
9. Song Sung Blue (PG-13)
10. David (PG)

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8th Grade - Jaylen Blankenship, Kenleigh Bolton, Graycen B ottrell, Noelle Briney, Drew Dawson,

Ty Dawson, Grace Enloe, Bronte Hubbard, Sophie Hulslander, Walker Jansky, Liam Janson, Brianna Jasken, Connor Lim, Elijah Martin, Lyla Morse, Gregory Nevels, Ian Reyling, Ava Rieglein, Hannah Shirven, Samantha Stanfill, Kaylee Steffes, Arden Stuckel, Eli Taylor, Zoey Taylor, RaeLee Toum, Abigail Williams and Alyssa Williams.

Freshman - Logan Baker, Alexandra Barth, Agatha Baumann, Cynthia Binder, Ava Bowton, Addison Brugger, Juliette Coulter, Ellie Crow, Gianna Funk, Elizabeth Hampton, Jacob Jackson, Jack Jones, Grace Kelsey, Kirsten Little, Lily McCormick, Madalyn Ori, Layla Strom, Theodore Vaughan and Charlotte Walker.

Sophomore - Gwendolyn Agan, Emily Anderson,

Alexis Begner, Cooper Brown, Jade Conlee, Nathan DeSplinter, Ronald Eldridge, Logan French, Oliver Funk, Kolton Head, Joshua Livengood, Savannah McElroy, Beckett Morse, Owen Reyling and Gavin Strom.

Junior - Myles Alger, Makenzie Behrll, Taylor Johns,

Wren Kellenberger, Gatlin Largent, Adelyn Magee, Kayleigh Monroe, Brielle Putney, Gavin Reyling, Michael Roberts, Payge Ryan, Anna Salverson, Silas Schmieg, Logan Seipel, Raigan Taylor, Hallie Thrasher and Claire Vaughan.

Seniors - Natalie Babcock, Kuper Bolton, Hayden Brugger, Cassidy Case, Peyton Davis, Addelynn Dray, Garrett Ekena, Aiden Faulkner, Katy German, Lukas Hays, Kourtney Head, Darwin Herman, Gage Hogue, Alina Hollis, Caleb Kenny, Walter Lampe, Katie May, Raelyn McClain, Joshua McCoy, Adam Milliman, Evan Patterson, Augustus Roberts, Kam Stevenson, Addison Thrasher, Olivia Tippett, Addyson Turner, Garrett Webster and Emma Williams.

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Freshman - Jeffrey Beal, Grant Jackson, Nevaeh Norris, Payton Peck, Colten Seipel and Zaiden Taylor.

Sophomores - Karsyn Bolton, Cody Burge, Rory Conklin, Lia Hulslander, Audrey Rushing, Ava Tippett, Noah Toum and Aubrey Wilkins.

Juniors - Emery Baumann, Olivia Brannan, Cheyenne Burge, Brashen Butler, Mackenzie Caulkins, Marshall Jansky, Aubrey Menold, Noah Newman and Owen Thornton.

Seniors - Samantha Centers, Ruby Ekena, Andrew Kraemer, Lacie Lentz, Alexandra Reno, Ian Smith, Brayden Stevens, Caleb Stevens, Evan Swandinsky and Aubrie Thrasher.

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Five Years Ago

• Gov. JB Pritzker's office announced that all sports – including sports deemed high-risk such as football, basketball and wrestling – can be played in those Illinois regions that have rolled back to Phase 4 mitigations.

• Archers in Illinois posted a record harvest of 75,544 deer during the 2020-21 season. That is an 11.5% increase over last year's archery harvest of 67,743, which was also a record.

10 Years Ago

• Circuit Judge Katherine Gorman on Jan. 20 officially signed off on the sale of the Palace Theatre to Farmers State Bank, the

only bidder in a \$192,330.85 foreclosure sale.

36 Years Ago

• Adrienne Johnson was selected as the DAR Good Citizen from Princeville High School.

46 Years Ago

• The Elmwood Fire Department was called to the Powers home, located at 501 W. Butternut, when smoke was discovered coming from a floor board on the main floor. The fire was quickly extinguished.

75 Years Ago

• A breakdown on the No. 2 pump caused the water committee of the Princeville Village Board to issue an appeal to residents to co-

operate in conserving water until repairs could be completed.

106 Years Ago

• The temperature in Princeville read 16 degrees below zero.

116 Years Ago

• Fire raging through the upper part of their house on South Elm Street in Elmwood drove the Earl DeFord family out in sub-zero weather at 2 a.m. They saved part of their clothing and some furniture.

• Tom Jefford of Farmington had his right hand broken when he was shoeing a mule and it kicked him.

136 Years Ago

• John Baker started a shoe repair shop in the Star Clothing House in Farmington.

ELMWOOD: Homework club in elementary school

Continued from Page 1

Schmieg noted that he is now a certified driver who can be called on in emergency situations. He then took a moment to praise bus drivers and the district's grounds crew for recent efforts during inclement weather.

In other discussion, Board member Tori Goedeke reported that the elementary school is developing an afterschool homework club. Principal Marcy Brugger said students can stay

30-45 minutes after school to get homework done under teacher supervision.

In other action items, the board approved awarding an additional 20 sick days to teacher Stephanie Colgan to allow her to enter the early retirement program in May. She will retire at the end of the 2029-30 school year.

The board also approved hiring Amerika Harmon as junior high assistant track coach, Breanne Bell as

high school girls assistant track coach and Allison Ramsay as an elementary aide.

The board heard from administrators that the high school scholastic bowl team leads the standings in the Peoria Area League and the Prairie-land Conference. Also, senior Walter Lampe will represent Elmwood High School as its Lincoln Award winner for a Regional Office of Education banquet on Feb. 12.

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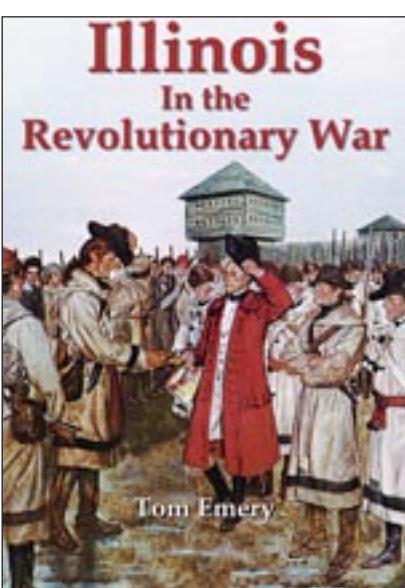
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College graduate

• Alexis Stufflebeam of Farming-

ton graduated from Quincy University with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice.

College honors

• William Goldammer of Princeville was named to the South Dakota State University Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the fall 2025 semester.

• The following students were named to the Iowa State University President's list (4.0 gpa for two consecutive semesters): Joelle Bloms of Edwards and Brinae Isabel Rice of Princeville.

• The following students were named to the Iowa State University Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2025 fall semester: Mason Alexander Siegel of Brimfield, Audrey M. Bloms of Edwards and Liz Hayden of Elmwood.

Et cetera

• GALESBURG – The Knox County Farm Bureau recently received the Pinnacle Award at the 111th annual meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau. The Pinnacle Award is the highest given and recognizes overall program excellence.

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welcomed back by friends and the community they cherished. There, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reunion surrounded by their family, over 50 friends that attended their wedding back in 1967 and nearly everyone from their wedding party.

Becky is survived by sons Brad (Erin) Hollis and Todd (Anne) Hollis and grandchildren Noah, Caleb, Alina and Meg Hollis. Preceding her in death were her husband Dave; parents Charles Lemeul and Helen Davies Wiard and Hobart Franklin Batdorf; and brother Chuck Wiard.

Arrangements for a celebration of life for friends and family will be held at a future date in Mount Vernon.

Donations can be made in honor of Becky at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria, in gratitude for the people who took such great care of her.

Robert J. Neumann

PRINCEVILLE — Robert J. "Bob" Neumann, 78, of Princeville, passed away Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, at his home surrounded by the love of his family. Bob was born May 27, 1947, in Geneseo, the son of Mitchell J. and Berthella "Budde" (Nielsen) Neumann.

Bob attended Geneseo High School. He married Nancy Lee Williams on May 24, 1970, in Geneseo. She survives.

Bob is also survived by one son, Gustave "Gus" (Sharon) Neumann of Bettendorf, Iowa; one grandson, Owen; one granddaughter, Taylor; and four siblings, Henry "Hank" Neumann of West Virginia, Judy (Lester) Hallquist of Dixon, Marcia Elder of Des Moines, Iowa, and Michelle



Neumann

Dale of Queen City, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Marianne Kenyon; and one brother, Paul Mitchell Neumann.

Bob's early years were spent behind the wheel of a truck. His career evolved as he took on the role of a millwright, and he became a respected machinery repairman for Pearson's in Galva. His expertise was further recognized at Komatsu and as a contractor for Caterpillar Inc. through ATS.

Beyond his professional life, Bob was a man of diverse interests and hobbies. His hands were rarely still, as he was a tinkerer at heart. Bob found joy in the skies, holding a private pilot license. He embraced the thrill of skydiving, experiencing the world from extraordinary heights and perspectives. On the ground, he was an avid deer hunter, respecting nature and the quietude of the outdoors. His love for biking took him to the Ragbrai, where he biked for seven days across Iowa.

Bob's love for water led him to many peaceful days kayaking. He had a special place in his heart for restoring John Deere tractors, to the extent of gifting one to each of his grandchildren. His restorations were not just a hobby but a testament to his ability to see potential and value in the forgotten.

Community was everything to Bob, and he was always the first to lend a hand. Bob was a lifetime member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Marine Corp. League, American Legion Post 1031 and Veterans of Foreign Wars. His generosity knew no bounds and he was often found helping neighbors, friends and even strangers with any task that needed doing.

Bob's legacy is one of kindness, adventure and a life well-lived. His absence will be felt deeply by all who had the pleasure of knowing



Hollis

Becky Hollis

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio — Becky Wiard Hollis passed away peacefully on Jan. 19, 2026.

She was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, on Sept. 20, 1944, to Hobart Franklin and Helen Davies Batdorf. Hobart gave his live in service to our country during World War II when Becky was very young.

Becky was then raised by Helen Davies and Charles Lemuel Wiard and grew up in Centerburg, Ohio, a vibrant and feisty beauty who first met the love of her life, C. David (Dave) Hollis, in elementary school. He also grew up in the area.

Becky attended Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio, majoring in music and business, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Tau sorority. She was proud to be a 60-year member of The Eastern Star.

Becky followed Dave to the Ohio State University and was elected sweetheart of his fraternity, Delta Theta Sigma. They were married following graduation on Aug. 20, 1967.

Becky obtained her degree in education and became a teacher and eventually served as a respected librarian in multiple communities in Nebraska, Illinois and Vermont. No matter where she and Dave lived, Becky's mantra was "Go out and meet people." She loved to host gatherings and was known for her quick wit and devotion to her two sons, Brad and Todd, who are both Eagle Scouts. As a passionate sports fan, Becky was often seen proudly wearing Ohio State apparel.

After 45 years away, Dave and Becky returned to rural Mount Vernon, Ohio, where they were warmly

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him but his spirit will continue to inspire those he has left behind.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville. Visitation will also be held Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026, from 10-11 a.m. Memorials may be made to the Greater Peoria Honor Flight, www.greaterpeoriahonorflight.org. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

Eryn Y. Van Acker

DANVILLE, Calif. — Eryn Yvonne Van Acker, a beloved life partner, daughter, sister, sister-in-law and aunt passed away on Jan. 5, 2026, at the age of 40.



Van Acker

She was born on March 2, 1985, in Princeton. Her childhood was spent in Elgin, Ill., where she laid the foundation for a life filled with love,

compassion, caring and precious memories.

Eryn was deeply committed to her partner of 13 years, Adam Rauhut. She was, and will remain, a cherished daughter of Yates City native Nancy (Bowers) and Richard Van Acker; and a beloved sister to Victor Chad Van Acker. She was devoted to his family and will be sorely missed by her sister-in-law Mavy and her nephews, Sebastian and Nicolas, and her niece, Daniela. Much of Eryn's greatest joy came from the time she spent with her family.

Professionally she was a remarkable educator, working with children displaying emotional, behavioral and mental-health disorders. She changed the lives of countless children through her passion and dedication. Eryn instilled in her students a belief that they could learn and succeed.

Eryn will be remembered for her giving spirit, her caring heart and her beautiful smile. She had a special way of connecting with others. She touched the lives of all who knew her, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness and acceptance.

A celebration of life service will

be held on March 14, 2026, from noon to 4 p.m. at Moretti's, located at 2300 Bushwood Drive, Elgin, IL 60124.

William C. Orr

HANNA CITY — William Curtis "Bill" Orr, lovingly known as "Uncle Willy," 82, of Strasburg, formerly of Hanna City, passed away Jan. 18, 2026, in Evelyn's House in Creve Coeur, Mo.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2026, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Strasburg. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Jan. 29, 2026, and one hour before service time on Friday, both at the church. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Strasburg.

Orr was born on Sept. 29, 1943, in Kewanee, the son of William D. and Evelyn (Swearingen) Orr. He married Linda Rincker on Oct. 1, 1967. He is survived by his wife, Linda; two daughters, Amy (Matt) Edwards of Bloomington and Susan (Eric) Smith of Saginaw, Mich.; sons William J. (Melissa) Orr of St. Charles, Mo., and Michael Orr of Strasburg; 10 grandchildren; and mother-in-law, Mildred Rincker of Neoga.

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2. Which of these wasn't on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus? Peter, James, John, Andrew

3. From Matthew 13, how many of Jesus' "brothers" wrote books of the Bible? 0, 1, 2, 3

4. Which of these had 300 concubines? Pharaoh, King Solomon, Saul, Adam

5. What is the biblical interpreta-

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tion of a concubine? Oven, Secondary wife, Chariot, Gold bracelet

6. In which city did King Ahasuerus mainly live? Corinth, Gath, Berea, Shushan

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Andrew, 3) Two (James and Jude), 4) King Solomon, 5) Secondary wife, 6) Shushan

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Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 am

In person and livestream

(Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)

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Father James Pankiewicz

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Saturday Mass: 4 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30 & 10 am

Mon., Wed., and Fri. Mass: 8 am

Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Plaintiff vs. **Dominic W Ramsey; United States of America; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants** Defendant 25 FC 114 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 **February 18, 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:**

LOTS 74 AND 75 IN MEADOW-LAWN ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF AVERYVILLE, NEW CITY OF PEORIA, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 9, 1905 IN PLAT BOOK 'F', PAGE 62; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 14-27-254-003.

Commonly known as **3918 N. Dayton Ave., Peoria, IL 61614.**

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, Pottstivo & Associates P.C., 223 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 610, Chicago, IL 60606. (248) 853-4400 ext 1200. 320164

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: Scott Cranford; Beverly K. Cranford; Occupant; Jeffrey S. Cranford; Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2025-TX-000268

FILED: December 29, 2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
 Date Premises Sold: November 6, 2023

Certificate No.: 202200326

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: **1916 North**

Apex Road, Peoria, IL 61604

Legal Description or Property Index No.: **13-34-380-052**

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on **June 10, 2026**.

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 324 Main St.
 Room 101
 Peoria, IL 61602
 309-492-6059
 Private Equity Group LLC
 Purchaser or Assignee
 December 30, 2025
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•••**PUBLIC NOTICE**

TO: Anita Johnson; Anita Johnson; Anita Johnson; Occupant; Yokita Lynn Johnson; Kiersten I. Teague; Kenedy J. Teague; Kobe Johnson; Robert E. Buchanan; First State Bank of Forrest as Successor to The Heights Bank, First State Bank of Forrest as Successor to The Heights Bank; Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2025-TX-000271

FILED: December 29, 2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
 Date Premises Sold: November 6, 2023
 Certificate No.: 202200472
 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
 Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: **4004 North Grand Boulevard, Peoria, IL 61614**
 Legal Description or Property Index No.: **14-27-229-010**

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on **June 10, 2026**.

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•••**PUBLIC NOTICE**

TO: Diana L. Maxwell; Dawn M. Klimaszewski; Diana L. Maxwell; Dawn M. Klimaszewski; Occupant; Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2025-TX-000267

FILED: December 29, 2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
 Date Premises Sold: November 6, 2023
 Certificate No.: 202200199
 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
 Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: **1203 East London Avenue, Peoria Heights, IL 61616**
 Legal Description or Property Index No.: **14-27-330-013**

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on **June 10, 2026**.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to

FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
 Property Located at: **5004 East Vermillion Drive, Chillicothe, IL 61523**
 Legal Description or Property Index No.: **10-06-404-004**

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on **June 10, 2026**.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: Cheryl Scherer; Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Cheryl Scherer; Gaylord L. Scherer; Ryan M. Scherer; Occupant; Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2025-TX-000269
 FILED: December 29, 2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
 Date Premises Sold: November 6, 2023

Certificate No.: 202200344
 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: **7506 North Parliament Place, Peoria, IL 61614**
 Legal Description or Property Index No.: **14-08-156-002**

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on **June 10, 2026**.

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CLM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY
In Re ESTATE OF JOY A. PATTON,
Deceased.

CC 2025-PR-0000353

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **JOY A. PATTON** on November 17, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **MARK A. PATTON**, of 12125 West Mader Road, Brimfield, Illinois 61517, 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 **24th day of July, 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 30th day of December, 2025.

MARK A. PATTON, Executor of the Estate of JOY A. PATTON,

Deceased.

ROBERT L. POTTS, Esq.

WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.

Attorneys for Executor

118 West Main Street

P. O. Box 368

Elmwood, IL 61529-0368

Telephone: (309) 742-3611

becky@whitneyandpotts.com

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TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
Date Premises Sold: November 6, 2023
Certificate No.: 202200607
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 1415 West Maywood Avenue, Peoria, IL 61604
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 14-32-133-013

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on **June 10, 2026**.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Lisa M. Cansino; Lisa M. Cansino; Lisa M. Cansino; Lisa M. Cansino; Occupant; Justin W. Mills; Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2025-TX-000274
FILED: December 29, 2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
Date Premises Sold: November 6, 2023
Certificate No.: 202200604
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 1709 West Gilbert Avenue, Peoria, IL 61604

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 14-32-105-004

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on **June 10, 2026**.

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Private Equity Group LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
December 30, 2025
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: John G. Torset; Carol G. Torset; Unknown Heirs & Devisees for the Estate of Carol G. Torset; Occupant; Renee Marie Torset; Soraya Marie McKee; Village of Hanna City c/o Village Clerk; Village of Hanna City C/o Village Clerk; Village Attorney for The Village of Hanna City; Liberty Village of Peoria; Ronald J. Wilson as R/A for Liberty Village of Peoria d/b/a Residential Alternatives of Illinois, Inc.; Edwin Barney as Attorney in 2023-SC-0001192; CEFCU; CEFCU a/k/a Citizens Equity First Credit Union; Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2025-TX-000274
FILED: December 29, 2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
Date Premises Sold: November 6, 2023
Certificate No.: 202201036
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 12923 West Court Street, Hanna City, IL 61536
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-10-429-016

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on **June 10, 2026**.

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Purchaser or Assignee
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: Harold W. Harris; Kody Allen Harris; Kirk Andrew Harris; Kody Allen Harris; Christopher Anthony Harris; Christopher Anthony Harris; Occupant; Megan D. Harris; Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2025-TX-000274
FILED: December 29, 2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
Date Premises Sold: November 6, 2023
Certificate No.: 202201219
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 5011 Pfeiffer Road, Bartonville, IL 61607
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 17-26-378-039

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on **June 10, 2026**.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

THE ELMWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT #322, located at 301 W. BUTTERNUT, ELMWOOD, IL 61529 is inviting sealed Bid Proposals from interested and qualified parties for the following job:

ELMWOOD SCHOOL TRACK RESURFACING

This work shall include all labor, supervision, materials, supplies, transportation, equipment, and services necessary and required to perform the work of resurfacing the track, high jump area, and long jump runway. A single stipulated sum bid will be received for all work. The work includes removal of all dirt and debris from the existing track. Make any necessary repairs to the existing track surfacing prior to resurfacing, including fixing any cracks and replacing any torn, loose, or missing areas. Mask any adjacent areas to protect from overspray. (fencing, bleachers, etc.) Furnish and install two coats of polyurethane structural spray track resurfacing coating giving the track two new wear layers. Apply the structural black color spray coating at a rate of 3.6lbs/sq. yard. Stripe the track to current ISHA and NFHS guidelines. All work to be started after **June 1, 2026**, and completed by **July 31, 2026**.

Bids will be received by **ELMWOOD SCHOOL, 301 W. BUTTERNUT, ELMWOOD, IL, 61529**, until **2:00 PM**, central time, **Friday, February 20, 2026**, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Information on the bidding process and site visits can be arranged by contacting **Mr. Joel Schmieg, Superintendent, ELMWOOD CUSD #322, 301 W. BUTTERNUT, ELMWOOD, IL, 61529, 309-742-8464, jschmieg@elmwood322.com**.

ELMWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids and to waive any informality in the Bidding. After receipt of Bids and completion of the review process, **ELMWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT** may award a contract to the Bidder that its judgment will provide a combination of the best service and lowest cost.

Successful bidders shall be required to observe the Fair Employment Practices Commission Rules pertaining to Equal Employment Opportunity and comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 IL CS 130/1 et seq. and use Wage Determination as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor, Conciliation, and Mediation Division. These wages will remain in effect until superseded by a new determination.

Published 1/29/26

ANNUAL TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Elba-Salem Park District

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

Wayne Wrage, treasurer of Elba-Salem Park District, does hereby submit his Statement of all monies received and from what resources received, of all monies paid including compensation paid out for personal service and of all funds and account groups for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and being first duly sworn upon his Oath, does further Depose and Say the following Statement by his subscribed and the matter and things therein set forth are true and correct:

General Park Fund

Bank of Yates City beginning balance July 1, 2024	\$35,964.29
Revenues	
Bank of Yates City interest	\$19,894.20
Ballfield Rental and Concessions	1,534.98
Other Income	28,412.49
Donation for Ballfield Improvements	20,098.05
Knox County Treasurer Real Estate Tax	\$70,136.25
Total Revenues:	\$106,100.54
Total Revenue and beginning balance Expenditures	
Insurance Premium	\$10,357.00
Building Improvements	24,411.78
Utilities-lights, water, etc.	1,921.82
Ballfield and Concession Expenses	7,235.33
Grounds Maintenance	2,641.65
Mowing	3,870.00
Concession Stand Improvements	3,913.37
Repairs	3,362.34
Miscellaneous each under 2,500.00	3,072.65
Total Expenditure:	\$60,785.94
Balance on hand June 30, 2025	\$45,314.60
Community Center Fund	
Bank of Yates City beginning balance July 1, 2024	\$135,719.34
Revenue	
Bank of Yates City Interest	\$2,153.90
Building Rentals	12,648.00
Donations	25,186.99
Insurance Proceeds	12,653.45
Total Revenues:	\$52,642.34
Total Revenue and beginning balance Expenditures:	
Utilities-lights, water, etc.	\$6,033.14
Cleaning Expense	4,149.85
Repairs	9,143.13
Miscellaneous each under 2,500.00	5,697.13
Total Expenditure:	\$25,022.25
Balance on hand Checking Account June 30, 2025	\$3,132.31
Balance on hand Certificates of Deposit June 30, 2025	\$160,207.12
Balance on hand June 30, 2025	\$163,339.43

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

2023

Certificate No.: 202202343
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 213 South Main Street, Peoria, IL 61604
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 17-10-428-033

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scribed as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2025-TX-000282
FILED: December 29, 2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
Date Premises Sold: November 6, 2023
Certificate No.: 202200697
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
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Property Located at: 414 West Corning Avenue, Peoria, IL 61604

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 14-33-112-003

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This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Peoria County in 324 Main St., Peoria, IL 61602, Room 203, on July 27, 2026 at 9:30 AM.

You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

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December 30, 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Stanley L. Gardner, Troy E. Gardner; Eric A. Gardner; Eric A. Gardner; Occupant; Dawn L. Schwab; Robert M. Arthaly; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Attorney General for the State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Rachael Parker, County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2025-TX-000281
FILED: December 29, 2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Peoria
Date Premises Sold: November 6, 2023

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4

Plaintiff

ZIPPORAH MEADERDS AKA ZIPPO-RAH RANDLE AKA ZIPPORAH FRANKLIN; WT FRANKLIN; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendant

25 FC 53

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 February 25, 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 43 IN PARK EAST SECTION ONE, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 14, 1971, IN PLAT BOOK "Z-2", PAGE 99, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N. 13-13-303-007.

Commonly known as 4124 W. COURTLAND ST., PEORIA, IL 61615.

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 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information 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, Robert-son, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-268717

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

Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Plaintiff

vs.

Patrick Craig; et. al.

Defendant

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ALL OF LOT 51 AND THE NORTH HALF (1/2) OF LOT 50 IN MEADOWLAWN ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF AVERYVILLE, (NOW CITY OF PEORIA), BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SEC-

TION 27; TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 14-27-258-005.

Commonly known as 3726 N. Dayton Ave., Peoria, IL 61614.

The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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

For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 25 1505.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-5400

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 27, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 4, 2026, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, NE Jefferson St., Main Entrance, PEORIA, IL, 61602, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) NORTH, RANGE NINE (9) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, AND BEARINGS ARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIPTION ONLY: BEGINNING AT A MAGNETIC NAIL AT THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 30; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST (SE 1/4) OF SAID SECTION THIRTY (30), A DISTANCE OF 435.61 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.000 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CLOVERDALE ROAD ALONG THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT.

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Property Index No. 05-30-400-010

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$110,052.14.

Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate.

after confirmation of the sale.

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E-Mail: ipleadings@johnsonblumberg.com

Attorney File No. 25 1505

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Farmington boys get back on track

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

Farmington boys basketball appears to be in relatively decent health for the first extended stretch this season. The Farmers' recent results appear to be reflecting that.

Logan Gardner had 16 points to lead three Farmington scorers in double digits Jan. 23, when they beat Elmwood 48-44. At the time, it was the third consecutive victory for Farmington and its fourth in five games.

Since then, Farmington (9-11) has beaten Knoxville, 75-44 on Jan. 24, and Aledo Mercer County, 53-47 in overtime Monday night. Landon Crawford's return last week from injury dovetailed with the start of that five-game winning streak.

"Good time of the year to be playing well," Farmington Coach Marty Lozier stated.

Against Elmwood, Gardner was 8-for-8 from the field. Farmington pounded the ball to him inside, according to Lozier. Gardner also had help from outside. Crawford made two 3-pointers on his way to 13 points. Teammate Boston Smith scored 11.

For Elmwood (11-8), the game ended the same way as several other recent close defeats, according to Trojans Coach Josh Fugitt. Elmwood was forced to foul, and Farmington was 5-for-6 from the line in the fourth quarter. Smith was 4-for-4 on free throws then, 6-for-6 overall.

"The results will only start going our way if we make better decisions on the court," Fugitt stated. "Our program has been built on being relentless and playing together. We're struggling with both areas."

Quinton Johns had 16 points, half of those in the



Farmington's Logan Gardner scores one of his eight baskets against Elmwood in their Jan. 23 meeting. Gardner was 8-for-8 from the floor for a team-high 16 points in the 48-44 victory. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

fourth quarter, and Karsyn Bolton scored 12 for Elmwood. It's to play Friday night at home against Illini Bluffs.

Against Mercer County, Crawford had 15 points and Gardner 15 and Smith 13.

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Friendly rivals are foes for a day

Elmwood girls visit Brimfield

By ANDY LATORA

For The Weekly Post

The opposing players in Tuesday's girls basketball game will be teammates in a couple months if they play softball or compete in track and field.

The coaches are good friends who chat a couple times a week and are supportive of each other's program throughout the season.

As friendly as the key components are, it's a game and they still keep score. So on Tuesday, Elmwood will make the nine-mile trip to Brimfield for a Prairieland Conference clash.

"For Elmwood and the rivalry, yes, it is a big game. Both teams will be amped up for it," Brimfield Coach Josh McKown said. "We co-op with them in everything except basketball and volleyball, so there is mutual respect there. No doubt a rivalry, but probably more of a friendly rivalry than anything."

"Coach (Kevin) Faulkner is a good friend and we probably chat a couple times a week. I think he's doing a great job with his girls and he has them playing really well. They play incredibly hard and their defense ranks up there with some of the best around."

"With that said, we aren't going to back down from them. I think we can play with them if we can control the tempo, limit our turnovers and continue playing decent defense as we have been."

Faulkner echoed the

comments of his counterpart, noting the close relationships between players and coaches.

"We are incredibly excited to play against Brimfield, especially because of the close connection our two teams share," Faulkner said. "This game brings together two teams that deeply respect one another and genuinely love to compete."

Faulkner said his team is not at full strength due to ailments and eligibility issues but the Lady Trojans are working to solve that while building for the postseason and the Class 1A regional Elmwood will host.

"Several girls have truly stepped up in big ways," Faulkner said. "With our final six games, we want to work through a few remaining kinks and be playing our best basketball when it matters most."

McKown's group got off to a rocky start but has rebounded and has been playing well.

"It's a testament to the girls and how hard they have worked," McKown said. "It would have been easy to fold after a 2-8 start, but they've kept with it, kept improving and are finding ways to get wins. We're 9-4 since Dec. 20. It's truly been a team effort."

The Lady Indians have spread the wealth offensively during their surge.

"It's not the same one or two girls scoring every night, that's what I love about this team," said McKown. "They are very

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FARMINGTON WRESTLING



Above: Farmington senior 144-pound wrestler Bradlee Ellis holds a banner recognizing his 150 career wins last Thursday after duals against Midwest Central and Knoxville. From left to right are Farmington Coach Jacob Durbin, Ellis and assistant coaches Scott Showalter and Matt Huber. Right: Farmington's Ian Winner has a Midwest Central opponent locked in a cradle. Photos by Dave Giagnoni.



Farmington hardware

Farmington wrestlers Isaac Showalter and Bradlee Ellis won titles at last Saturday's Bob Mitton Invitational at Orion. Showalter improved to 33-0 after he blanked top-seeded Nate Lower of Rockridge 10-0 in the 106-pound final. Ellis, who posted his 150th career win on Jan. 22, notched a pair of pins and a 20-3 technical fall en route to the 144-pound championship. Ellis, a senior, improved to 31-1 on the season. Farmington will compete Saturday in the Class 1A individual regional at Camp Point Central.

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