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POCKET CHANGE

Scarce penny makes sense

Production of one-cent halted due to rising cost

By **ERIKA TULFO**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – At the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, visitors can shop for sweatshirts, pillows, jewelry and chocolates using coins bearing the face of perhaps the most-famous Illinoisian, Abraham Lincoln.

But even here, pennies are growing scarce at the cash register.

The museum gift shop, like the rest of the country, is grappling with a penny shortage after the United States Mint halted production of the coin in November, citing the rising cost of producing them.

The lack of fixed guidance from the state and federal governments about how to cope with the shortage of new pennies has left some business owners scrambling to come up with ways to address it.

Many retailers are just rounding up or down to the nearest 0- or 5-cent mark in their prices to make change. They will accept the one-cent coins, but can’t always pay them out.

“The retailer faces frustration on behalf of the consumer,” said Rob Karr, president of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association. “Most retailers are rounding in the consumers’ favor, which doesn’t make the consumer mad, but it also takes profits out of the retailer and puts them at the narrowest end of the net-profit margin. So every penny matters there. I think the absence of clear guidance at the moment is difficult.”

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Pennies are growing scarce after production of the one-cent coin was halted last November by the United States Mint, which cited the rising cost of producing them.

Former officer files lawsuit vs. Princeville

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – Local school-district personnel are accused of restraining 2-year-old twins for more than an hour while in daycare, a violation of state administrative law.

The twins’ mother is the district’s former school resource officer. The Peoria County Sheriff’s Office reassigned her following a subsequent, unrelated daycare incident.

A lawsuit filed Jan. 20 in Peoria County Circuit Court on behalf of Eric and Crystal Strauss claims Princeville School District daycare personnel placed the twins in belted chairs as a response to alleged behavior problems.

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services regulations limit such restrictions to one minute per year of age. But the lawsuit alleges the Strauss twins, who were 2 at the time, were restrained regularly for spans of between eight and 100 minutes.

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Inside

- Ground was to be broken Wednesday in Brimfield for a medical clinic. **Page 4**

Farmington paves way for IDOT resurfacing of Illinois Route 78

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – The Farmington City Council on Monday paved the way for a major repaving project.

The council approved four ordinances Monday that were required by the Illinois Department of Transportation for an upcoming resurfacing project on Illinois Route 78.

Resurfacing work scheduled for this year runs from the four-way stop at Fort Street in Farmington to just north of East Alder Road in Canton, which is south of Davis Ford. Also to be resurfaced is the loop of Old Illinois Route 78 through the southeast corner of Norris.

Farmington Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said IDOT will be letting bids for the \$8.5 million standard overlay paving project this week.

“As a matter of fact, they might be waiting on us,” Stufflebeam said.

He explained that Farmington already has all four ordinances in its books but said IDOT wanted them updated. The four involve parallel parking on Route 78, a no-parking ordinance, a waste-water ordinance and a no-encroachment ordinance.

IDOT also has a \$1.3 million plan to replace the Route 78 bridge over the west branch of Copperas Creek, located one-half mile north of Norris, at some point between 2027-31.

Another \$4 million resurfacing projected slated for 2027-31 involves repaving Illinois Route 116 through Farmington to the four-way stop at Fort Street.

In other business, the City Council passed two other ordinances: one to return surplus funds from the TIF district to Fulton County to be distributed to other taxing bodies, and one for a redevelopment grant with Jonetta Scapecchi to replace doors at Lane Transfer Co. The grant had been previously approved but also required an ordinance, Stufflebeam said.

Oak Ridge Cemetery Manager Herb Stufflebeam reported that Bill Atwood of Elmwood has been hired to dig graves. Herb Stufflebeam said Atwood’s smaller excavator fits better in the cemetery and having him do the work will actually save money. He said Atwood digs graves at 40 cemeteries. Cemetery staff will continue to handle digging for cremations.

Finally, Kenn Stufflebeam said a vacant house the city has been attempting to acquire at 181 E. Court St. was broken into. But the city has boarded up the structure and is investigating other measures.

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PENNIES: Lincoln profile on ‘heads’ since 1909

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Some businesses, like the Lincoln Museum gift shop, display a guide on how its rounding system works. The museum, for example, rounds amounts ending in 1 or 2 cents down to 0. It rounds amounts ending in 3 or 4 cents up to 5 cents, and amounts ending in 6 or 7 cents down to 5 cents. However, other business owners say multi-tiered rounding system can be inconvenient and confusing for customers.

For many Illinoisans, there is a sad, end-of-an-era

feeling watching the slow disappearance of the one-cent coin, which was one of the first coins made by the U.S. Mint after its establishment in 1792. President Lincoln’s profile has been on the “heads” side since 1909, and that change made him the first president featured on U.S. coins, in honor of his 100th birthday.

Mary Disseler has been working as a volunteer at the Lincoln Museum for over 20 years since its founding in 2005. As a die-hard fan of Lincoln, she

sees the decision to stop penny production as a sad but sensible decision.

“It kind of breaks my heart. I think it’s a nice tribute to Mr. Lincoln, but I understand that it’s costing four cents to make a penny, so there’s a part of us that has to be practical, too,” she said.

Keith Wetherell, executive director of the Illinois Licensed Beverage Association, has practical concerns, too. He worries that the inconvenience posed by complicated rules around rounding could affect customers’ sentiments.

“The one thing that we would really lobby against was any type of bouncing around from city to city where you have all these

different rules and stuff; we want to just minimize the confusion,” he said. “We just like to make everything as good and as easy as possible for the customer.”

Julie Johnson, who owns Daisy Jane’s, a boutique in downtown Springfield, said she rounded up cash change to the benefit of the customer when necessary but would rather use pennies to give them exact amounts.

“My jar is pretty low on coins. I’m gonna have to figure out what (the state) wants us to do with pennies,” she said. “When you calculate tax on something, it’s almost always going to have pennies as part of the equation.”

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Hot Picks Ahead

- **Fish Fries** – Kickapoo Sportsman’s Club has Friday fish fries starting Friday, Feb. 20, 4:30-7 p.m. Other dates: March 6, 20 and April 3.
- Princeville Knights of Columbus has fish fries Friday, Feb. 20, and March 6, 5-7 p.m., at St. Mary of the Woods church.
- Brimfield American Legion has catfish fillets and shrimp Feb. 27, March 13 and March 27, 5-7 p.m. Dine in or take out.
- **Benefit Auction** – Kickapoo St. Mary’s has its 31st auction Saturday, Feb. 21, at Robert C. Schmitt Gymnasium. Drinks and appetizers at 5 p.m., auction at 7.

This Week’s Events

- **Harvest Home** – A Harvest Home fundraiser dinner is today, Feb. 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Yates City Community Center. Open-face roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, Texas toast, dessert and a drink costs \$13.
- **Ladies’ Night** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library in Elmwood has a macrame project today, Feb. 19, for its Ladies’ Night Out at 6:30 p.m. Make a plant hanger or small wall hanging. Materials provided for free. Call ahead at (309) 742-2431 to ensure there are enough supplies.
- **Movie Night** – “Megamind” is showing for an interactive family movie night Friday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Lillie M. Evans Library in Princeville. Goody bags. No unaccompanied minors.
- **Civil War Talk** – Ron Kirchgessner will give a presentation on the history of Civil War medicine on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 2 p.m. at American Legion Post 371 in Wil-

liamsfield. Refreshments served. Civil War relics on display. All are welcome to this Williamsfield Historical Society event.

- **Recycling Program** – Paul Jaquet of Eagle Enterprises in Galva will discuss recycling, repurposing, reducing and reusing on Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library. Free program for ages 18 and over.
- **A.I. Night** – Lisa Schwartz will present a community night on artificial intelligence and student safety Feb. 25, 6 p.m. at Brimfield High School. Elmwood families are also welcome.

Future Events

- **Career Fair** – Elmwood High School has a career fair for all area high school students April 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Vendors are welcome. Email tombell@elmwood322.com.
- **Meals on Wheels** – Meals on Wheels delivered in Elmwood and Yates City on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call (309) 772-9284.

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Of groundbreaking, droughts & lost bizs

February, 2026

Student of the Month

Joseph Scott Zimmerman

Congratulations to February Senior of the Month, Joseph Scott Zimmerman! Joseph is the son of Bob and Kathy Zimmerman and is a senior in the Life Skills program at Farmington Central High School. Joseph enjoys interacting with his friends at school and looks forward to seeing them each day. His favorite classes include PE, Math, and Ag. Joseph is excited to graduate in May and plans to attend the SEAPCO RISE program. In his spare time, he enjoys playing the piano, spending time with his cousins and uncle riding in the combine, and hanging out with his siblings, Jonathan and Joanna.

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The first formal announcement of the project came on a steamy July day in 2024. The forecast was much more temperate for Wednesday's groundbreaking, which

Jeff LAMPE

OSF said in a press release “reflects the ongoing commitment of OSF HealthCare to expand access to care and support the health needs of the communities it serves.”

Originally, construction was expected to be completed this year. We'll have more on the new clinic in next week's edition, hopefully with an artist's rendition of the facility.

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Our local drought is worsening. After the ice went out, our stretch of French Creek dropped to levels I've not previously seen. Rural homeowners are feeling the sting, as several wells have run dry. That not only forces folks to haul water for drinking and bathing but has also boosted business at local laundromats. ... Also bearing a burden from the dryness are local fire departments responding to out-of-control brushfires. Folks, plan ahead before you burn. ... With

Fulton Sheen headed for beatification, all that stands in the way of sainthood is one more miracle. How about a Bills Super Bowl win? ... Forbes published its top 25 companies in Illinois and three are located downstate: No. 2 State Farm in Bloomington, No. 8 John Deere in Moline and No. 19 Growmark in Bloomington. Leading the list is GE HealthCare Technologies. Sadly missing is Caterpillar Inc., now No. 15 in Texas. Another recent relocation shows Boeing No. 14 in Virginia. ... Parting shot: Overall, from 1994-2013, Illinois lost 2,616 businesses to other states, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Only California and New York have fared worse. Hmmm. Seems to be a trend in there somewhere.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Peoria - Peoria, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff
vs.
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Police reports

• **ELMORE** – No injuries were reported following a fire that destroyed a house in Elmore.

The blaze at 22025 N. Main St. began shortly before 10:45 p.m. Feb. 3, according to Ty Landon, chief of the Williamsfield Fire Protection District. The wood-frame, one-story house was engulfed in flames by the time firefighters arrived.

Both occupants, a man and a woman, evacuated by then. Also safe were two dogs and two goats. Landon indicated a wood burner inside the house might have been the fire source.

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal was notified. Firefighters from the Akron-Princeville, Brimfield, Elba-Salem, Elmwood and Victoria-Copley departments responded. So did public-works personnel from Millbrook Township and Williamsfield.

• **PEORIA** – A Brimfield man was accused of multiple vehicular crimes, including drunken driving, following a traffic stop in Peoria.

An Illinois State Police trooper saw a black GMC pickup truck moving erratically shortly before 9:30 p.m. Feb. 5 on westbound Interstate 74 near mile marker 91. The driver was 38-year-old David A. Waldbeeser, according to the State Police.

Waldbeeser was transported to the Peoria County Jail. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, speeding at least 35 mph over the limit, improper lane use, changing lanes without a signal and driving with a license expired more than one year.

• **PEORIA** – A Hanna City man was arrested at the Peoria County Courthouse regarding a 2021 accusation of indirect civil contempt.

A Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputy took Ronald R. Roberts, 40, into custody at 2 p.m. Feb. 4, according to a report. Bond in Roberts’ case was \$7,950. Roberts was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **KICKAPOO** – An incident at a Kickapoo-area service station led to the arrest of two men.

Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputies were summoned shortly before 8:15 a.m. Feb. 4 to the Shell station at 7116 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd. One of the men was accused of stealing a cellphone charger, according to heavily redacted sheriff’s-office reports.

Matthew A. Dempsey, 47, of Peoria Heights was accused of possession of less than 15 grams of methamphetamine. He also was wanted for failure to appear in court on a criminal-damage-to-property charge. Steven C. Cagle, 40, of Peoria was wanted for failure to appear on a theft charge.

The report indicated an ambulance transported one of the men to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

• **OAK HILL** – A Brimfield man was arrested regarding a domestic-battery allegation. Tyler M. Cassidy, 35, was taken into custody shortly after 12:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and transported to the Peoria County Jail. The incident happened about 1 p.m. the previous day at a residence in the 12700 block of W. Broad St. in Oak Hill, according to Peoria County Sheriff’s Office reports.

A 28-year-old Brimfield woman was the apparent victim.

• **PEORIA** – A traffic stop in Peoria resulted in a Farmington-area man’s arrest on an illegal-drugs charge. Jason R. Becker, 51, was a passenger in a vehicle an Illinois State Police trooper stopped for a taillight violation shortly after 6:15 p.m. Jan. 29 near University Street and McClure Avenue. An investigation ensued.

Becker was accused of unlawful possession of a controlled substance. He was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **TRIVOLI** – A vehicle toppled a power pole and felled power lines south of Trivoli, according to authorities.

The accident at McDonald and Trivoli roads was reported at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 27. The pole and wires were on the pavement when a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputy arrived, according to a report. The pole was snapped at its base. Tire tracks in the snow led from the roadway, over the pole and into a field.

A nearby resident said he heard a crash about 9:15 p.m. Jan. 26 and

saw an older-model pickup truck in the field. The resident lost electrical power, the report stated.

The vehicle was not located immediately.

• **WILLIAMSFIELD** – Shortly before 4:45 p.m. Jan. 18, Cynthia L. Eisenbarth, 56, of Oak Run was driving a 2018 Mazda3 in the 2300 block of Knox Highway 11 southeast of Williamsfield when the vehicle struck a deer. Neither Eisenbarth nor her three passengers – an 11-year-old boy and 4- and 3-year-old girls, all from Hanna City – appeared to be injured, a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report stated. The vehicle was towed.

• **OAK RUN** – Shortly after 5 p.m. Jan. 18, Chad M. Fleming, 52, of Peoria was driving a 2019 Nissan Pathfinder sport-utility vehicle on U.S. Route 150 at Knox Highway 12 south of Oak Run when the vehicle struck a deer. Fleming appeared to be uninjured, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report. The vehicle sustained damage but was drivable.

• **HANNA CITY** – Jason L. Corbett, 45, was arrested shortly before 6:40 p.m. Jan. 29 and accused of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office.

• **ELMWOOD** – Chief Aaron Bean reported the following Elmwood Police Department activity for January: 11 traffic stops, 13 warnings, 12 reports and one notice to appear.

• **FARMINGTON** – Chief Chris Darsham reported the following Farmington Police Department activity for January: 334 business checks, 2,935 building checks, two crashes handled, two property crimes, four traffic tickets, one ordinance violation, three crimes against people, two miscellaneous, 17 traffic stops, four arrests made, nine reports completed, 257 total calls and seven calls to assist other police departments.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff’s Office responded between Jan. 25-31: alarm, Dahinda; road hazard, Williamsfield; mental subject, Williamsfield; fire, Williamsfield; alarm, Williamsfield.

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PRINCEVILLE: Attorney has video evidence

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The lawsuit identified the twins by their initials. They attended Princeville daycare from October 2024 until Jan. 30, 2025.

“You can’t put a restraint on somebody and put them in a timeout for 10, 20, 30, 40 minutes,” said the Strausses’ attorney, Peoria Heights-based Sharbel Rantisi. “Their response to the childrens’ misbehavior was to put them in these chairs. They couldn’t keep the kids from acting up, and this was their way of controlling that.”

A case-management conference in front of Circuit Court Judge Timothy Cusack is set for June 26.

The school district was named in the lawsuit. So were Princeville Superintendent Tony Shinall, Migrant/Head Start Coordinator Luisa Horton-Meza and former daycare teachers Lindsay Brumley and Breckon Clark. The Strausses are seeking at least \$50,000 in damages.

“At this time, the district will not comment on pending litigation,” Shinall said in a text message to The Weekly Post.

Crystal Strauss was the Princeville school resource officer for six years until she was removed Jan. 2 from that job. According to Peoria County Sheriff Chris Watkins, Strauss was reassigned to patrol following an internal investigation regarding alleged policy violations.

That move appears connected to an incident in late October 2025 in which Shinall was accused of lifting a 4-year-old preschooler for disciplinary reasons. Investigations by the Illinois State Police and DCFS cleared Shinall of wrongdoing, according to School Board President Amy Davis.

Crystal Strauss resigned from the sheriff’s office, effective Feb. 6. In a telephone interview with The Weekly Post, Strauss expressed disappointment about her reassignment. According to her, the Princeville community raised money for her fertility treatments, among other acts of appreciation.

“That community has treated me so well,” Strauss said. “They’ve always just been so kind and wonderful. I would do anything for that school.”

Eric Strauss is a sheriff’s-office lieutenant. According to Rantisi, the Strausses were unaware of their children being restrained until Jan. 29, 2025, when Eric Strauss visited the daycare facility. At the time, it was in the same building as the school-district offices.

“They found out about it

because Eric Strauss happened to walk in and see it,” Rantisi said.

Security video corroborates the Strausses’ claims, according to Rantisi. He said Horton-Mesa is seen in at least one of the videos he obtained.

“She was aware of it and didn’t put a stop to it,” Rantisi said.

In February 2025, the School Board accepted the resignations of Brumley and Clark. No reason was

given publicly. The lawsuit accuses Brumley and Clark of preventing the twins from leaving their restraining chairs. It also accuses all the defendants of indifference to or conscious disregard for both children.

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Yates City board OKs funds for road projects

By MOLLY COPHER
For The Weekly Post

YATES CITY – The Yates City Village Board approved up to \$50,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds at its Feb. 11 meeting to go to Knox County for tarring and chipping services expected to start late this summer.

The affected areas include Knox Road 2300, Washington Street and South Dixon Street.

With the expected prices of oil and chip, \$44,000 should cover the project, but the higher amount was approved for any unexpected expenses.

Additionally, \$7,200 was approved

for spray patching by Ace in the Hole, Inc., of Washburn to be completed before the county performs the tarring and chipping work. The money will come out of village’s road and bridge funds and will include a tanker of oil, 23 tons of pea gravel provided by Ace in the Hole and all hauling, application and labor costs.

The board heard that the well and reservoir project is progressing with clean up, electrical work and testing remaining to finish the well and a pre-construction meeting for the groundwater storage tank to be held

Feb. 25. The village is holding the remaining \$500,000 payment for the well until the project is completed.

Additionally, the final phase of connecting 320-amp service at the public-works building is in progress. The village is waiting for Ameren Inc. to schedule a time to be present, as is required for the connection. A total of \$7,600 has been paid toward the project, with the remaining balance to be paid to AMP Electric once the project is completed. The total amount approved for the project was \$11,609.

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OBITUARIES

Cleta J. Riggins

KEWANEE – Cleta J. Riggins, 95, of Kewanee, passed away Friday, Feb. 13, 2026. She was born on July 30, 1930, in Kewanee to the late Frank and Leota (Adams) Stewart, of Princeville. Cleta married Robert “Jean” Riggins on Sept. 1, 1950, in Princeville.

Cleta is survived by her daughter, Candace “Candi” (Dean) Corn of Kewanee; two granddaughters, Somar (Russell) Bryson of Morrison and Sierra (Geoffrey) Hansen of Erie, Colo.; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. One granddaughter, Seana Silvaggio, and great-grandson, Army Spc. Tony Silvaggio V, greet her in heaven. She is also preceded in death by her husband; son Randy; sister Leora Filler; and brother Dana Stewart.

She was a graduate of Illinois State University with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in elementary education. She taught for 28 years in Duncan, Castleton and Wyoming. Cleta retired in 1988 but remained a substitute teacher for many more years after.

Cleta was proud of her heritage and belonged to many organizations. She also bred and raised Arabian horses and Belgian Malinois dogs and was a 4-H header for 30 years.

Cleta will be remembered for all her community involvement.

Memorials may be made to Stark County Elementary School in Wyoming and Princeville Presbyterian Church.

Per her request, cremation rites have been accorded and private services will be held at a later date. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting



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the family with arrangements. Condolences for Cleta’s family may be left on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Homer L. Robbins

PRINCEVILLE – Homer L. Robbins, 92, of Princeville, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, surrounded by his family at home.

Homer was born on March 12, 1933, in Wyoming, to Lyle and Lois E. (Talbert) Robbins. He married Sandra (Groeper) Robbins on Feb. 28, 1953, in Indiana. She preceded him in death on May 5, 2024, after 71 years of marriage.

Surviving are two daughters, Catherine (Bob) Howard of Henrietta, Texas, and Cyndi Robbins of Edelstein; one son, Rob (Janita) Robbins of Princeville; four grandchildren, Amanda (Jeff) King, Adam Darling, Jake Robbins and Holly Robbins; two step grandchildren, Tommy (Karen) Duncan and Lisa Duncan; nine great-grandchildren, Cody, Rylen, Taylor, Bryan, Dustin, Lilly, Addisyn, Ezra and Cole; three sisters, Mary Jane Tilson of Peoria, Bonita Brailey of Memphis, Tenn., and Judy (Mike) Fesler of Danville, Iowa; one brother, Steve (Maria) Robbins of Miami; and many nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by one great-grandchild, Alex; one infant brother, Lyle Robbins; one sister, Lois Ann (Bub) Bouton; and two brothers, John (Edith) Robbins and Lloyd (Pat) Robbins.

Homer served in the United States Navy after graduating from high school. He then went on to become a master plumber. He worked in various places in the Las Vegas and Arizona areas before settling back in Illinois. He spent the majority of his career working at the Na-



Robbins

tional Park Service at Lake Mead, until his retirement in 2004. Homer was a great man with a good sense of humor, who was loved by everyone who came across his path.

A time to celebrate Homer and Sandra’s lives will be held in July. They will be buried in Princeville Township Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron-Princeville Fire Department or OSF Hospice. Condolences may be left for Homer’s family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Dorothy I. Rusch

TRIVOLI – Dorothy I. Rusch, 92, of Trivoli, passed away at 7:54 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026, at Farmington Village in Farmington. She was born on May 25, 1933, in Kickapoo Township, Peoria County, a daughter of Charles and Julia (Cox) Wagner. She married Earl Rusch on June 19, 1952, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Brimfield. He preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 2004.

Also preceding Dorothy in death were her parents; son Daniel Rusch; brother William Wagner; and sisters Matilda Schulz and Mary Dungan.

Surviving are her children Irene (Michael) Endress of Monmouth, Debra (David) Loshier of Rockford, John Rusch of Middlegrove and Katherine (Mark) Umholtz of Mapleton; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, and one on the way; and sister Eileen Harding of Glen Carbon.

Dorothy loved raising her children and caring for their home in her earlier years. Later in life, she worked for Trivoli Bank as a custodian and carrier for over 25 years. She was an avid gardener and life-



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OBITUARIES

time member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Brimfield.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026, at Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington, where visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the services. Pastor Michael Wagnitz will officiate. Burial will follow the services in Penn Ridge Cemetery in rural Trivoli. Memorials can be made to the Logan-Trivoli Fire Department or to the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Brimfield.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.sedgwickfuneral-homes.com.

Susan L. Sartin

PEORIA – Susan L. Sartin, 72, of Yates City, passed away at 11:26 p.m. on Feb. 13, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Feb. 23, 1953, in Peoria to George and Virginia (Ireton) Ennis.

Susan married Steven Sartin on Dec. 23, 1970, at the Elmwood United Methodist Church. He survives.

Susan is also survived by two children, Chris (Stephanie) Sartin of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jill (James “Jimmy”) Walker of Oneida; one brother, Larry (Heidi) Ennis; five sisters, Diana Ladd, Barbara (Dave) Duryea, Mary (Ira) Waldschmidt, Becky Ennis and Ruth Arnold; six grandchildren, Ashleigh (Michael) Fross, Todd (Jenna) Walker, Madison Walker, Katie Sartin, Kacey Sartin and Kenzie Sartin; one great-grandchild, Saylor; many nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents; one infant son; and one grandson, Jacob Walker.

Susan was an LPN and a medical



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coder for many years. She was also a member of the Elmwood United Methodist Church. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her family and attending all of its sporting events.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation will be held the same day one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will immediately follow in Elmwood Township Cemetery. Food and fellowship will then be held at the Yates City Community Center.

Memorials may be made to the Elmwood United Methodist Church. To view Susan’s video tribute or to leave online condolences, please visit oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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

Sharon K. Shanklin

CANTON – Sharon K. Shanklin, 79, of Canton, passed away at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026, at Sunset Manor in Canton.

Sharon was born Jan. 11, 1947, in Elmwood to Vernon Hogue and Gladys (Slane) Matthew.

Sharon is survived by two children, Angie Welker of Yates City and Roxann Snyder of Canton; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Sharon is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Bud Bennett; her second husband, Leonard Shanklin; one daughter, Laura Hughes; and three brothers, Bob Hogue, Roy Hogue and Don Hogue.

Sharon was a cashier at Long John Silver’s in Pekin for over 25 years.

A visitation will be held from 4



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p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. Cremation rites will then be accorded.

To leave online condolences, visit oakshinesfuneralhome.com. Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond L. Slayton

FARMINGTON – Raymond Lee Slayton, 71, of Farmington, passed away at 7:02 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026, at his home. He was born on July 25, 1954, in Galesburg to David and Ruth (Donahoe) Slayton. He married Linda Bush. She preceded him in death in 2019.



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He is survived by three children, Scott (Jennifer) Slayton, Chris (Todd) Lasswell and David (Joni) Slayton; nine grandchildren, Beau Slayton, Breca Slayton, Emma Slayton, Ashlynn Slayton, John Maxwell, Billy Slayton, Cody Slayton, Sierra Lasswell and Alexis Lasswell; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Mike (Mary) Slayton; and close friends Rich and Vicki Kosowski.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Patty (Mike) Conlin and Linda Laughlin.

Raymond graduated from Elmwood High School. He worked as a coal miner. He worked at Archer Daniels Midland, Pacific Ethanol and owned his own business, Power Systems Logic and Control. He farmed all of his life. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and visiting with friends.

Cremation rites will be accorded through Sedgwick Funeral Homes & Crematory in Canton. To leave an online condolence, you may go to www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

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BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey
1. Is the book of Simeon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Whose first chapter begins, "Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab"? Exodus, II Kings, Job, Proverbs
3. From Luke 1, what was the name of Elisabeth and Zacharias' child? Elisabeth, Zacharias, Thomas, John
4. In Genesis 4, who's considered the father of all musicians? Jeremiah, Joash, Jubal, Job

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5. From Luke 7, where did Jesus raise a widow's son from the dead? Amos, Nain, Lystra, Philippi
6. In Genesis 12, where did Abram go after leaving Ur? Iconium, Nineveh, Haran, Salem
ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) II Kings, 3) John (the Baptist), 4) Jubal, 5) Nain, 6) Haran
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Sunday School: 8:45 am

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Wed. Confession: 7-8 pm

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OBITUARIES

Dale R. Young

BRIMFIELD – Dale R. Young, 86, of Brimfield, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, at Apostolic Christian Sky-lines in Peoria.

Born in Bloomington on June 12, 1939, Dale was the son of the late George and Mary Young. He married Gloria Clozen on Nov. 22, 1962, and she preceded him in death in 2000. He married Myra Welk on Sept. 29, 2001.

Dale is survived by his loving wife, Myra Young; his children, Kimberly Young of Wilmington and Christopher Young of Peoria; and Myra’s children, William (Gail) Welk of Danvers, Ronald (Christina) Welk of Englewood, Fla., and Leslie Welk of East Peoria. He is

also survived by granddaughter Nell Young; stepgrandchildren Shannon Thomas, Brianna Welk, Caitlin Haas, Jacob Welk and Brit-tany Webb; and nine great-grand-children. Dale greatly enjoyed a very close relationship with his en-tire family and valued all the family times they spent together.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first-wife Gloria and sister Marjorie.

Dale was a graduate of Peoria High School and Bradley Univer-sity and was a U.S. Army veteran. He was an avid athlete and fitness enthusiast throughout his life. Until very recently, Dale continued his decades-long tradition of arriving at The Clubs at River City when it opened at 5 a.m. Semi-professional hockey, boating, horse riding, trail drives, snow skiing, racquetball, golf and swimming were some of his favorite activities. Dale was also a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast and saw much of the United States from


the seats of his Honda Gold Wings.

He enjoyed a long successful ca-reer in semi-trailer sales, repair and maintenance, first working for Road Equipment. Dale later worked and spent most of his career as owner, VP and GM for Jim Hawk Truck and Trailer in East Peoria.

A graveside service will take place at Swan Lake Memory Gar-dens in Peoria on Friday, Feb. 20, 2026, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial con-tributions to be made to the Com-munity Workshop and Training Center or Shriners Hospitals for Children.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Peoria Elks Lodge No. 20 in Peoria.

The Wilton Mortuary is assisting the family with arrangements. Con-dolences for the family and memo-rial tributes may be given online at www.thewiltonmortuary.com.



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DEBRA L. MCCLENDON A/K/A DEBRA L. MC CLENDON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIM-ANTS, DEFENDANTS.
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You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless

ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an ex-emption that allows you to file in-per-son or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or re-motely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk’s office or visit the Court’s website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal refer-als at illinoislegallaid.org. All doc-uments referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk’s office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener infor-mación sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formula-rios.
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COL-LECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF’S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR AT-TEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff

NOTICE

All personal property belonging to Tonya Davenport, and any additional property, stored in unit C29 located at Kickapoo Storage, 7405 N Kickapoo Edwards Rd, Edwards, IL will be disposed of on or after March 3, 2026 if the balance due is not paid in full by March 2, 2026.

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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 January 29, 2026, under the Assumed Name of Nanamac Design, with the business located at 935 W. Loire Ct., Apt 706 Peoria, Illinois 61614. The true name and residence ad-dress of the owners is: Sue A. McGuire, 935 W. Loire Ct Apt 706 Peoria, IL 61614

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vs. **HEATHER MARIE WHITED; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AU-THORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS**
Defendant
25 FC 181
CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause In-tercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on March 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 de-scribed mortgaged real estate: LOT NUMBERED THREE (3) IN BLOCK NUMBERED FIVE (5) IN WIL-COX & CONE’S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ELMWOOD, NOW A PART OF THE CITY OF ELMWOOD, SITU-ATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N. 11-07-261-002.
Commonly known as **706 W. DEAR-BORN ST., ELMWOOD, IL 61529**. The real estate is: single family re-sidence. 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 Judgement 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 prop-erty 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

CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF EDWARD B. SCHAEF, Deceased.
CC 2026-PR-0000016
NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **EDWARD B. SCHAEF** on October 1, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above enti-tled Court to **BOBBI JO SCHAEF**, of 8019 North Depot Street, Brim-field, 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, Il-linois, or with the representative or both on or before the **14th day of August, 2026**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the represen-tative 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-fil-ing 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.illinois-courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.
DATED this 27th day of January, 2026.
BOBBI JO SCHAEF, Executor of the Estate of EDWARD B. SCHAEF, Deceased.
STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, Esq.
WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.
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POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POS-SESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLI-NOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Depart-ment at Plaintiff’s Attorney, Robert-son, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-336661
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LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SENECA MORTGAGE SERVICING LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
SLIWA YOUNADIM, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN S YOUNADIM; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; LARSA YOUNADIM; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOHN YOUNADIM,
DEFENDANTS. NO. 2024-FC-0000182
1222 WEST MOSS AVENUE
PEORIA, IL 61606
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
SlIwa Younadim, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Johni S Younadim
Larsa Younadim
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Johni Younadim
defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
PARCEL 1:
PART OF LOT 2 IN PHELPS SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:
COMMENCING AT THE NORTH-WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 2; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF MOSS AVENUE 45.6 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SEVENTH AVENUE, WHICH IS 45.38 FEET NORTHEASTERLY FROM THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF SEVENTH AVENUE TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.
PARCEL 2:
ALSO PART OF LOT 3 IN PHELPS SUBDIVISION AFORSAID, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON MOSS AVENUE, 115 FEET NORTHEASTERLY FROM THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 3; RUNNING THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT ON SEVENTH AVENUE WHICH IS 90 FEET NORTHEASTERLY FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SEVENTH AVENUE TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 3 TO MOSS AVENUE; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF MOSS AVENUE TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.
PARCEL 3:
PART OF LOT 2 IN PHELPS SUBDIVISION MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF MOSS AVENUE 46 FEET NORTHEASTERLY FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 IN PHELPS SUBDIVISION; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG MOSS AVENUE, 30 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 84 DEGREES 57 MINUTES PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 545 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SEVENTH AVENUE; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF SEVENTH AVENUE; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF SEVENTH AVENUE 30 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE LOT LINE 545 FEET MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF MOSS AVENUE AT THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, INTENDING TO CONVEY HEREBY A STRIP OF GROUND 30 FEET WISE THROUGH SAID LOT 2, SAID TRACT BEING ADJACENT TO THE TRACT FIRST ABOVE DESCRIBED.
SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as: **1222 West Moss Avenue Peoria, IL 61606**
and which said Mortgage was made by, Johni Younadim
Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Neighborhood Loans, Inc
Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2021008155; and for other relief.
UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before March 16, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegallaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.
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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Rachid Bajat; Beatrice Rosario; United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2025-FC-0000241
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Rachid Bajat
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:
803 W Armstrong Ave
Peoria, IL 61606
and which said Mortgage was made by:
Rachid Bajat
Beatrice Rosario
the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2016005469; 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 March 16, 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
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DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-25-07432
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Illinois State Statutes and the permanent **Zoning Ordinance of Peoria County, the Peoria County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings on March 12, 2026**, as follows:

Case No. ZBA-2026-0008 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of DAVID HERRMANN, acting on behalf of DAVID & KYLIE HERRMANN (owners), a request to MODIFY SPECIAL USE #ZBA-2023-0009, which was approved to allow for variations to a Major Home Occupation in the "A-2" Agriculture Zoning District. Variations from these standards shall be permitted as special uses. The petitioner requests a Special Use as required in Section 20-7.3.2.3 of the Unified Development Ordinance to vary from the requirement that a home occupation that is classified as "major" may additionally employ no more than one person who is not a resident of the dwelling unit. The petitioner proposes to employ 3 persons who are not residents of the dwelling unit. Also, a Special Use request as required in Section 20-7.3.5.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance to vary from the requirement that the use shall occupy no more than one thousand (1,000) square feet of an accessory structure which may be used for storage purposes only. The petitioner proposes to construct an 8,791 sq. ft. accessory structure which will contain parking, loading, and office space.
The South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described parcel of land: Commencing at the Southeast cornerstone of the Southeast

Quarter of Section 29, Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, and running thence North 132 feet; thence West 77 feet to a point which is 132 feet from the South line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29; thence South 132 feet to a point on the South line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, lying 77 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29; thence East 77 Feet to the Point of Beginning; situated in Peoria County, Illinois. **(RADNOR TOWNSHIP 08-29-400-004)**
All pertinent written materials by either proponents or objectors pertaining to the above cases should be filed in the Department of Planning and Zoning, 324 Main Street, Room 301, Peoria, IL 61602.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BY: J. GREG FLETCHER
CHAIRPERSON
Published 2/19/26

NOTICE
Public Notice Regarding Adverse Effects to Historic Properties, Four Creeks Wind, SHPO 023073125
Four Creeks LLC owns and will build and operate Four Creeks Wind Project, a utility-scale wind project located in Peoria County, Illinois.
A General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for construction activities (ILR10) will be required to begin project construction, which requires compliance with Section 707 of the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act. For private development projects subject to Section 707, the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) requires photographic recordation and geolocation of all historic resources within the visual area of potential effects of a project. Further, the Peoria County Wind Ordinance Section 7.2.2 (1) (a) (11) requires wind applicants to conduct a historic preservation study and provide evidence of consultation with SHPO to assess potential impacts on State-registered historic sites under the Illinois State Historic Preservation Act.
The Illinois SHPO has determined that the proposed project will result in adverse visual effects to two (2) historic properties: 19307 N IL-78 in Laura and a corn crib at W Martin Road in Brimfield. The adverse effects are due to the visibility of proposed wind turbine(s) in views of the historic properties from the public right of way. No historic properties will be physically altered by the proposed project.
Four Creeks LLC invites the community to comment and/or seek consulting party status for the resolution of the adverse visual effect. Please contact 4cWmitigation@swca.com to provide public comment or to express interest in serving as a consulting party. Interested consulting parties will be provided information for a future meeting, to be held in March 2026.
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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 January 29, 2026, under the Assumed Name of Nanamac Treats, with the business located at 935 W. Loire Ct., Apt 706 Peoria, Illinois 61614. The true name and residence address of the owners is: Sue A. McGuire, 935 W. Loire Ct Apt 706 Peoria, IL 61614
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS PEORIA COUNTY
In Re ESTATE OF **EDWARD B. SCHAEF, Deceased.**
No. 2026-PR-0000016
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ADMISSION OF WILL TO PROBATE
NOTICE is given to: The Descendants of **EDWARD B. SCHAEF**, Deceased, and **THOMAS HENRY SCHAEF**, Deceased, and his Descendants if they are Deceased, and **ALL OTHER UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EDWARD B. SCHAEF, DECEASED**, whose names, addresses and legal capacities are unknown.
This will give notice that **EDWARD B. SCHAEF**, a resident of Peoria County, Illinois died on the 1st day of October, 2025, that Letters Testamentary were issued on the 27th day of January, 2026 to **BOBBI JO SCHAEF**, of 8019 North Depot Street, Brimfield, Illinois 61517, as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of the Estate of EDWARD B. SCHAEF, Deceased, and that an Order was entered in the above entitled Court on the **27th day of January, 2026** admitting the Last Will and Testament dated **June 26, 2015**, of EDWARD B. SCHAEF, Deceased, to probate.
You are further notified that within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, any Heir or Legatee may file a Petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the Witnesses to the Will in open Court or other evidence, as provided in Par. 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975, 755 Illinois Compiled Statutes, Sec. 5/6-21.
You also have the right under Par. 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975, 755 Illinois Compiled Statutes, Sec. 5/8-1, to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within six months after admission of the Will to probate.
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/ge-thelp.asp>.
Dated this 27th day of January, 2026.
BOBBI JO SCHAEF, Executor of the Estate of EDWARD B. SCHAEF, Deceased.
STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, ESQ.
WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.
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legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, 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 1540.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC
30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650
Chicago IL, 60602
312-541-9710
E-Mail: ipleadings@johnsonblumberg.com
Attorney File No. 25 1540
Case Number: 2025FC0000148
TJSC#: 45-2856
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2025FC0000148
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Charles R. Davis a/k/a Charles Ryan Davis; Dawn E. Davis; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2026-FC-0000007
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Dawn E. Davis
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:
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

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CryptoQuote

answer

It's not that diamonds are a girl's best friend, but it's your best friends who are your diamonds.

— Gina Barreca

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

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9 Pappy

12 "Botch- —"

15 Masticate

19 Oval wind instruments

20 Took too far

22 Put concrete on

23 Start of a riddle

25 Partially

26 Heir, often

27 Penta- plus one

28 Spitting beast

30 Everything

31 Unusual

34 "Our Gang" novelist Roth

37 Actress Peet of "Trust Me"

39 Riddle, part 2

44 Leonardo of "Titanic"

45 Curvy letter

46 Given a permanent post

47 Cereal grain

48 Computer menu option

50 Prefix with chemistry

53 Curiosity's planet

54 Riddle, part 3

60 Palatable

61 Computer menu option

62 Revise, as a manuscript

63 Yank's home

66 Try to be like

69 A couple of

71 Mice, e.g.

73 House divs.

74 Kinda

77 And higher, as in price

80 Perfect

81 Riddle, part 4

85 Dalai —

88 Contaminate

89 Big burden

90 Sports draw

91 Paper-folding craft

94 Part of BTW or OTC

96 "Allow me to assist"

99 End of the riddle

103 Allergy sufferer's device

104 White swan in "Swan Lake"

105 Audit org.

106 Spy's device

107 With

112-Across, "Hold on!"

109 Sneak attack

112 See

107-Across

115 Akron's state

117 Riddle's answer

123 Painter Vincent van —

124 Fastening feature of many a face mask

125 Ultimate consumers of products

126 With

83-Down, Italian veal dish

127 "Zine staffers

128 Antis' votes

129 Occupied, as an inn

DOWN

1 Female whales

2 Eight, in Peru

3 "Misery" actor James

4 Prado display

5 102, to Nero

6 Walk- — (small roles)

7 Plastering strip

8 Arthur of tennis

9 Troy of "A Summer Place"

10 Gardner or DuVernay of film

49 Tariff

51 Sporty truck, in brief

52 Daquiri base

55 "Cool" cash amount

56 Very little, as of salt

57 Tantrum

58 Brian of electronica

59 Give as a bonus

63 Like wasted food

64 In a theatrical manner

65 Snoozing

67 Shoe tip

68 Like Nir's writings

70 "Mind Train" singer Yoko

72 Baseball great Roush

75 Old Pan Am competitor

76 "Shy" singer DiFranco

78 ET's craft

79 Fail to keep one's cool

81 Return to base after a fly ball

82 — nous

83 See

126-Across

84 "Likewise"

85 African capital on the Gulf of Guinea

86 Wyoming tribe

87 Small swine breeds

92 Several

93 Plant-eating sea mammal

95 Catches in a snare

97 "Planet Money" aier

98 Includes

100 People lugging things

101 Politician Mo, Mark or Tom

102 Ship's rigging

108 "It only — know!"

110 — of March

111 Taboo thing

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113 Post Pound

114 "— la vie!"

116 "Well well!"

118 Charged atom

119 Animal park

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121 Dude

122 Suffix of enzymes

GIRLS: Big stats for Meinders

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1A Abingdon Regional. Brimfield beat Princeville 33-29 in Monday's nightcap after host Abingdon-Avon clipped ROWVA-Williamsfield 57-26. The winners meet at 6:30 tonight for the regional title.

Schyer Meinders had 14 points and 10 rebounds, Layni Linthicum scored eight and had five assists and Katie Doe scored one to ice the victory.

"Our defense was very good, just really good team D," Brimfield Coach Josh McKown said. "We got off to a slow start, but then we made a couple shots and got going a little bit. Just an all-around great effort.

"It's crazy, all we've been through this year and now we're playing for a regional championship. I'm absolutely proud of my girls and how hard they have fought."

Brimfield (14-15) faces a tough task against a 25-5 A-Town team on its own

floor. Kennedy Quinn, one of the best 1A guards in the state, averages 28 points per game for the Tornadoes.

Brimfield reached the semis by beating Bushnell-Prairie City, 47-38, last Saturday. Linthicum led with 15 points, six assists and five steals. Meinders had a double-double with 12 points and as many rebounds, and Doe had 10 points and five steals.

• **Princeville** – In its 33-29 loss to Brimfield in the Abingdon Regional on Monday, Sahara Streitmatter led the Lady Princes (18-14) with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Kamryn Smith had six points.

The Lady Princes finished fourth in the Lincoln Trail Conference Tournament after a 47-35 loss to Wethersfield in the Feb. 11 consolation final. The next day, Mercer County beat Princeville 45-26.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – The Lady Cougars beat Peoria Christian 37-20 last

Saturday in their regional opener at Abingdon-Avon.

Kinley Danner led R-W with 10 points, Riley Smith had nine and Megyn Erlacher scored eight.

"It was one of our best defensive efforts of the season," Coach Jeff Hannam said. "We struggled early offensively, but once we got things going, we did some nice things."

The win advanced R-W (13-17) to Monday's semi-final against the host Tornadoes, where R-W's season ended.

"Even though the final score was 57-26, we competed all of the way," Hannam said. "We made them work for every point.

"It wasn't the way we wanted the season to end, but I was thrilled with how hard we played and how much fight we had."

• **Farmington** – Farmington was eliminated last Saturday by Macomb 74-24 in the Class 2A regional it hosts. The Lady Farmers finished the season 9-20.

IDTA: All nine team members back

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So we have six newbies who had never danced."

Elmwood's three returnees are Lia Hulslander, Esther Shirven and Aubrey Wilkins. None of the three is a senior. Also all underclassmen are the six newcomers: Kenzie Behrll, Ellie Crowe, Gia Funk, Kolbe Shadley, Ava Tippet and Charley Walker.

"They are incredibly dedicated. They are competitors and they work really, really hard," Roberts said. "They'll tell

you, 'Watch us in December and watch us in February and we're a different team.'

"They had to learn everything from the bottom up."

At the IDTA finals, Elmwood beat two teams – Villa Grove and Gardner-South Wilmington – it had placed behind several times during the regular season.

Elmwood did not qualify for state in open pom. Perhaps next year?

"They're all coming back and they are excited for next year," Roberts said. "And that's really exciting for me."

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FOR ANSWERS, SEE PAGE 14

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

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: What is a bunch of bananas called?

2. MOVIES: Who is Neo's nemesis in "The Matrix"?

3. MUSIC: The Broadway show "Jersey Boys" is about which music group?

4. TELEVISION: In which U.S. city is the sitcom "New Girl" set?

5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What is the name of the helicopter that transports U.S. presidents?

6. GEOGRAPHY: The Lake of the Ozarks is in which U.S. state?

7. HISTORY: When did construction begin on the Berlin Wall?

8. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called mageirocophobia?

9. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has the Great Red Spot?

10. LITERATURE: Which country is the setting for the novel "The French Lieutenant's Woman"?

Answers

1. A hand, and each banana is a finger.

2. Agent Smith.

3. The Four Seasons.

4. Los Angeles.

5. Marine One.

6. Missouri.

7. 1961.

8. A fear of cooking.

9. Jupiter.

10. England.

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- Send Help (R)
- Solo Mio (PG)
- Iron Lung (R)
- Stray Kids: The dominATE Experience (NR)
- Dracula (R)
- Zootopia 2 (PG)
- Avatar: Fire and Ash (PG-13)
- The Strangers: Chapter 3 (R)
- Shelter (R)
- Melania (PG)

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R-W boys register first win of season in LTC Tournament

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

It took until almost the end of the regular season, but ROWVA-Williamsfield won a boys basketball game.

R-W held Kewanee Weathersfield to five fourth-quarter points Feb. 14 in overcoming a five-point deficit to win 52-48 in the Lincoln Trail Conference Tournament at Woodhull. The Cougars lost their first 27 games this season.

Gage Browning had 14 points for the winners, and Mason Empson scored 10. Drake DeJaynes had nine points, including five in the final eight minutes. R-W played Biggsville West Central earlier this week for ninth place.

In non-tournament LTC games, R-W finished 0-11. Duncan Secrist had 11 points, Daniel Skala 10 in a 76-46 loss Feb. 12 to Bureau Valley. Two nights earlier, Secrist had 15 points, Empson 13, Browning 12 and Skala 11 in a 66-62 loss to Knoxville.

R-W ends its regular season Friday at DePue.

• **Elmwood** – In an up-and-down week, Elmwood (15-11) beat visiting Brimfield 55-40 on Feb.10 in the rubber match of their three regular-season games. But three nights later, North Fulton defeated Elmwood 62-37. Miles Addison and Quin-

IHSA OKs changes in football, baseball

By The Weekly Post

Football season will start earlier and the Class 1A and 2A baseball state finals are moving through 2030 after changes approved last week by the Illinois High School Association Board of Directors. High school football practice will start Aug. 5 after a decision announced Feb. 13. In addition, each player must complete 12 days of on-field practice to play in the first game. IHSA schools voted 290-245 to expand the football playoffs by one week, which would have reduced the required number of practices to nine. In an effort to safeguard player safety, the IHSA

Sports Medicine Advisory Committee suggested the additional practice days. “Despite the cumbersome nature of the process, I am confident this outcome is in the best interest of student-athlete safety,” said Craig Anderson, IHSA executive director. “We recognize that our member schools may bring forward ideas to alter the 2027 football season schedule as a result, and we welcome that.” The IHSA board also awarded the Class 1A and 2A baseball state finals to Illinois Field at the University of Illinois for 2026-30. The tourneys moved there last year after a scheduling conflict at Peoria’s Dozer Park.

ton Johns each had 15 points against Brimfield, and Gavin Strom scored 12. Elmwood led 21-8 after a quarter and 37-12 at halftime. Elmwood was 15-for-25 from the field in the first half, 6-for-8 on 3-pointers.

“It’s been a while since we had a half like we did in the first half,” Elmwood Coach Josh Fugitt said. “We got really, really easy looks for each other in the first half. Quinton Johns made some really difficult shots. Miles made a few high-difficulty shots.”

Elmwood won the first meeting with Brimfield, 44-34 on Dec. 29 for the Princeville Holiday Tournament title. But Jan. 17, in the third-place game of the Inter-County Tournament, Brimfield won 53-26. Against North Fulton,

Addison had 12 points, Johns 11. Elmwood’s regular-season finale is tonight (Feb. 19) at home against Bushnell-Prairie City.

• **Brimfield** – Connor Doe had 22 points Feb. 13 and Griffin Hougham scored 12 to lead Brimfield (22-6) past Peoria Heights, 62-48. Tom Burkitt had 10 rebounds.

In its 55-40 loss Feb. 10 at Elmwood, Brimfield had 18 points from Doe. But 10 came in the fourth quarter, after the Indians trailed their rival 45-22.

“They came out with a lot of energy, and for whatever reason, we were flat,” Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson said. “They had 17 points just like that. That was the loudest atmosphere we’ve been in all year. They had a full band playing, a big student section.

“All these years of coaching and I don’t understand why sometimes guys have the energy and they’re excited and other times they’re just flat. Makes no sense.”

• **Princeville** – Earlier this week, Princeville was to play Monmouth United for fifth place in the LTC Tournament. Princeville advanced Feb. 14 by beating Stark County 47-31. Jake Bosch and Brady Day each scored 11 for Princeville (15-14), which had points from 11 players.

In LTC non-tourney games, Princeville defeated Knoxville 43-32 on Feb. 12 but lost two nights earlier to Bureau Valley,

54-39. Day had 13 points against Knoxville. He had 11 points against Bureau Valley, and Blake Dickinson scored 10. Princeville finished 5-6 in the LTC regular season.

• **Farmington** – Boston Smith had 26 points to lead four Farmington double-digit scorers Feb. 14, but the Farmers lost 79-68 to Orion, which broke from a 35-35 halftime tie. Logan Gardner had 13 points for Farmington (14-13), Jack Gronewold had 12 points and Landon Crawford scored 11.

The previous night, Smith had 13 points in a pivotal second quarter as Farmington beat Peoria Christian 75-65. Farmington trailed 21-16 after eight minutes but led 43-40 at halftime. Smith, Gardner and Gronewold each had 19 points, and Crawford again scored 11.

In a 66-64 victory Feb. 10, Farmington blocked an Illini Bluffs shot at the buzzer and won despite missing four free throws and having three turnovers in the final 90 seconds. Farmington led by 10 points before that. Smith had 19 points, Crawford 15 and Gardner 12.

• **Class 1A Galva Regional** – All first-round games are

Feb. 23. ROWVA-Williamsfield, the 16th seed in its Monmouth sub-sectional, is to play at 6 p.m. at top-seeded Abigndon-Avon in Game 1. Game 2 features No. 8 Princeville playing host at 6 to No. 9 Illini Bluffs. Also at 6 is Game 3, No. 13 Ridgewood at No. 4 Galva. Game 4, No. 12 Stark County at No. 5 Elmwood, is at 7.

Semifinals are Feb. 25 and the title game is at 7 p.m. Feb. 27, all at Galva. Game 1 and 2 winners meet in a semifinal at 6 p.m., followed by the winners of Games 3 and 4.

• **Class 1A Knoxville Regional** – Second-seeded Brimfield is to host No. 15 Knoxville at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 23. The winner faces No. 7 Roanoke-Benson or No. 10 Monmouth United in a semifinal set for 6 p.m. Feb. 25 at Knoxville, where the final is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 27.

• **Class 2A Farmington Regional** – The hosts are the fourth seed in their Chillicothe sub-sectional and play No. 5 Kewanee in a semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25. The regional final is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 27.

WRESTLING: Big pin for Brewer

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“I knew all the top-four guys were tough and (Collins) and I have wrestled probably 20 times,” Showalter said. “I knew it would be a tough match. I just had to keep doing what I do and keep it rolling from here.”

Showalter said he’s attended the state meet for years and has competed in arenas of similar size. He’s healthy, feeling good and ready to go.

“The weight cut isn’t that bad, I’m feeling good and I’ve been on that floor before,” he said. “It’s pretty cool.”

Farmington’s Ian Winner (126) and Chase Frye (150), both sophomores, were eliminated in two bouts at Oly. Senior Bradlee Ellis, a three-time state qualifier, also fell short.

Ellis (37-3) pinned Tolono Unity’s Hayden Smith in 56 seconds in his Friday match, then lost two on Saturday – 13-3 to sectional champ Garrett VerHeecke of Decatur Unity Christan (45-0) and 10-4 to Petersburg PORTA’s Zach Bryant (40-7) in the blood round at 144 pounds.

In both losses, Ellis gave

IHSA state wrestling
First-round individual state finals bouts for Farmington’s **Isaac Showalter** and **Lyndzey Brewer**.
At Champaign, Thursday
• Showalter vs. Sebastian Lara, Lisle (junior, 24-11)
At Bloomington, Feb. 27
• Brewer vs. Rilynn Younker, Litchfield (junior, 35-11)

up seven-point swings. He went from feet-to-back, allowing takedowns and 4-point near falls – to VerHeecke in a scramble situation and when Bryant slapped on a cradle after defending an Ellis leg attack. Bryant had handed Ellis his only previous loss. “You can’t give up those big ones,” Durbin said. “Bradlee usually ends up on top in those situations, but not today.

“He wants to wrestle in college and has a bright future. Just a tough path today.”

• **Byron Sectional** – ROWVA-Williamsfield freshman 113-pounder Kegan Miller was eliminated after two matches at this 1A boys sectional to cap a 26-11 season.

DeKalb Sectional, girls Farmington freshman 115-pounder Lyndzey Brewer scored three falls

in the consolation rounds to earn a berth in the girls individual state wrestling finals at Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington, Feb. 27-28.

Braidwood Reed-Custer senior Madysen Meyer pinned Brewer in 3:48 in the first round last Friday before Brewer got hot and also got revenge.

On the back side of the bracket, Brewer pinned Byron’s Rylie Dach in 1:10 and LaSalle-Peru’s Emily Lower in 3:18. Then she got her revenge, in the win-or-go-home blood round.

Brewer (16-6) pinned Meyer in 4:57 to advance to Grossinger with a top-four finish. Bloomington freshman Autumn Starr won the consolation final by fall (1:55).

Marissa Brown, a R-W sophomore, nearly matched Brewer’s consolation run. Brown also was pinned in her first bout but rebounded with a 51-second fall against Kewanee’s Hailey Lampe and a 12-11 win over Lena-Winslow’s Karah Arnold. But Brown (22-13) was pinned in 2:00 by Ottawa’s Lily Gwaltney in the blood round.



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POMS 2ND AT STATE

Elmwood dances to IDTA trophy

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

SPRINGFIELD – Despite fielding one of its most inexperienced dance groups, the Elmwood poms team still hauled home a trophy from the Illinois Drill Team Association state finals Saturday at the Bank of Springfield Center.

Elmwood placed second in the pom division behind Quincy Notre Dame. The Lady Trojans had won two straight state titles in pom.

“I’m probably every bit as proud of this group and the second-place trophy because they started from zero,” Coach Emily Roberts said. “We have nine dancers and only three that danced last year.

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Elmwood's pom team poses after winning second at IDTA state. Pictured are, Front Row (left to right) Gia Funk, Esther Shirven and Kenzie Behrl; Back Row (l to r) Ellie Crowe, Charley Walker, Aubrey Wilkins, Kolbe Shadley, Lia Hulslander and Ava Tippet.

Farmington frosh advance to state

Showalter 40-0 to boys finals; Brewer qualifies for girls finals

By ANDY LATORA

For The Weekly Post

STANFORD – Farmington's Isaac Showalter put himself in a familiar position at the Class 1A Olympia Sectional last weekend.

A freshman who won three IESA state wrestling titles with as many unbeaten seasons will bring a perfect 40-0 mark to the 1A individual state finals at State Farm Center in Champaign, which begin today (Feb. 19).

Showalter pinned Williamsville's Braylon Maggio in 1:13 to begin his Oly run on Feb. 13. The next day, he notched a 15-6 major decision over Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley's Bentley Fields in the semifinals. That set up a 106-pound sectional final against a good friend and frequent training partner, Connor Collins of Olympia (36-9).

“They’ve been wrestling

together forever,” Farmington Coach Jacob Durbin said before the finals bout. “They’re best buddies, but when it’s time to toe the line, they know it’s go time. They’re going to get after it.”

And they did, in the kind of tactical match expected from opponents so familiar with each other. After a cautious, scoreless first period, Showalter got a quick escape for a 1-0 second-period lead he took to the third period. Collins also scored a quick escape to tie with 1:46 to go.

Squared off on a knee near the mat boundary in front of the scorer's table, Showalter bull-rushed Collins and pancaked him to his back side. Showalter hustled behind for the decisive 3-point takedown with 1:12 left and held on for a 4-2 victory.

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Elmwood, Brimfield reach regional finals

By ANDY LATORA

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Elmwood's girls basketball team prevailed in a defensive battle against Knoxville on Monday to advance to the finals of the Class 1A Elmwood Regional.

Led by Brooke Allen's seven points, Elmwood beat Knoxville 31-24 and will face Illini Bluffs at 6 p.m. Friday. IB routed United 56-22 in the other semifinal on Monday.

“It was a defensive battle in the first half, but the girls responded,” Elmwood Coach Kevin Faulkner said. “We’re 9-1 in our last 10 games. On defense, we do a lot of ball pressure and we can speed teams up when we play at this level. “Illini Bluffs will be a challenge but we’ll try to shut them down with our style of play.”

The Lady Trojans (21-9) reached the semis after scoring a 50-14 romp

over Peoria Heights last Saturday.

Andrea Glenn led the way with 20 points. Allen notched a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

In its regular-season finale last Wednesday, short-handed Elmwood fell 41-34 to Chillicothe IVC. Glenn had 14 points.

• **Brimfield** – Brimfield also won a close, defensive game Monday to advance to the title game in the Class

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