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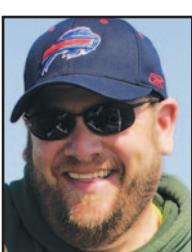
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## Investors to put Palace up for sale

Theater opened in 1913

ELMWOOD – The oft-heard suggestion to “get ahead of the narrative” makes me smile when it is applied to the realities of a small town. As in, is that really possible?



**Jeff  
LAMPE**

So if you recently heard that Elmwood’s Palace Theatre is for sale, you heard correct. If you heard Elmwood’s venerable theater is closing, you heard wrong.

The narrative is this. Ten years ago, a group of investors banded together to purchase The Palace after it had been closed for a few months. The idea then and now was to

## THEATER FOR SALE



Members of the Central Illinois Ghostbusters group attend a showing of “Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire” at Elmwood’s Palace Theatre in March 2024. The group of investors that owns the historic theater has decided to put the business up for sale. Photo by Shelly Brodine.

keep the theater open for as long as possible, building on the legacy left by past owners Ed and Vivian Hahn and Vern Reynolds.

Thankfully, another generation can say they experienced the big screen in a historic theater that survived a tornado and dates back to its opening as a vaudeville venue in 1913.

Along the way, our group of investors (in full disclosure, I own two shares) has worked to improve the old brick barn. The bathrooms and concession stand were remodeled. Wiring has been updated. The marquee functions better than ever with LED lights. Mice make fewer visits. Part of the HVAC

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## Brimfield OKs state loan for new water tank

Awaits final IEPA approval

By MOLLY COPHER

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Village of Brimfield has done its part to secure a \$1,150,000 loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Now comes the waiting.

The Village Board on Monday approved an ordinance allowing Village President Dan Fishel to sign documents with the IEPA for a loan that would fund the purchase of a new 70,000-gallon water tank. Final word on loan approval and terms is expected from the IEPA after March 1, Fishel said.

“We’re on the path to approval but nothing has been finalized,” Fishel said. “It seems likely. We’ve never gone this far in the process and not got the money.”

Brimfield secured an IEPA loan for \$109,000 in 2022 to replace water mains and to loop

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## Inside

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## Princeville meeting room getting makeover

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville Village Board will meet away from home for a while.

Starting with its meeting Feb. 17, the board is to convene at the Lillie M. Evans Library, which is across the street from Village Hall. The meeting room and adjacent areas in that building are receiving their first makeover in almost 30 years, according to Village President Jeff Troutman.

The current meeting room is to

be enlarged and new lighting is to be installed. So is a soundproof door, for when the board enters closed sessions. Renovations are expected to take two or three months. Monday night represented the last board meeting at Village Hall until the work is completed.

During that meeting, Trustee Spencer Wilson said he’ll be looking for alternatives to a code-enforcement-software proposal the village has received.

Wilson has been unable to find a mutual time to meet with an up-

state-New York official whose village uses the software provided by Kansas-based CivicPlus. Princeville officials have been seeking reviews from other communities. CivicPlus provides Princeville with municipal-code software.

But Trustee Ron Delbridge raised concerns about the CivicPlus price tag for the code-enforcement software. The firm is to charge \$16,000 initially. Annual renewals would begin at \$9,750 and increase by 5% thereafter.

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## STATE CHESS



Members of the Brimfield-Princeville chess team (left) compete at the Dunlap Sectional on Saturday. The team advanced to the IHSA State Chess Tournament Feb. 13-14 in Peoria.

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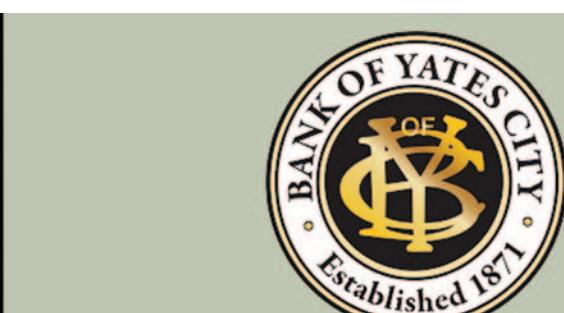
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## BRIMFIELD: Comprehensive Plan tabled

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water lines to prevent dead ends in the system.

Brimfield's current water tank is about 30 years old, Fishel said, but had a 50-year life expectancy when it was installed. The blue tank has been repaired but Fishel said "it could go at any time." He said the tank originally had a glass lining that is no longer present.

If the latest loan is approved, Brimfield hopes to acquire the new tank and start construction on the project this summer.

The new tank has an es-

timated 40-year life and comes with a step-down warranty, holding at a flat rate until a certain milestone and then decreasing by percentages with time.

The village will also be updating its computer software with Locus Technologies to the next version in the system. Staying with its current version would incur higher fees from the provider, and the newer version has everything the village currently has plus cloud access. The board approved \$8,000 to cover the technology and train-

ing involved, though the actual cost should be lower.

The 2025 Brimfield Comprehensive Plan written in conjunction with the Tri-County Planning Commission was discussed but was tabled. In question was language on page 78 titled "Plan Implementation." Current wording of the first paragraph states, "Brimfield will advance the Objectives and Key Results identified in the comprehensive plan, share annual progress reports, and actively seek funding that supports plan implementation."

"I don't want to be bound to that legal statement if someone were to bring us to court," Fishel

said. "I'm thinking we need to say, 'The Village of Brimfield board will, as time and finances allow, move towards completing these objectives' or something like that."

Fishel suggested that Village Attorney Rick Johnson could reword the section in question and then board approval could come as early as the March meeting.

"It's a plan, not a commitment," Fishel said. "We will make every effort, but finances and unforeseen circumstances could prevent implementation of everything. I would be more comfortable with a cover sheet eliminating legal liability to this 20-year plan."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

## Hot Picks Ahead

• **Pancake Breakfast** – Elmwood Kiwanis Club has its all-you-can-eat pancake and whole-hog sausage day on Saturday, Feb. 7, 6:30-10:30 a.m. at Elmwood High School. \$9 adults, \$4 children age 6-11 and free for ages 5 and under.

– United Methodist Church of Farmington has its annual pancake and sausage day on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **Community Luncheon** – Brimfield Community Luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 10, at noon at Union Church. \$7. Meatloaf, potatoes, corn, rolls, drink and dessert.

## This Week's Events

• **Book Group** – The Morrison & Mary Wiley Library book group meets today, Feb. 5, in Elmwood at 6:30 p.m. to discuss “Florence Adler Swims Forever” by Rachel Beanland. Ages 18 and over welcome. Copies of the March book, “The Woman They Could Not Silence” by Kate Moore, will be available for checkout.

## Future Events

• **Meals on Wheels** – Meals on Wheels delivered in Elmwood and Yates City on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call (309) 772-9284.

• **Yoga** – Yoga Thursdays, 6 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library. \$4. Classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Princeville’s Lillie M. Evans Library.

• **Bingo** – Williamsfield American Legion Post 371 holds bingo the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Call (309) 231-8076.

• **Food Pantry** – Farmington has a drive-

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through food pantry the third Wednesday each month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at New Hope Fellowship Church.

• **Food Pantry** – Christ Alive Church in Kickapoo has a food pantry on the third Monday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

• **Food Pantry** – Elmwood United Methodist Church has its food pantry on the last Friday each month from 10-11 a.m. Call (309) 742-7221.

• **Movie Night** – “Megamind” is showing for an interactive family movie night Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

• **Benefit Auction** – Kickapoo St. Mary’s has its 31st auction on Feb. 21 at Robert C. Schmitt Gymnasium. Drinks and appetizers at 5 p.m., auctions starts at 7.

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

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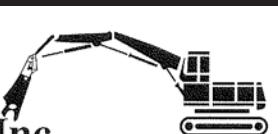
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- Stephen Chbosky

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## SCATTERSHOTS



## THEATER: Changing movie-viewing habits

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system is new. The basement has been cleaned. The list goes on.

But making a go as a movie theater is getting harder and harder, particularly for a small-town group with just one screen. We have no economies of scale with our lone theater and incur extra costs because of our unique corporate structure.

The nation's change in movie-watching habits since Covid is also a huge factor. More and more, people stay home and watch on the small screen, instead of enjoying delicious popcorn and experiencing the big screen. My kids are even content to view movies on their phones. While that makes no sense to me, it's a hard trend to fight.

The Hollywood mafia hasn't helped either. There are fewer and fewer compelling movies to choose from each week.

Faced with those realities, shareholders gathered for our annual meeting last Saturday to make a hard decision. Understand, none of the investors have made money on their shares. To the contrary, actually. In 2024, some even contributed extra money to a capital drive to ease us through a tight financial spot. Others have donated their labor and their time.

Deciding what to do next was not easy, but the vote Saturday was 471-168 in favor of selling. There was no applause after the ballots were tallied. Just a sad reality.

The theater's board of directors has tried various special promotions over the past decade with mostly limited



An early picture of Elmwood's Palace Theatre shows Main Street as a dirt road.

success.

Last year's special showing of the locally filmed indie movie "Wardcliffe" ranks among my personal highlights, as do showings of "The Revenant" and "Jaws" – among the many memorable movies that need the big screen for full effect.

Mostly, though, it has been very gratifying to see cars lining Main Street after normal business hours and people walking out of The Palace laughing, talking and smiling. The downtown is more alive thanks in part to the theater.

That's why the last thing investors want is to see another business go dark in Elmwood. As is true for all small towns, businesses here struggle to stay afloat. Closings in recent years include the pharmacy, dentist office, grocery store, chiropractor and a once-popular restaurant.

Bright spots are fewer, though a new coffee shop and arts center and

some new restaurants have emerged to keep hope alive. Still, there's a net loss that worries civic-minded folks.

Our hope is to find a buyer to keep the theater going for another decade. Maybe someone with a chain of theaters can cut enough costs to make showing movies work. Maybe Hollywood will start making better movies. Perhaps there's a motivated movie buff who has always wanted to own a theater. Or maybe someone has a different idea for how best to use the theater's large space and numerous seats.

In any case, investors have pledged to keep the doors open as long as we can. We may tweak our hours and prices in the weeks and months ahead, but the plan is to continue showing as many first-run movies as possible. Your continued support will help extend that timeline, just as it has for the past decade.

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Parting shot: We recently had to run an analysis of the top states (and countries) in terms of visits to our website, illinoisweeklies.com. Predictably, Illinois was No. 1, Texas was No. 2 (slight surprise) ... and No. 4 was Gansu, a province in north-central China. That did surprise me, until research revealed that while Gansu is one of China's poorest provinces, it is also home to one of eight national computing hubs. Though I'm sure our visits are probably only from bots, we'd still like to offer a formal hello to all our Gansu readers!

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# More HVAC upgrades for Farmington center

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Heating and cooling should be improved in the near future at the Farmington Community Center after Monday's meeting of the City Council.

The council approved hiring Roy Keith Electric Company to install three new fans on the west side of the gym to circulate warm air down to the floor. The \$4,295 project will be paid for with funds from Farmington's Tax Increment Financing district.

Currently there are only three fans on the gym's east side.

"The more heat we can push down the better," Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said.

The council also approved paying \$4,410 in TIF funds to RKE to run additional power lines for new HVAC units being installed on the roof of the community center. Power lines were placed underground and will not be impacted by

pending demolition of the old junior high that sits between the community center and city building.

At its Jan. 19 meeting, the council had approved plans to install three new HVAC units. Covenant Heating & Cooling of Pekin is doing the work for \$47,000.

Alderman Dave Rose said the project also includes installing three thermostats in the gymnasium so that space can be divided into three separate zones.

Rose said the foyer will have its own heating system, as will locker-rooms and the dance room and concession area. Previously, the only thermostat for the center was located in the foyer.

"When you closed the doors, it had no idea what the temperature was (in the gym)," Rose explained.

Rose said he hopes the improvements will greatly lower heating bills, maybe even to the point of paying for the projects over the life of the system.

Rose also took part in a meeting with contractors about demolition of the junior high in preparation for an upcoming bid opening.

In other business, the council reapproved a CEDC recommendation to pay Smashing Assets \$2,500 for tree removal and fence repair. The project had been previously approved last fiscal year but contractor delays slowed its completion.

Police Chief Chris Darsham reported that ordinance work is ongoing, including notifying Dollar General management that its fence is down again.

Darsham said Farmington's new squad car is being striped and having equipment installed and should be on the road by the end of this month. He said officers Andy Steck and Cody Rice will again coach the Farmington High School trap-shooting team. Rice is also now the department's third state-certified trainer, meaning more instruction can be done in house.

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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:

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

Commonly known as **4124 W. COURT LAND 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, 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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cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
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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 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 to verify all information.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300, 14-23-06474  
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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,  
-v.-

**JARROD N. BUCKLEY, CITIZENS EQUALITY FIRST CREDIT UNION (CEFCU), BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
Defendant  
2025FC0000136

**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:

Commonly known as **4912 E. CLOVERDALE ROAD, CHILLICOTHE, IL 61523**  
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.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

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TJSC# 45-3004

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### Police reports

• **ELMWOOD** – An Elmwood woman attempted to bite a police officer during a scuffle that resulted from a domestic dispute, according to authorities.

Logan A. Kelly, 27, was arrested and accused of multiple crimes following the incident. It happened about 7:30 p.m. Dec. 26 in the 200 block of N. Holly St., according to an Elmwood Police Department report.

A 40-year-old man at that address said Kelly had been disruptive. She then argued and fought with public-safety representatives. In addition to the attempted bite, Kelly also kicked a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy in the chest, a police report stated.

Once transported to the Peoria County Jail, Kelly head-butted a window frame. She then was taken to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria, where city police were summoned because of her behavior.

Kelly was charged with battery, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, domestic battery, criminal damage to property less than \$500 and two counts of aggravated battery. She was admitted to the hospital.

• **LAURA** – An Elmwood woman required hospital attention following a single-vehicle wreck southwest of Laura.

Marilyn D. Stewart was driving a southbound 2020 GMC Acadia sport-utility vehicle shortly after 5:45 p.m. Jan. 11 on French Grove Cemetery Road when at Moore Road she missed a turn, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle left the pavement and struck a yield sign and a fence post.

BYE Ambulance Service transported Stewart to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria after she complained of chest pain. The vehicle sustained major damage and was towed. Brimfield firefighters also responded.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Farmington man was arrested for drunken driving southwest of Hanna City.

At about 11:45 p.m. Jan. 9, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy was summoned to a property in the 6100 block of S. Willms Rd. after someone complained about a truck and trailer that were not supposed to be there. A redacted sheriff's-office report identified the truck as a GMC Sierra pickup.

Matthew J. Oatman, 50, was accused of two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol and transported to the Peoria County Jail.

• **YATES CITY** – An Elmwood man served an order of protection

Shortly after 6:15 p.m. Jan. 2, Ca-

also was wanted in Peoria County.

### PUBLIC RECORD

also was wanted in Peoria County.

A Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched about 3:45 p.m. Jan. 8 to a residence in the 200 block of N. Kellogg St. in Yates City, where he found 31-year-old William B. Bean. The deputy was advised Bean had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court on an unspecified charge.

Bean was arrested and transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg, per a sheriff's-office report. He was transferred the following day to Peoria County custody.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – It wasn't clear what caused a pickup truck to catch fire outside a residence south of Princeville.

The blaze began about 2 a.m. Jan. 8 in the 13200 block of N. Princeville-Jubilee Rd., a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. A 2008 Ford F-250 was engulfed in flames by the time a deputy arrived. The owner, a 64-year-old man, said the truck was in good working order.

A nearby yellow snowplow also sustained fire damage, as did a utility pole about 4 feet from the truck. A higher-than-normal number of wires protruded from the pole, with a higher-than-normal number of electrical connections. The deputy couldn't determine if the wires caused the fire.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – For at least the fourth time in recent months, a Princeville man was arrested regarding a domestic dispute.

A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy was called shortly before 10:30 p.m. Jan. 6 to a residence in the 300 block of E. Evans St. regarding a man following a female out of the house, according to a redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Jesse L. Rosas, 38, was accused of unlawful restraint, domestic battery and assault and was transported to the Peoria County Jail. The victim was a 37-year-old Princeville woman.

• **BRIMFIELD** – Aluminum wire was reported stolen from a solar-energy construction site south of Brimfield.

The theft in the 18900 block of W. Shissler Rd. was reported shortly after 11:15 a.m. Jan. 6, according to a redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. It wasn't clear when the theft might have happened.

A New Jersey firm, Sante Group, is the contractor. It specializes in solar projects. No suspect information was available, nor a dollar figure regarding the missing property.

• **ELMORE** – A Galva woman was uninjured following a single-vehicle accident northeast of Elmore.

Shortly after 6:15 p.m. Jan. 2, Ca-

leste M. Battin was driving a 2011 Ford Focus south in the 23000 block of N. Spoon River Rd. when a tire issue was causing the vehicle to leave the pavement. Battin was able to stop the vehicle, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

No injuries were noted. The vehicle was towed.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A chainsaw, among other possible items, was reported stolen from a property north of Princeville.

The apparent burglary in the 10800 block of W. County Line Rd. took place sometime before about 11:45 a.m. Dec. 30, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report that was redacted almost entirely, including the name of a potential suspect.

No value was listed for the chainsaw or other potential stolen items.

• **OAK RUN** – Shortly before 6:30 p.m. Jan. 9, a 17-year-old Williamsfield girl was driving an eastbound 2015 Chevrolet Equinox sport-utility vehicle in the 1300 block of U.S. Route 150 East southwest of Oak Run when the vehicle struck a deer. A Knox County Sheriff's Office report did not specify if the driver was injured. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was to be towed.

• **BRIMFIELD** – Shortly before 5:15 p.m. Jan. 9, Virgen Hernandez of Peoria was driving a 2022 Buick Enclave sport-utility vehicle west in the 15700 block of W. Parks School Rd. northeast of Brimfield when the vehicle struck a deer. Hernandez and his passenger, a male, denied medical treatment, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained disabling driver's-side damage and was towed.

• **BRIMFIELD** – At 7:45 p.m. Jan. 5, Robert J. Dwyer of Edwards was driving an eastbound 2014 Chevrolet Equinox sport-utility vehicle on U.S. Route 150 southeast of Brimfield when at Fox Creek Drive it struck a deer. Dwyer wasn't injured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle was towed.

• **YATES CITY** – Chief James Record reported the following Yates City Police Department activity for December: five reports, one traffic stop and one warning.

• **HANNA CITY** – Randy C. Cusack, 58, of Hanna City was arrested shortly after 8:45 a.m. Jan. 7 and accused of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between Jan. 11-17: suspicious incident, Elmwood; harassment, Yates City; two alarms, Dahinda; burglary, Yates City.

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# Changes coming for mail-in election ballots

By TERRY BIBO

For The Weekly Post

Elections are coming. Contracts are being signed. Major projects are underway. Here's what your governmental representatives are doing.

## Peoria County Board

The Peoria County Board met Dec. 11 with all members present except Eden Blair, Brandy Bryant and Paul Rosenbohm.

The board approved an amendment addressing a litigated point concerning building permits. The change clarifies that the county cannot limit the number of building permits and send such requests to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Highlights of the unanimously approved consent agenda include:

- Two PCAPS donations for \$2,000 and \$2,500, and a \$250,000 bequest from Dr. Michael Ihlenfeldt for capital projects.

- A \$12,000 Illinois Arts Council Creative Projects grant for the Juvenile Detention Center.

- Road and culvert projects on Mossville, Truitt and Akron Roads.

- Agreements with Tyler Technologies for a cloud solution for improved cybersecurity, disaster recovery and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance for the County

Clerk's Recorder of Deeds software and a CloudGavel warrant system that will be shared with the City of Peoria, which will cover 50% of the three-year contract cost.

- \$1,457,150 annual premium for 2026 Risk Management excess insurance.

- An agreement with Beck Oil Company to improve Kickapoo Edwards Road and Civil Defense Road for access to a proposed gas station and truck stop.

- A \$43,990 three-year lease agreement with Richard E. Shane to farm 132.5 acres of county owned farmland.

## Peoria County Election Commission

All Commissioners were present at the Jan. 13 monthly meeting.

Federal Companies was awarded the contract to deliver and return voting equipment for both the primary and general elections in 2026.

Executive Director Elizabeth Gannon was creating primary ballots, slated to be done by the Jan. 28 public test.

Election-judge training started Feb. 2, both on-line and in person. Overseas mailing started Jan. 30; Early voting and vote-by-mail begin Feb. 5.

Those who vote by mail need to be made aware of

changes made by the Post Office that will affect when envelopes are date-stamped. Votes can no longer be dropped in a mailbox on election day and be date stamped that day.

An insert is being planned to outline various options: mailing several days early, going into a post office to have a clerk hand-stamp the ballot or using a drop box.

Mail-in voters can sign up for Ballot Trax to follow their ballot and receive a reminder if they haven't sent it in yet.

The primary will be held on March 17. There will be two advisory referenda, one for Peoria Heights and one for Peoria Township.

## Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria

The meeting was called to order on Dec. 15 with eight of nine commissioners present. Absent was Karen Jensen.

Board approved the Nov. 17 minutes.

Director of Airports Gene Olson reported that the November passenger record of 62,474 moved the yearly record to over 700,000 – passing the pre-

vious record set in 2019.

Work at the terminal entrance is completed. There is illegal parking by some customs employees; tickets are authorized. Parking had to be rented at Thanksgiving.

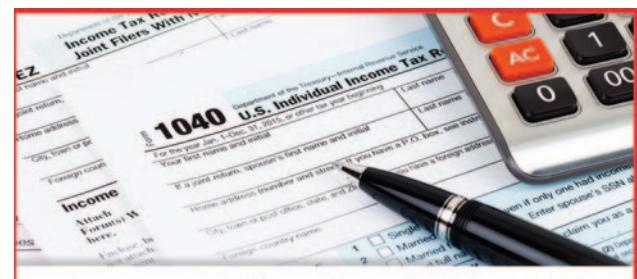
The board approved two change orders for construction of the control tower and a three-month hangar lease at Mt. Hawley.

Randy Hurst, director of operations and maintenance, noted the work required to clear the runways of wet, heavy snow. At one point, one of the runways was closed.

Steve Perrone, director of finance and administration, discussed November financial statements, which were approved along with vouchers payable and the tax-levy ordinance.

Also, fabric has failed on some of the waiting room chairs and a claim against the warranty is being investigated.

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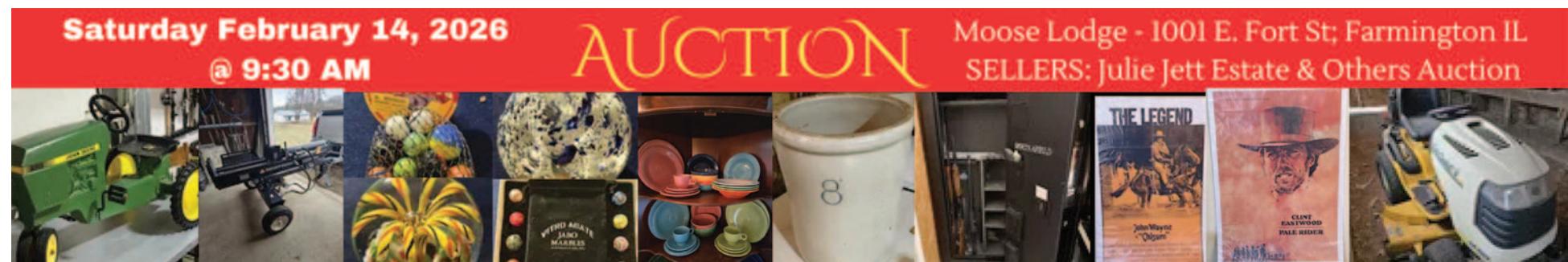
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Some other communities that use the software are significantly more populated than Princeville, which has about 1,700 residents.

"It's a great software program," Wilson said. "Maybe there's other stuff out there that's not as grand-scaled as this."

The board tabled discussion re-

garding possible village acquisition of two vacant parcels of land in the 100 block of N. Walnut Ave. Troutman said he was awaiting clarification regarding whether the properties are available.

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 the village

buy the land, if it's affordable, to better market it to potential developers. When the board met Jan. 20, Troutman indicated the current owner might be delinquent in paying property taxes.

An item tabled during that meeting was approved Monday – the 2024-25 village financial and audit report.

**Pritzker reaffirms goal to fully fund pensions**

By Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker is continuing to push a plan he introduced two years ago to reform Illinois pensions by 2048 and changing benefits calculations to comply with Social Security requirements.

Monday he is reviving a plan introduced during his 2024 budget address that calls for fully funding pensions by 2048 and changing benefits calculations to comply with Social Security requirements.

The General Assembly has not moved forward on Pritzker's reform plans.

The hallmark of the plan calls for fully funding pensions by 2048, rather than reaching 90% funding by 2045 like current state law calls for.

The governor also wants surpluses in the state fund dedicated to paying out tax refunds to go to the pension systems.

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- Help support local Veteran Home in Peoria.
- Help support kid lunches at Brimfield School District.
- Purchase items for a kids play area for the Legion.
- Added debit/credit card machine.
- Donated item to the Brimfield Area Museum showing past members and Veteran's memorabilia.
- Gave away two giant Christmas stockings.
- Supported the St. Joseph clothing drive.
- Increased the number of hall rentals.
- Increased our fundraisers with smashburgers, card nights, Cinco De Mayo, etc.
- Acquired a gaming license for cards, shake a day, etc.
- Increased our membership numbers which made us #1 in our district for membership.
- We opened our bar to the public two nights a week (Monday & Wednesday).
- Acquired medical equipment to help support local Veterans and our community.

**Our future goals are:**

- Get a storage shed.
- Raffles (gun raffles, meat raffles, 50/50, etc.).
- Acquire a bingo license.
- Continue to support our local community.
- Continuing with our Smashburger Night (Last Wednesday of every month).
- Fix / repair our ceremonial rifles.
- Continuing with new fundraising ideas (dances, bags tourney, Texas Hold-em, etc.).

Again, thank you for your continued support, it would not be possible without you.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Best Wishes and Have a Happy 2026

## BRIEFS

**Passenger numbers at all-time high at airport**

PEORIA – General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport has officially entered a new era, closing out the most successful year in its history and reaffirming its role as a critical economic and transportation asset for central Illinois.

Finalized passenger numbers confirm December 2025 set a monthly record with 70,672 passengers, helping propel PIA to an all-time annual high of 812,396 total passengers. That figure represents an 18.15% increase over 2024 and surpasses the airport's previous pre-pandemic record set in 2019 by nearly 18%.

In total, PIA set passenger records in 15 of the past 17 months.

Looking ahead, the airport is planning for continued growth.

As Phase 1 of the air-traffic control tower project nears completion, Phase 2 is scheduled to begin in May, representing a \$25.5 million local investment. Additionally, Taxiway Alpha rehabilitation is slated to begin this spring at an estimated cost of

\$9.3 million.

To address increased passenger demand, plans are also underway for a new parking facility along Dirksen Parkway, easing current constraints and allowing for future expansion.

**College graduate**

- **Diane Sutton** of Williamsfield graduated from Carl Sandburg College with an associates degree in general studies.

**Graduate**

- **CJ Ramirez** of Elmwood graduated from U.S. Air Force basic training and has advanced to tech school in Pensacola, Fla.

**College honors**

- **Abby Driesner** of Edwards was named to the Abilene Christian University Dean's list (3.6 gpa or better) for the 2025 fall semester.

- **Sawyer Janson** of Hanna City was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering Dean's list with high honors (3.7 gpa or better) for the 2025 fall semester.

- **Alexis Stufflebeam** of Farmington was named to the Quincy University Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for

the 2025 fall semester.

- **Alexa Salverson** of Brimfield was named to the Missouri University of Science and Technology Dean's list (3.2 gpa or better) for the 2025 fall semester.

- **Reid Lune** of Edwards was named to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2025 fall semester.

- **Marty Gensler** of Elmwood was named to the Culver-Stockton College President's list (4.0 gpa or better) for the fall 2025 semester.

- **Alayna Keefer** of Farmington was named to the University of Alabama Deans list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2025 fall semester.

**Et cetera**

- **ELMWOOD** – Cold weather impacted results for the annual Raccoon Roundup, but not the fundraising. The two-day charity event last weekend generated \$6,400 for the Elmwood FFA program, the Elmwood trap team and the Elmwood Community Center's proposed Wellness Center. Hunters only managed 125 raccoons, however, as many coons stayed denned up due to the cold.

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## Carol A. Arnold

BRIMFIELD – Carol A. Arnold, 90, of Roanoke, formerly of Brimfield, passed away at 6:35 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, at the Apostolic Christian Home of Roanoke. Carol was born on Aug. 21, 1935, in Peoria, the daughter of Edward and Caroline (Thornton) Kowalske. She married Alfred Arnold on May 15, 1955, in Peoria; he preceded her in death on June 1, 2022.



Arnold

Surviving are one son, Chris (Traci) Arnold of East Peoria; two daughters, Laurie (Patrick) Weber of Washington and Julie (Al) Barron of Elgin; seven grandchildren, Jakob (Amanda), Ryan (Kyounghee), Maggie (Eric), Joanna, Julie (Garner), Michael and Gavin; 11 great-grandchildren, Cassandra, Ethan, Makenna, Viktoria, Atlas, Ella, Celeste, Silas, Roscoe, Casey and Garner. She was preceded in death by her brother, Mark Kowalske.

Carol met her husband Al while working at F. Meyer & Bro. Hardware in Peoria. She was a homemaker, devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and "hardware wife," often helping at Brimfield Hardware when Al owned and operated it from 1955 to 2000. While attending Bradley University, she was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority.

When her children were young, she was involved in the mother's club. She also was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Brimfield, Altar Guild, the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and was a charter member of the Brimfield Area Historical Society.

Her funeral service will be at 11 Feb. 7, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Brimfield. Pastor Michael Wagnitz will officiate. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. also at the church. Burial will be in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Brimfield. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or Apostolic Christian Home of Roanoke. Condolences may be left for Carol's family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

## John M. Minton

WASHINGTON – John M. Minton, 71, of Washington, passed away at 4:38 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born Oct. 31, 1954, to John and Helen (Edwards) Minton in Peoria.

John is survived by three children, Nicole Wise of Washington, Danielle Minton of Maquon and Toni Minton of Chillicothe; two sisters, Susan Kennedy and Sydney (Wayne) Davis; seven grandchildren, Trevor, Tressa, Isabel, Miles, Mason, Rocco and Richi; and

nephews and nieces, Justin, Ty, Travis, John, Samantha, Andrew and Mary.

John was preceded in death by his parents.

John was a machinist at Caterpillar Inc. for over 30 years. He also owned and operated A Plus Lawn Care and Snow Removal for over 20 years. He was a union member for Local 649.



Minton

He was a music memorabilia collector and an avid Bears and Cubs fan. He also enjoyed golfing in Florida, attending rock 'n roll music concerts and his grandchildren's sporting events, and especially attending family get-togethers.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home. A visitation will be held prior to the service the same day from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home. Cremation rites will then be accorded, and a private burial of his ashes will be held at Yates City Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Elmwood High School athletic department.

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## OBITUARIES

### John W. Schoon

CANTON – John W. Schoon, 93, of Glasford, passed away, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025, at the Loft Rehabilitation and Nursing Home in Canton.

He was born in Canton on May 13, 1932, to Harley and Grace (Hollandsworth)

Schoon. They preceded him in death.

His wife, Ann (Greier) Schoon, preceded him in death on Aug. 3, 2022. Also preceding him in death were daughter Cheryl Knussman, son John D. Schoon, daughter-in-law Teresa Schoon, son-in-law Gary Knussman, brother Maurice Schoon and sister June Bankert.

John is survived by two children, Pam (Matt) Price of Congerville and James (Susan) Schoon of Glasford; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

John worked at Caterpillar Inc. for 31 years. He was a union steward and retired in 1980. John is a veteran of the United States Army. He served from 1950 until 1953. He was a member of White Chapel United Methodist Church. John devoted his life to his love of farming.

Memorials may be made to the Trivoli United Methodist Church. A funeral service will be held at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Can-



Schoon

ton on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be held immediately following the services in Trivoli Cemetery.

### Amy L. Lee-Gass

FARMINGTON – Amy L. Lee-Gass, 56, of Farmington, passed away Jan. 29, 2026, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1969, in Canton. She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Delores (Lee) Spotser.

She married Dan Gass on Nov. 17, 1993 in Lewistown. He survives. Also surviving are her children, John (Anne) Phillips, Cassandra (Skilar) Harrell and Eric (Jesse Martinez) Williams; bonus children, Cassandra (Jason) Kling and Bret Rumler; brothers, Tracey Spotser and Jamie (Shelly) Lee; sisters, Stacey Spotser, Cathy (Darren) Burton and Christy (James) Patterson; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Cremation rites will be accorded by Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Canton. The family will have a private celebration of her life. Condolences can be left online at oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

### Edna J. McMullen

HANNA CITY – Edna Jean McMullen, 90, of Hanna City, passed away at home on Jan. 31, 2026. Born April 28, 1935, in Laura, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Amy (Huber) Feeser. On May 12, 1956, she married Gerald "Jerry"

Services were held Feb. 3. Entombment was in Resurrection Mausoleum & Cemetery in Peoria.

McMullen. He preceded her in death on Dec. 8, 2006.

One of five children, Edna was preceded in death by sisters, Audrey (Delmar) Sutton and Wanda (Calvin) Balzell; brother, Walter Feeser; and brother-in-law, James Engelbrecht. She is survived by her sister, Mary Englebrecht; and sister-in-law, Tammy Feeser.

Services were held Feb. 4.

### Rosalie Shealy

BRIMFIELD – Rosalie Shealy, 87, of Brimfield, passed away on Jan. 28, 2026, at her home with her family by her side.

She was born Jan. 10, 1939, in Peoria, a daughter to Frank and Elvira (Matarelli) Cicciarelli. On June 23, 1962, she married Dennis P. Shealy and together they cherished 63 years. Rosalie owned and operated, with her husband Dennis, Pioneer Park Supply Co., a plumbing wholesale company founded by her father, Frank Cicciarelli.

Survivors include her husband Dennis of Brimfield; two children, Laura (Frank) Indiana of Colorado and David (Rebecca) Shealy of Peoria; five grandchildren, Joseph (francé Alana) Shealy, Elizabeth (Sam) Anstey, Megan Shealy, Grace Indiana and Monica Indiana; and one brother, Frank Cicciarelli.

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By Wilson Casey  
1. Is the book of Cornelius (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Revelation 2, what city was said by John to have "Satan's seat"? Pergamos, Miletus, Patara, Sodom

3. Whose first chapter begins, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners"? Mark, Galatians, Hebrews, Jude

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Paul and Barnabas deserted by Mark? Jericho, Perga, Athens, Damascus

5. What were Gihon, Pishon, Tigris and Euphrates as connected with the Garden of Eden? Cities, Kings, Rivers, Caves

6. From 1 Kings, who is given credit for writing 1,005 songs?

Jacob, Solomon, Philip, David

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Pergamos, 3) Hebrews, 4) Perga, 5) Rivers, 6) Solomon

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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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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 to the highest bidder for cash, the following de-scribed mortgaged real estate: ALL OF LOT 51 AND THE NORTH HALF (N 1/2) OF LOT 50 IN MEADOW-LAWN ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF AVERYVILLE, (NOW CITY OF PEORIA), BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION 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.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-23-06474 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3280088

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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,

-v-

JARROD N. BUCKLEY, CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT UNION (CEFCU), BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIA-TION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.

Defendant

2025FC0000136

## 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 200.0 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 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 A MAGNETIC NAIL; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE) 1/4 OF SAID SECTION THIRTY (30), A DISTANCE OF 200.0 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. SUBJECT ALSO TO ANY OTHER EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, AND/OR AGREEMENTS OF RECORD; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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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. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are ad-

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 entitled Court to BOBBI JO SCHAEF, of 8019 North Depot Street, 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 14th day of August, 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 27th day of January, 2026.

BOBBI JO SCHAEF, Executor of the Estate of

EDWARD B. SCHAEF, Deceased.

STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, Esq.

WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.

Attorneys for Executor

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## NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 14, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on February 27, 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:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL ONE (1): PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TEN (10), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE EIGHT (8) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION TEN (10); THENCE TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE 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 1505.

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://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](mailto:ipleadings@johnsonblumberg.com) Attorney File No. 25 1505 Case Number: 2025FC0000136 TJSC#: 45-3004

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 # 2025FC0000136 I3280502

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA Plaintiff,

-v-

CARNELL J. THOMAS JR et al Defendant

2025 FC 0000037

## 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.

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Dated this 27th day of January, 2026.

BOBBI JO SCHAEF, Executor of the Estate of

EDWARD B. SCHAEF, Deceased.

STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, Esq.

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 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.

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).

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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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-5400 You can also visit The Judicial Sales

Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-25-00594 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025 FC 0000037 TJSC#: 46-136

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 # 2025 FC 0000037 I3280859 Published 1/29, 2/5, 2/12/26

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

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF, VS.

**DEBRA L MCCLENDON A/K/A DEBRA L MC CLENDON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,**

DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 2025-FC-0000260

1023 WEST BUTLER PEORIA, IL 61605

JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,

**Debra L McClendon a/k/a Debra L Mc Clendon Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants**

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:

**NOTICE**

Princeville CUSD 326 will be moving its February Regular Board of Education Meeting from Tuesday, February 10, 2026 to Thursday, February 19, 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 address of the owners is: Sue A. McGuire, 935 W. Loire Ct Apt 706 Peoria, IL 61614

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**Amber Waves**



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**NOTICE OF ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS**

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 ilcourtshelp.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 ilinoislegalaid.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 il-

courtshelp.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.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff  
333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820 Chicago, IL 60606-1220 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 25-23808IL-1369013  
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**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**Super Crossword**

**Answers**



**CryptoQuote**

**answer**

The purpose of life is to discover your gift. The meaning of life is to give it away.

— David Viscott

**Weekly SUDOKU**



**Weekly SUDOKU**



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

- GAMES: What color is Sonic the Hedgehog in the video game?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the former name of the U.S. Virgin Islands?
- MOVIES: What are the colors of the striped sweater Freddy Krueger wears in "A Nightmare on Elm Street"?
- MEDICAL TERMS: What is a more common name for pneumothorax?
- HISTORY: By which name is Martha Jane Canary more commonly known?
- TELEVISION: What is Hawkeye Pierce's real first name in the "M\*A\*S\*H" series?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of larks called?
- AD SLOGANS: Which car company uses the ad slogan "Driven by passion"?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the head of the Egyptian god of death, Anubis?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the currency of Japan?

**Answers**

- Blue.
- The Danish West Indies.
- Red and green.
- Collapsed lung.
- Calamity Jane, a sharpshooter in Western history.
- Benjamin.
- An exaltation.
- Fiat Automobiles.
- A jackal.
- The yen.

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**FOR ANSWERS, SEE PAGE 13**

**CryptoQuote**

AXYDLBAAXR

is LONGFELLOW

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

GSJ ZBCZWJF WH YPHJ PF

GW OPFMWAJC XWBC EPHG.

GSJ NJDQPQE WH YPHJ PF

GW EPAJ PG DUDX.

— ODAPO APFMWGG

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**TOP 10 MOVIES**

- Mercy (PG-13)
- Avatar: Fire and Ash (PG-13)
- Zootopia 2 (PG)
- The Housemaid (R)
- Marty Supreme (R)
- 28 Years Later: The Bone Temple (R)
- Return to Silent Hill (R)
- The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13)
- Hamnet (PG-13)
- The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13)
- David (PG)

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# Showalter, Ellis claim 1A regional titles

By The Weekly Post

Farmington's Isaac Showalter and Bradlee Ellis won Class 1A regional wrestling titles last Saturday and the Farmers qualified four wrestlers for the individual sectional at Stanford Olympia on Feb. 13-14.

Showalter, a freshman and the top seed at 106 pounds, had two falls in a combined 2:05 to run his record to 37-0. He pinned Rhett Larson of Canton in 1:03 in the finals.

Ellis, the top seed at 144 pounds, reached the final with two pins, then the senior decked Austin Shull of Quincy Notre Dame in 35 seconds to claim the Camp Point Cen-

tral Regional title and improve to 36-1 on the year.

Chase Frye, who just returned to Farmington's lineup after an injury, was also a No. 1 seed. The sophomore reached the 150-pound finals after a first-period fall and a 17-1 technical fall in the semifinals.

Frye (10-1) was pinned by Cale Hilbing of QND in the finals to finish second.

Ian Winner (13-20) finished third to earn a ticket to the Olympia Sectional. The sophomore pinned Monmouth United's Anthony Cornell in 2:53 in the consolation finals.

Winner opened the regional with

a 16-1 tech fall over Cornell in the first round.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Freshman 113-pounder Kegan Miller finished third at the Class 1A Princeton Regional to advance to the Byron Sectional (Feb. 13-14).

Miller (26-9), seeded fourth, notched a first-period pin to reach the semis where he lost to top-seeded Augustus Swanson of Princeton.

Miller rebounded with a fall in 2:27 to reach the medal match and earned a sectional berth by pinning Aiden Sinetos of Sandwich in 1:15.

## GIRLS HOOPS: Brimfield ailing as of late

*Continued from Page 16*

last week were cancelled and the Lady Indians were in a tough spot for Monday's matchup against Elmwood.

"It was unfortunate we had to play Elmwood coming off of 10 days of no games and essentially no practice," Brimfield Coach Josh McKown said.

"Credit Elmwood, they

shot it well and played good defense but we were in no way game ready nor in shape to play.

"I'm proud of my girls for battling through it, though. Hopefully we can get our legs back and get back into game shape in the next week or so to be ready for the postseason."

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – The Lady Cougars split a pair of games last week, falling 54-27 to Midland on Jan. 28 before rebounding the next day for a 44-37 win over Midwest Central/Delavan.

Kinley Danner led R-W with 10 points vs. Midland.

"Their height really hurt us," Coach Jeff Hannam said of Midland. "I thought we played well, we just couldn't get the ball to go through the basket."

Ella Rigg had 13 points and Megyn Erlacher had 10 for R-W (10-13) in the win over Midwest Central.

"(That) was a total team effort," Hannam said. "We did a great job defensively, and had balanced scoring. These are the kinds of games that we have struggled to finish this season, and tonight we fought hard and kept the lead late."

On Monday, Knoxville topped R-W 61-37. Er-

lacher had 11 points and Riley Smith scored nine.

"This was a four-point game at the half, but in the second half we just played into their hands," said Hannam. "They try to make you play at a frantic pace, and we did just that. We had way too many turnovers that led to easy baskets for them."

• **Farmington** – The Lady Farmers (7-16) dropped a pair of games last week to extend their losing skid to five games. Farmington lost 43-42 against North Fulton last Thursday then lost 64-20 on Saturday to visiting Kewanee.

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FILLED FOOD														
ACROSS	48	Chilly tourist	91	Feels ill	3	Way to mark	44	Wine valley	88	Fail to	90	Agile	91	City in Iowa
1 "Thank U, Next" singer Grande	53	New Mexico art mecca	94	Thaw after winter	4	Fourth mo.	45	Brief audio file	91	Half of bi-	93	Sink down	94	Hired
7 Yachts, e.g. 12 Keto dieter's nutrient calculation	54	Old New York theater	96	Roadhouse	5	TV ratings name	46	All the rage	95	Yoko of	96	Japanese hostesses	97	Two Virgins
20 Right-rear bowling target	55	Whirled	100	"Fancy that!"	6	Chlumsky of "Veep"	48	"500" race	97	Yoko of	98	Taco toppers	99	Split with an ax, say
21 Like Viking script	56	To a greater extent	101	Pilot's heading indicator	7	Musical Mars	49	Mine vehicle	101	Actor Matt	102	Actress Ryan	103	Small brooks
22 Call to have food delivered	59	Phased-out cartoon storekeeper	108	Newton who was knighted	8	"— Gang"	50	Prevaricates	103	Absorb the loss, in slang	104	Absorb the loss, in slang	105	Opinion pieces
23 Chief justice before William Rehnquist	60	Greek cheese	112	Met solo	9	Filmmaker Lee	51	Genesis twin	106	Lou who won three Grammys	107	Japanese sash	108	Beastly
25 Runaway	61	Easels, e.g. ancient land	113	Fishing rod	10	— del Fuego	52	Bausch & —	108	Water, in Chihuahua	109	Hate	110	Garlic mayo
26 Fruity drink	63	Susa's	114	\$5 bills, slangly	11	TV part	53	Cheap cigars	111	Makes do	112	Undivided	113	Makes do
27 Reclined	64	Take care of	116	H.S. lab class	12	Center points	54	St. Patrick's Day event	104	Danish shoe brand	114	Rule, informally	115	Garlic mayo
28 Actress Russo	66	Bikers' association	117	"The Velvet Fog"	13	Previous to NFL goals	55	"Beastly"	116	Unacademically	117	Zine	118	Undivided
30 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"	70	Tunes for two	121	Its menu might include the ends of seven answers in this puzzle	14	OK grade	56	Fa-la lineup	119	Rule, informally	120	Delhi bread	121	Carried out
31 Makeovers	72	Permissible	125	Web pop-up, e.g.	15	Bowl go-with	57	Fa-la lineup	122	Delhi bread	123	Lanka	124	Lanka
33 Application to improve blood flow	73	Tiny bits	126	Be of help to	16	Turbine part	58	Fa-la lineup	125	Garlic mayo	126	—	127	—
39 Stew legume	74	Curveball that breaks over the plate at the very last second	127	King of pop	17	Turbo part	59	Fa-la lineup	128	Unacademically	129	—	130	—
41 Glazer of "Broad City"	75	Wrinkly tangelo	128	Salted-away sums of money	18	Vista, Mexico	60	Fa-la lineup	131	Unacademically	132	—	133	—
42 Gold, in Italy	78	"Joan of Arc" actress Sobieski	129	Mails in, e.g. 130 Isis' brother	19	Purse piece	61	Fa-la lineup	134	Unacademically	135	—	136	—
43 Person not getting deserved acclaim	81	Acorn trees	130	Isis' brother	20	Pen brand	62	Fa-la lineup	137	Unacademically	138	—	139	—
	82	Grassy tract	131	Wrecked	21	U.S. intel org.	63	Fa-la lineup	140	Unacademically	141	—	142	—
	83	Wrinkly tangelo	132	Wrecked	22	Arab League	64	Fa-la lineup	143	Unacademically	144	—	145	—
	84	Wrinkly tangelo	133	Wrecked	23	Quadrennial games org.	65	Fa-la lineup	145	Unacademically	146	—	147	—
	85	Wrinkly tangelo	134	Wrecked	24	City near Provo	66	Fa-la lineup	147	Unacademically	148	—	149	—
	86	Wrinkly tangelo	135	Wrecked	25	NYC area near the Village	67	Fa-la lineup	149	Unacademically	150	—	151	—
	87	Wrinkly tangelo	136	Wrecked	26	Go along with	68	Fa-la lineup	151	Unacademically	152	—	153	—
	88	Wrinkly tangelo	137	Wrecked	27	37-Down's state	69	Fa-la lineup	153	Unacademically	154	—	155	—
	89	Wrinkly tangelo	138	Wrecked	28	37-Down's state	70	Fa-la lineup	155	Unacademically	156	—	157	—
	90	Wrinkly tangelo	139	Wrecked	29	37-Down's state	71	Fa-la lineup	156	Unacademically	157	—	158	—
	91	Wrinkly tangelo	140	Wrecked	30	37-Down's state	72	Fa-la lineup	157	Unacademically	158	—	159	—
	92	Wrinkly tangelo	141	Wrecked	31	37-Down's state	73	Fa-la lineup	158	Unacademically	159	—	160	—
	93	Wrinkly tangelo	142	Wrecked	32	37-Down's state	74	Fa-la lineup	159	Unacademically	160	—	161	—
	94	Wrinkly tangelo	143	Wrecked	33	37-Down's state	75	Fa-la lineup	160	Unacademically	161	—	162	—
	95	Wrinkly tangelo	144	Wrecked	34	37-Down's state	76	Fa-la lineup	161	Unacademically	162	—	163	—
	96	Wrinkly tangelo	145	Wrecked	35	37-Down's state	77	Fa-la lineup	162	Unacademically	163	—	164	—
	97	Wrinkly tangelo	146	Wrecked	36	37-Down's state	78	Fa-la lineup	163	Unacademically	164	—	165	—
	98	Wrinkly tangelo	147	Wrecked	37	37-Down's state	79	Fa-la lineup	164	Unacademically	165	—	166	—
	99	Wrinkly tangelo	148	Wrecked	38	37-Down's state	80	Fa-la lineup	165	Unacademically	166	—	167	—
	100	Wrinkly tangelo	149	Wrecked	39	37-Down's state	81	Fa-la lineup	166	Unacademically	167	—	168	—
	101	Wrinkly tangelo	150	Wrecked	40	37-Down's state	82	Fa-la lineup	167	Unacademically	168	—	169	—
	102	Wrinkly tangelo	151	Wrecked	41	37-Down's state	83	Fa-la lineup	168	Unacademically	169	—	170	—
	103	Wrinkly tangelo	152	Wrecked	42									

# BOYS HOOPS: Elmwood's Webster day to day with injured finger

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Brimfield held Lewistown to nine points in the middle two quarters. Dawson Traphagan had seven assists, Jackson Kappes four for the winners.

Doe had 24 points, Traphagan 18 in a 61-46 victory Jan. 27 over Illini Bluffs that made Brimfield 3-1 in the Inter-County. Traphagan had eight first-period points, including two 3s. Doe also had two 3s in the third period, when he scored 10.

The Indians' game scheduled for Jan. 28 against Havana was canceled because of illnesses among players from both teams. It will not be rescheduled, according to Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson. The game first was to be played Dec. 11, but bad weather forced a postponement.

Brimfield is to play Friday night at Delavan.

**• Elmwood – Illini**  
Bluffs took charge in the third quarter of a 40-31 victory Jan. 30 that made Elmwood 11-10 overall and 2-2 in the ICAC.

Quinton Johns had 11 points to lead Elmwood,

which lost its fifth game in a row and was missing usual starting point guard Garrett Webster because of an injured finger. His status is day to day, according to Elmwood Coach Josh Fugitt. He hoped the senior would be able to return this week.

Webster played Jan. 27 and had 13 points, but Elmwood lost an ICAC game to Peoria Christian, 68-46. Karsyn Bolton had 11 points and Gavin Strom scored 10 for Elmwood, which trailed 32-25 at intermission. Webster had 11 second-quarter points.

Elmwood is to play host Friday night to Lewistown.

**• Princeville – Brady**  
Day had 22 points Jan. 30 and Blake Dickinson scored 15, all on 3s, as Princeville beat Ridgewood 57-51 in the Lincoln Trail.

Day scored 10 in the fourth quarter for Princeville (13-10, 4-3 LTC), including 7-for-10 from the line. Dickinson had six points in the first quarter, nine in the fourth.

"His shooting has come around," Princeville Coach Tait Sennett stated

about Dickinson, a junior guard. "It allows us to spread the floor a little bit."

In a league game on Jan. 27, Galva came back in the second half to beat Princeville 60-55. Princeville led 27-22 at half-time, but JP Sloan scored eight and Reid Harris seven in the third period to help Galva lead 43-38. Galva was 20-for-27 on free throws overall. Day had 16 points, Dickinson 15.

Princeville is to play twice this weekend, Friday at home against Abingdon-Avon and Saturday at Peoria Christian.

**• ROWVA-Williamsfield**  
– Duncan Sechrist had nine points Monday night, all on second-half 3s, but ROWVA-Williamsfield trailed by 18 at halftime and lost 64-36 to Illini

Bluffs.

R-W fell to 0-23 overall in the last of its seven ICAC league games this season.

R-W led early, but Galva led at halftime and beyond in a 70-42 victory Jan. 30 that made the Cougars 0-7 in the LTC. Daniel Skala had 11 points for R-W, all in the first three quarters.

Sechrist had 11 third-quarter points Jan. 28 to help R-W take a four-point lead, but Kewanee Wethersfield recovered to win 52-44. R-W had only two fourth-quarter field goals. Sechrist finished with 15 points, Drake Jaynes 11.

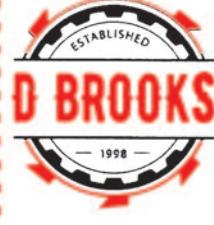
R-W led by 14 at intermission and by eight after three quarters Jan. 27 against Ridgewood. But Ridgewood held R-W to eight fourth-quarter points

and was 12-for-14 on free throws in a 61-54 comeback victory.

Gage Browning had 14 points for R-W. Hayden

Tucker scored 13, Skala 11.

On Friday night at Oneida, R-W is to play Annawan.



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## Streitmatter tops 1,000

Princeville racks up season-high point total

By ANDY LATORA

For The Weekly Post

Princeville had a tough two-game stretch on consecutive days last week, but things turned around on Saturday as Sahara Streitmatter scored 34 points in a 69-57 girls basketball victory over Flanagan-Cornell.

Streitmatter surpassed 1,000 points for her career in the win. Coach John Gross said the junior standout is the first Princeville player to reach that milestone before her senior year.

"She has a lot of offensive tools: good outside shooter, she can take the ball to the basket and score. She also has good ball handling along with quickness," Gross said.

The 69 points Princeville put up was a season high for the team, which was a boost after netting a total of 45 points in two losses.

Princeville was held to single-digit scoring in all four quarters of a 48-19 loss at Abingdon-Avon on Jan. 28. The next day, in a 59-26 home loss to Roanoke-Benson, Princeville finally reached double digits in the third quarter (11 points) but only had two points in the fourth.

Streitmatter scored 10 and had eight boards in the loss to A-Town.

Reagan Calder scored seven against Roanoke-Benson.

On Monday at Bureau Valley, the host Storm built a 33-20 halftime lead en route to a 53-39 Lincoln Trail Conference victory. Streitmatter had 19 points and 11 rebounds and Addison Buckley scored 12 for Princeville (17-10, 6-3 LTC).

• **Elmwood** – Senior Andrea Glenn returned to the lineup and scored a game-high 16 points. Glenn, who had been ineligible for academic reasons, tallied a pair of 3-pointers to lead Elmwood to a 46-17 victory over host Brimfield on Monday.

"Andrea has been averaging 16 points per game," Coach Kevin Faulkner said. "She is a difference maker that we sorely missed. We are ecstatic she is back."

Natalie Babcock added 10 points and Brooke Allen made two 3s for her six points.

Allen scored 12 points and Corinne Colgan added eight as Elmwood (17-8) put the clamps on South Fulton in a 32-18 victory on Jan. 29. South Fulton was limited to four second-half points.

"Our focus of late has been on how we can improve on our defense," Faulkner said. "In our last five games



Princeville junior Sahara Streitmatter celebrates after surpassing 1,000 career points last Saturday in a 69-57 win over Flanagan-Cornell. Streitmatter reached the milestone with 34 points in Princeville's highest-scoring game of the season. Photo by Shelly Brodine.

we've held teams to an average of 21 points per game.

"Last night we were really focused on ball pressure and speeding Brimfield up."

• **Brimfield** (11-13) – Illness has plagued Brimfield of late. Games against Peoria Christian and Galva

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## Farmington boys win 7th straight

Smith leads with 17 points

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

Farmington extended its boys basketball winning streak to seven games by beating Kewanee 48-41 in a nonconference game Jan. 31.

The game was tied at 41 about midway through the fourth quarter, but Kewanee didn't score again. Landon Crawford's 3-pointer tied it for Farmington (11-11).

Teammate Boston Smith had eight fourth-quarter points on his way to a team-high 17. Crawford scored 12, Logan Gardner 11.

Smith had two 3s over the Kewanee 1-3-1 zone defense toward the end of the third quarter, then had another in the fourth.

Farmington won despite going 8-for-16 on free throws.

The Farmers had four

double-digit scorers Jan. 27 in their 62-49 Prairieland North Division victory over Lewistown. Smith had 18 points, Crawford 16, Gardner 12 and Blake Melz 11. Crawford scored 10 in the second half. Melz had three 3s as Farmington improved to 4-2 in the league.

Farmington is to play tonight (Feb. 5) at Abingdon-Avon, then again Friday at home against Manito Midwest Central.

• **Brimfield** – Another team on a hot streak is Brimfield, which won its fourth in a row by beating Lewistown 59-31 in a Prairieland North game Jan. 31. Connor Doe had 17 points for Brimfield (19-5, 2-0), including seven in the first period to help his team to a 20-12 lead.

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