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RUCK 22 JOHN PETTIT MEMORIAL WALK



Participants from a previous RUCK 22 – John Pettit Memorial Walk pose for a picture at Central Park in Elmwood. The annual event is in its fifth year and will take place on Saturday, May 23. Pettit is pictured below.

Taking steps to raise PTSD awareness

By MICKI MCCARTHY

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – This is the fifth year of the annual RUCK 22 – John Pettit Memorial Walk to help bring awareness to veterans suffering with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and veteran suicide.

The walk will be held Saturday, May 23, at 7:30 a.m. in Elmwood.

"People of all ages are invited to walk to honor those who suffer silently, those we have lost and those we hope to help," said Brett Powers, event organizer and member of Archie Miles VFW Post 4724.

Since the first event in 2021, the RUCK 22 Memorial Walk has raised \$35,000, with approximately



\$18,000 going to Freedom Paws Service Dogs, an organization in Chillicothe that provides service dogs to veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD. In

addition, about \$9,000 has supported the Kimi & John Pettit Memorial Scholarship for Elmwood High School senior students.

The walk also supports the Archie Miles VFW Post 4724, which is an integral partner in this event and in the tireless support of veterans.

Through government studies of veterans, between 11% and 20% of service members returning from combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and the Gulf War experience some form of PTSD. It is estimated that as many as 30% of Vietnam veterans suffer from PTSD.

PTSD is a mental-health problem
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Lasting generosity

Gioannini gift continues to fund education projects at Farmington

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – One measure of true generosity is giving a gift for which you never receive thanks.

Anonymous donors, planters of oak trees and those who create endowments and lasting memorials come immediately to mind. So does Annette Gioannini, a long-time Farmington resident who taught briefly for Farmington Central Schools. That, however, is just a part of her legacy.

The donation Gioannini

made to the school district after her death in 2016 at age 101 has funded hundreds of projects worth \$115,961. And that's just the interest earned from her donation, meaning generations of

Farmington students will continue to benefit from Gioannini's generosity. Count second-year librarian Sara Meyer among those very grateful for the donations. Meyer

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Timber sale to aid Billtown schools

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – A little-known Williamsfield School District asset might provide benefits for years, according to local officials.

A logging company is harvesting trees from 57 acres of land the district owns near Oak Run. The immediate financial windfall for the district is about \$50,000, according to Superintendent David Mills.

If resulting sales of the gleaned timber are higher than \$100,000, that money

is to be split between the district and the harvester, Volrath Hardwoods of Camanche, Iowa.

The plan is to harvest trees every three to five years, according to Mills. There are thousands of trees on the isolated property, located in Persifer Township west of Knox Highway 15 and south of Oak Run Drive. Planting of saplings also is to take place.

Proceeds from the current harvest are to go to the
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RUCK 22: Three distances to choose from

Continued from Page 1 that develops after someone has experienced or witnessed a life-threatening, traumatic event. This not only affects the veteran but their families and friends.

On average, 17.5 veterans a day commit suicide. While there has been a slight decrease in veteran suicides over the past few years, losing one service member to suicide is one too many. The goal of RUCK-22 is to not only shed light on this silent



Participants walk through an Elmwood neighborhood during a recent RUCK 22 John Pettit Memorial Walk.

battle that many veterans fight but to help fellow service members through their struggles of daily life.

The walk was named in memory of John F. Pettit III. John grew up in Elmwood. As a member of the Army Special Forces, John completed three tours in Afghanistan. John passed away in 2015. He was 36.

Participants will have three distances to choose

from: 2.2 miles, 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) or 22 miles. Ruck sacks are optional.

The walk will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m. at the Veterans War Memorial in Central Park in Elmwood. The routes will lead participants through Elmwood, past the Archie Miles Memorial in Elmwood Township Cemetery, Sgt. 1st Class John Pettit and his sister Kimi Pettit's resting places, past Elmwood High School and through various streets in town.

For more information, find RUCK 22 – Elmwood, IL on Facebook, or contact the VFW at ruck22walk@gmail.com.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Hot Picks Ahead

- **Fish Fry** – Kickapoo Sportsman’s Club has a fish fry Friday, April 3, 4:30-7 p.m.
- **Elmwood Alumni** – Elmwood High School has an alumni social gathering Saturday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. at Maple Lane Country Club. No tickets needed. All Elmwood graduates welcome, but honoring graduating classes ending in 1 and 6.
- **Career Fair** – Elmwood High School has a career fair for all area high school students Monday, April 6, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Vendors are welcome. Email tombell@elmwood322.com.

This Week’s Events

- **Easter Hunt** – The K9 Koala Easter-egg hunt is Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m. at Jacobs Park in Farmington. Open to all ages, even adults.
 - Knights of Columbus is holding an Easter-egg hunt Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m. in the front and back yard of St. Mary’s of Kickapoo rectory and school. All are welcome.
- **Blood Drives** – The Yates City Community Center will host a blood drive today, April 2, from 1-6 p.m. For appointments, call 1-800-733-2767 or (309) 369-5597.
 - St. Mary’s of Kickapoo has a blood drive Saturday, April 4, from 7-11 a.m. For appointments, call (309) 253-1465 or 1-800-733-2767.

Future Events

- **Pierogifest** – Holy Trinity Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church in Kewanee, 716 N. Tremont St., has its annual Pierogifest on April 11 from 4-6 p.m. \$12.

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- **Bingo** – Williamsfield American Legion Post 371 holds bingo the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Call (309) 231-8076.
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- **Car Show** – Velocity Cruise-In Car Show April 18, noon to 3 p.m. at Stevens Square Park in Princeville.
- **Garden Club** – Peoria Garden Club will honor Nancy Crawford, designer of the Constitution Garden at Riverfront Park, at the foot of Morton Street off NE Adams St. on Arbor Day, April 24, at 2 p.m.

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SCATTERSHOTS



Of new businesses, car burglaries & ‘good kids’

Rambling through central Illinois, still aching after overseeing the planting of 425 shrubs and trees over the weekend.

Having lamented seeing too many storefronts go dark, it’s encouraging to write about new businesses opening. So I’m happy to type that, before this month is over, Elmwood will have two more storefronts occupied by businesses.

Wednesday was the grand opening for Burrell’s Family Barber-shop at 107 W. Main St., the former home to Bees and Blooms flower shop.

Owner **George Burrell** has been cutting hair and instructing barbers for 15 years. Burrell is a Shelbyville native who has also worked in Decatur. He plans to be open Tuesday through Saturday and welcomes walk-in customers.

Less than two blocks away at 118 E. Main St., Black Maple Coffee plans a grand opening on April 22, according to **Amanda Atchley**, director of operations.

As part of its opening promotion,

Atchley said the first 50 customers will receive free black maple trees.

Since Black Maple owner **Emily Morton** opened her first store 12 years ago, the chain has grown to five locations, including Canton, Farmington, Havana and Lewistown.

While Black Maple has drive-through service at three of its locations, the Havana and Lewistown restaurants also offer sit-down service. That’s the plan for Elmwood, which will serve breakfast and lunch and use the upper floors of the old Parkview Restaurant building for catering and events.

Princeville suffered a rash of at least six vehicle burglaries and thefts last Saturday. While all of the Peoria County Sheriff’s reports have not been released for print, there’s an obvious message here. Lock your vehicles and take your keys out of the ignition! ... Morel mushrooms are up in the 217 area code. ... Speaking of warnings, Tuesday was allegedly World Backup Day, a reminder that anybody who has a website or keeps information online needs to store that same info on a hard drive in case of emergency. Cloud-based backups are fine if you know how to access them. Myself, I feel safer with something we can carry around. ... The horrors of online hackers are no joke. Some-

day I’ll relate the sad story of my high school buddy **Jimbo**, whose successful business was held hostage by internet pirates from abroad and eventually had to close.

Got some good-smelling horseradish and better-tasting homemade wine from **Mike Peters** this week in a trade for swamp-bur oak trees and acorns. All the booze is great, but I’m still hoping for at least a piece of pie before the barter window closes. ... If you haven’t visited the Mason State Tree Nursery, you need to check it out (dnr2.illinois.gov/masonstate-nursery). They grow great native shrubs and trees for a very reasonable price (shrubs are generally 100 for \$45). My newest favorite is the chickasaw plum, a fruit-producing tree/shrub. But be warned, they sell out of plants fast. ... Parting shot: An Elmwood senior citizen stopped by recently to share a story. She had gone out to rake leaves in her yard and was approached by four youngsters who offered to do the work for her. After 15 minutes, they had the leaves raked and would not take payment. “But they did like my chocolate-chip cookies,” she said. “I just wanted people to know there are still good young people out there.”

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Hearing June 3 for man who hit trooper

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

GALESBURG – A Bureau County man implicated in a two-vehicle crash in February that injured an Illinois State Police trooper from Elmwood wants a jury trial.

Joseph S. Pruiett, 46, of Wyanet pleaded not guilty March 23 in Knox County Circuit Court to multiple criminal charges that stemmed from the accident. A vehicle Pruitt was driving struck a squad car parked along the Knox-Stark county border. State Police Officer Braden McFall was inside that vehicle.

Pruiett appeared in front of Judge Andrew Doyle via video conferencing from a treatment facility, according to Knox County State’s Attorney Ashley Worby. She did not respond to emailed questions regarding what facility Pruiett was in and for what he was being treated.

According to Worby, she sought to

have Pruiett detained in the Knox County Jail. But when Pruiett appeared in court Feb. 23, Judge Chad Long ordered the defendant placed in home confinement.

Pruiett was to leave home only for work and for medical, court and church appointments. Pruiett was to be compliant with mental-health treatment and receive an alcohol-and-drug evaluation. He also was subject to electronic monitoring regarding his whereabouts.

Represented last week in court by public defender Christopher Kanthak, Pruiett waived his right to a preliminary hearing. A status hearing was scheduled for 9 a.m. June 3, and a pretrial conference was set for the same time July 6. Doyle is to preside over both hearings.

The accident happened shortly after 7:15 p.m. Feb. 20 on Illinois Route 17 at Knox Road 2400 East. McFall and Pruiett were transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Law-enforcement officials did not make public their medical conditions, nor their injuries.

McFall, who has been a state trooper for about two years, has been convalescing. He graduated in 2020 from Elmwood High School.

Pruiett was charged with aggravated battery of a peace officer, aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and aggravated reckless driving, all felonies. He also faces misdemeanor charges of resisting an officer and two DUI counts, as well as failure to reduce speed and driving on the wrong side of the road.

In 2025 in Bureau County, Pruiett pleaded guilty to reckless discharge of a firearm, a felony. He received 30 months’ probation, effective last September.

FARMINGTON: Reading-curriculum grant

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this year received \$4,000 in books and materials for a maker-space area where students can create, invent and learn.

Ongoing projects include learning about electrical circuits, 3D printing, coding robots and chemical reactions.

“It helps me bring a lot of tech to kids in the maker space,” Meyer said. “It has just really made the kids seem more alive and more excited and eager to come in. They are excited to come to the library.”

Students spend one week a month in the maker-space area, three weeks in the library. Meyer said the extra funding helps her replace damaged and lost books and keep up with student’s latest interests.

“This is giving me a huge opportunity to keep the library collection updated with current characters the children enjoy and popular series and new topics they like,” she

said.

Favorites include books about Bluey and anything from the “Dog Man,” “I Survived” or “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” series.

“I can’t keep ‘Dog Man’ on my shelves. But those books always break and are constantly needing replacement,” Meyer said. “I’m extremely grateful this program is here.”

Funding also came in handy for Farmington’s grade-school reading specialists Heather Rice, Bridget Rickard and Robby Reeder. This year, the trio combined for a grant to purchase two different forms of specialized reading curriculum – Foundations Level 2 and 3 and UFLI, from the University of Florida Literacy Institute. A grant last year paid for Foundations Level K and 1.

This specialized curriculum is designed for students in grades K-3 whose test scores indicate areas in need of work.

Rice said she was willing to buy the Foundations

book out of her own pocket, but the grant took care of the costs.

“This is a fantastic program to get tools for updating resources,” said Rice, who has taught at Farmington for 23 years. “One year I wrote a grant and got the (ECR) Wobble Stool for flexible seating. They’re really nice to have for kids that fidget a lot.”

This year’s awards of \$27,979 also went for classroom books, microscopes, calculators, geometry shapes and various other supplies. A committee of teachers, parents and an administrator determines the allocation of funds on a

yearly basis for the following items: educational supplies, activities and programs, equipment, building repair or construction.

“Our committees want things to affect the students directly. The money never goes to clubs and teams. You’ve got booster clubs and fundraisers for that type of thing,” Assistant Superintendent Toby Vallas said. “I think we’re extremely fortunate. You never know what the state and what budgets are going to look like from year to year. To have something to fall back on like this that directly affects our students is amazing.”

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Peoria County launches ballistic-ID system

For The Weekly Post

PEORIA – The Peoria County Sheriff’s Office announced the launch of its National Integrated Ballistic Information Network program, made possible through a \$372,001 grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

The investment brings advanced ballistic-identification technology directly to Peoria County for the first time.

The grant was awarded last June, and the office has worked closely with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the equipment

manufacturer and the software companies to install, test and certify the system. Standing up a NIBIN site is a detailed process that requires federal coordination, system validation and specialized training. The system became fully operational last week.

Peoria County is now the only sheriff’s office in Illinois to operate its own NIBIN system. For the past five years, nearly every gun-related homicide and shooting in Peoria County has benefited from NIBIN, but the county has always relied on other

agencies to run the evidence. With its system now in place, Peoria County’s Crime Scene Unit can process ballistic evidence in-house, giving investigators faster investigative leads.

“This is a major step forward for Peoria County,” Sheriff Chris Watkins said in a news release. “NIBIN has helped us solve countless shootings, but we were always dependent on other agencies’ availability. Now we can run our own evidence, get faster leads, and take violent offenders off the street more quickly.”

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25 Slow-moving mollusk

26 "Little" girl in "Hairspray"

27 Comment just after waking

28 Certain Fed

30 "Nuts!"

31 Angry rock subgenre

33 Loose-skinned citrus fruit

38 Upper-left PC key

41 Anxious condition, for short

43 Tranquility

44 City in Ohio

45 Famed ethnic fighters

49 Uncool character

51 Big meles

52 Pop's Celine

53 See 130-Across

54 Gas brand in Canada

58 Speller's clarifying words

59 Mrs., in Essen

60 Rembrandt, Vermeer or Hals

64 Hush-hush

66 Horse father

67 Like galaxies

68 "Well now!"

70 Alternative to Kool-Aid or Hi-C

74 One or more

75 Israelites

76 Promised Land

77 Makes illegal

78 To a great degree

80 The Bollywood film industry

83 "Ask — questions ..."

84 Self-motivation mantra

87 Snow vehicle

88 Bumped into

89 "Je t—" ("I love you," in Paris)

90 Tranquility

91 Skip off to the altar

94 Adar, Nisan and Tishri

97 Flax-colored

100 Precious

101 Pine— (disinfectant)

102 Match unit

103 5 and 10, but not V and X

108 Rejections

110 Short note

111 Bandleader

112 LAX listings

114 Gp. for people 50 and up

118 Intermingle

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125 Debate topic

126 "Pata Pata" singer

127 Frat party dispensers

128 Make fun of

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53-Across, section of the northern Atlantic

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1 Indonesian island

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3 Baptism or matrimony

4 Expropriate

5 Rustic hotel

6 Pudding thickener

7 Bullet point

8 Blood fluid

9 Mu — shrimp

10 "— So Fine"

11 Lifesaving sites, in brief

12 Political exile

13 2020 U.S. Open winner

14 Former U.N. chief Kofi

15 Mensa stats

16 Most fancy duds

17 Found out, to Brits

18 Italian cheese

19 Liquefied by heat

24 IRS hiree

29 Central point

32 Cuts, as a lawn

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36 Pack-carrying equine

37 Actress Issa or Charlotte

38 Blogger Klein

39 "Je —" ("I am," in Paris)

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46 — Reader (magazine)

47 Rodeo lasso

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50 Infant's cry

53 Stair part

55 Lost tabbies

56 Oscar winner Penn

57 Paris airport

59 Swiss money

60 Entertainer

61 Banquet liquid holders

62 PC shortcut

63 Tennis

65 Indian tea

66 Old Thailand

68 Folkie Phil

69 Hard rain

71 "Likely story!"

72 "I volunteer!"

73 "I haven't gotten word yet"

76 Extra benefit

79 Legal claim on property

81 Little demon named

83 Former space station

85 Nagging pain

86 Bird's refuge

89 "— Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit song)

90 Sport played on horseback

92 Maui gift

93 Like much music of the '90s

94 Bit of a giggle

95 Corn serving

96 Godzilla or Grendel

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98 Ultimatum ending

99 City near San Diego

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AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. RUBY PITTMAN A/K/A RUBY L PITTMAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2025-FC-0000233 2615 WEST NEBRASKA AVENUE PEORIA, IL 61604

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on **March 18, 2026, will on May 11, 2026, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30 AM,** sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

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Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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••• IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a, The Bank of New York as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association as Indenture Trustee for Noteholders and the Note Insurer of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-1; Plaintiff vs.

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TIMBER: Accounts for 80% of unzoned parcel

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district operations-and-maintenance fund. Mills would like to see the initial money earmarked for a new playground.

“This will become an active-managed timber project that the district will own in perpetuity,” Mills said last week. “The resources we can pull out of there is just a bonus for the district.”

The district has owned the property for at least 20 years, per Mills and School Board President Chad Goff. Tax-exempt status was granted in February 2004, according to Knox County records. Timber accounts for about 80% of the unzoned parcel. The Billtown FFA chapter maintains a small plot there.

Mills isn’t sure how the district acquired the property – perhaps by donation. He said the land is valued at about \$300,000, based on a recent assessment. As of last week, Mills had not visited it. Goff said he often sees deer on the land.

“This is a very attractive piece of land,” Mills told the board when it met last month. “It is kind of a landlocked property. I don’t think it has great access. That’s part of why it’s

basically sat there unused. ... It took a lot to find anybody who knew much about it.”

Volrath is expected to fell about 100 trees in the first harvest, according to Mills. Walnut trees are to account for about 60, with 30-some oak trees. Most of the rest are cherry trees.

The harvest was to take a week to 10 days, weather permitting. Dead trees will be culled. According to Mills, that wood will be sent to Amish carpenters to make pallets from it.

Mills suggested the

planned use for the land can have an educational, ecological component. Saplings can take 10 to 30 years or more to grow into mature trees.

“The biggest thing they need is time,” Mills said. “I will probably never see another round of saplings grow into harvested lumber.”



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Police reports

- **PRINCEVILLE** – For the second time in recent weeks, a spate of vehicle thefts and burglaries happened in Princeville.
At least six incidents were reported March 28, according to the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office. One vehicle was reported stolen from a residence in the 400 block of S. Walnut St. and was recovered later in Dunlap. A vehicle reported stolen in Peoria was found at the Walnut Street address.
In the 100 block of S. Tremont Ave., a 2008 Honda Accord was reported missing but was found not far away. The sheriff’s office did not release a report about another incident because a juvenile was involved.
Additional vehicle burglaries and thefts in Princeville were reported March 6.
- **OAK RUN** – An Oak Run man was accused of sexually assaulting a 6-year-old, authorities stated.
Blaine A. McKinney, 34, was arrested March 24 at his residence, according to the Knox County Sheriff’s Office. The incident was reported in 2025 but occurred a few years earlier.
McKinney was charged with predatory criminal sexual assault of a child younger than 13 and was transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg. After a March 25 court appearance in Knox County Circuit Court, McKinney was released with conditions, including surrender of firearms.
A preliminary hearing was scheduled for 2 p.m. April 14.
- **MONICA** – A Monica woman was accused of domestic battery and endangering the life or health of child. Samantha R. Shumaker, 35, was transported to the Peoria County Jail following the incident, which happened between 4-7 p.m. March 10 in the 14700 block of W. Locust St. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was notified. One victim was specified.
- **BRIMFIELD** – An incident at a Brimfield residence resulted in a local woman’s arrest on domestic-battery charges. A Peoria County Sheriff’s Office deputy was summoned shortly after 12:30 p.m. March 10 to the 300 block of E. Calhoun St. regarding trouble between a man and a woman who were separated. The sheriff’s-office report was almost entirely redacted.
- Kara L. Blackburn, 53, was transported to the Peoria County Jail. Two victims were listed in the report, a Peoria man and a Brimfield woman.
- **FARMINGTON** – A Canton man who was stopped for speeding in Farmington was found to have driver’s licenses in two states.
Charles F. Pace, 57, was driving a westbound 2012 Chevrolet Traverse a Farmington police officer pulled over shortly after 1 a.m. March 9 in the 100 block of E. Fort St. The vehicle was traveling 50 mph in a 35-mph zone, police reported.
A check revealed Pace had a valid Wisconsin driver’s license but a suspended Illinois driver’s license. Pace was cited for driving with a suspended license and for having no valid insurance. The vehicle was impounded. Pace received a notice to appear.
- **ELMWOOD** – Items valued at about \$14,000 were reported missing from a machine shop at an Elmwood residence.
The victim notified Elmwood police shortly before 9 a.m. March 8 about the apparent burglary, which took place in the 400 block of E. Harrison St. A chainsaw and two slot machines were taken, according to an Elmwood police report.
A door to the machine shop was kicked open. Video-surveillance cameras recorded a dark-colored SUV that pulled into the driveway at 3:21 a.m. and pulled out at 3:24 a.m. No license plate was visible.
- **ELMWOOD** – A Yates City man was arrested following an apparent domestic-battery incident at an Elmwood store. Joshua A. Bateman, 34, was accused of pushing a 26-year-old Elmwood woman into shelves about 12:30 p.m. March 4 at Dollar General, 812 W. Main St. Surveillance video and a witness confirmed the incident, an Elmwood police report stated.
An officer took Bateman into custody shortly before noon March 5 in the 800 block of W. Main St. He was charged with domestic battery and disorderly conduct and transported to the Peoria County Jail. Bateman also had two outstanding Knox County warrants for unspecified crimes.
- **ELMWOOD** – Charlesa A. Christy, 40, of Elmwood was accused March 1 of unlawful possession of methamphetamine, driving without lights when required, driving with a suspended license and disobeying a stop sign, according to the Fulton County Sheriff’s Office.
Christy also was wanted for an unspecified offense.
- **OAK RUN** – A Dahinda man was driving a derby car that caught fire on his property southwest of Oak Run. The incident happened about 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in the 1300 block of Old Wagon Rd. According to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report, the 24-year-old driver believed the vehicle’s gas line might have disconnected. He and his brother attempted to extinguish the flames, to no avail.
Firefighters were summoned. The fire spread to nearby grass. No injuries were reported, and no structures were damaged.
- **DOUGLAS** – The driver of a vehicle stopped near Douglas that didn’t have registration plates displayed also didn’t have a valid license.
A Knox County Sheriff’s Office deputy pulled over an eastbound 2001 Lexus GS300 shortly after 9:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the 1900 block of Illinois Route 8. The driver, 27-year-old Anthony S. Gaughan of Moline, said he had no plates because he just repurchased the vehicle at auction, a sheriff’s-office report stated.
The deputy found the valid plate inside the vehicle before it was impounded. Gaughan was cited for driving with a suspended license.
- **WILLIAMSFIELD** – After he punched his sister in the face, a Williamsfield man telephoned police to turn himself in, according to authorities. Urrell A. Johnson, 20, was arguing with his 28-year-old sister shortly before 10:30 a.m. Feb. 26 at a residence in the 200 block of N. Oak St. His punch cut her lip, a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report stated.
Johnson was accused of domestic battery and transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg.
- **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff’s Office responded between March 8-14: suspicious vehicle, Dahinda; two fires, Dahinda; threats, Yates City; domestic dispute, Williamsfield; wire fire, Williamsfield; burglary, Yates City; noise complaint, Yates City.

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Small-scale solar sought by lawmakers

By **NIKOEL HYTREK**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A bill to make solar power more accessible to renters and others who face barriers to the alternative-energy source is moving through the Illinois Senate.

The plug-in solar bill allows people to install small solar-panel systems that can be plugged into normal wall outlets for personal use. Instead of a rooftop, the panels could be set up on a balcony, in a yard or on a porch or patio.

“Plug-in solar is exactly what it sounds like: small, low-cost solar panels that plug directly into a standard outlet and help offset the energy use,” said Sen. Rachel Ventura, D-Joliet, who is the lead sponsor of the bill. “No expensive installation, no major construction, no waiting months for approval.”

Because most residential solar requires rooftop installation, people who live in apartments or who rent their homes have been unable to take advantage of solar power to cut down on electricity bills. Lawmakers said this was a major motivation for the bill.

Under current Illinois law, people would have to get an interconnection agreement before using plug-in solar systems, but the bill removes that requirement. Customers who use a plug-in solar system would also not be required to get the electricity provider’s approval before installation, pay a fee related to installation or install additional equipment.

“Illinois has been a

leader in renewable energy, and this legislation keeps us moving forward by making solar more available, more affordable and more achievable for everyone,” said Rep. Daniel Didech, D-Buffalo Grove, the sponsor for the House version of the bill.

Further, landlords and homeowners’ associations would not be able to ban or “unreasonably restrict” or regulate plug-in solar systems.

Instead, users would only have to notify the electricity provider about the solar-panel system within 30 days of installation. The law would require those providers to develop simple online notification forms.

“Right now, outdated rules are getting in the way,” Ventura said. “Senate Bill 3104 cuts through the red tape by exempting these small systems from the same requirements designed for large-scale solar.

That means faster access, lower costs, fewer barriers for everyday people.”

These exemptions apply to small systems that usually have between 300-400 watts of power output, but the bill grants permission for systems up to 1,200 watts – those would just be subject to more rules. The greater rules kick in for systems with an output of 392 or more watts.

In general, the bill allows for solar panel systems that are:

- Designed to be connected to a building’s electrical system through an existing outlet.
- Located on an exclusive-use balcony, patio, yard, porch or similar area.
- Intended primarily to offset part of a person’s energy consumption.
- Certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

Plug-in solar systems also normally include bat-

teries, which allow people to save excess energy to use later in the day and avoid using the grid power. For safety, the systems have built-in protections like automatic shutoffs in case of power outages.

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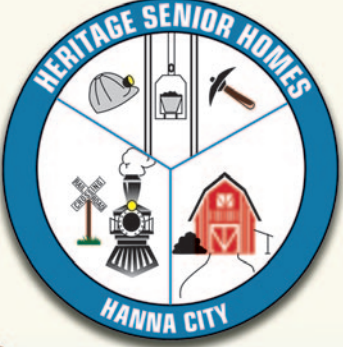
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OBITUARIES

Richard C. Bashusen

PRINCEVILLE – Richard Charles “Dick” Bashusen, 78, of Berea, Ky., formerly of Princeville, passed away unexpectedly at home on Sunday, March 29, 2026.



Bashusen

Dick was born on Oct. 25, 1947, in Peoria to Charles and Doris (Lewis) Bashusen.

Surviving are two sons, John Bashusen of Princeville and Matthew Bashusen of East Peoria; three grandchildren, Cooper, Natalie and Thomas Bashusen; one sister, Shirley Sikes of Creve Coeur; and one brother, Ray Bashusen of Princeville.

Dick was a U.S. Army veteran. He worked as a commercial painter and enjoyed the simple things in life, often spending time outdoors fishing and camping when he was younger.

A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2026, at Prospect Cemetery in Dunlap. Funeral Celebrant Nicole Reed will officiate.

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Dick’s family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Melodie A. Eagle

WILLIAMSFIELD – Melodie Ann “Mel” Eagle, 77, of Williamsfield, passed peacefully at home surrounded by her family on March 29, 2026.



Eagle

Mel was born on Aug. 24, 1948, in Galesburg to Samuel and Beverly (Daniels) Tucker.

She married Willard “Butch” Kimler in June 1967. Together they had two daughters, Tracie Kimler-Peterson (Mike Alford) and Annette (Charlie) Sams.

She later married Bradley “Brad” Eagle in June 1980. He brought two more daughters to the family, Lisa Bohannon and Melisa Eagle.

Mel is survived by her daughters; grandchildren Jeremy (Molly), Lacy, James, Ava (Jordan), Rachel (Kyle), Alivia (Jacob), Tucker (Gracie), Calvin, Lorin (Gionna), Michael and Lewis; six great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters; siblings Diana Biddle and William “Bill” (Gale) Tucker; mother-in-law Lola Mohr; sister-in-law Cheryl Koeritz; brother-in-law Richard “Rick” (Ruth) Eagle; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mel was preceded in death by her husband, Brad; parents; and in-laws Delbert and Kay Eagle and Wayne Mohr.

Mel graduated from Williamsfield High School in 1966. She worked at Gale Products until it closed in the mid-1980s. She then worked at the Knox County Nursing Home until her retirement.

She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She and Brad enjoyed traveling with friends and spending time at the lake swimming and fishing. Mel also enjoyed playing softball and bowling. Mel was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, watching them on TV and going to Wrigley Field when able.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 3, 2026, from 5-7 p.m. at Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Home & Crematory in Knoxville. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at 10 a.m. at the Williamsfield United Methodist Church, with a graveside service following at the Williamsfield Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Williamsfield United Methodist Church.

Online condolences or expressions of sympathy may be made at hurdhendricksfuneralhomes.com.

Curtis A. Rowden

HANNA CITY – Curtis A. Rowden, of Hanna City, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2026, just shy of his 96th birthday. He was born in Maries County, Mo., on April 5, 1930, to Elmer and May (Sloan) Rowden, and was one of 10 children who survived to adulthood out of 13 brothers and sisters.

He married Evelyn Snyder on Aug. 9, 1958, and they spent the next 67-plus years building a life, a family

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OBITUARIES

and relationships with friends that will be called to mind for many years following his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; eight brothers and sisters and their spouses; one daughter, Peggy Land; son-in-law David Lancaster; infant grandson Bret Land; and brothers-in-law Bobby Snyder and Billy Snyder.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; daughter Shari Lancaster; sons Curt (Anita) Rowden and Roger Rowden; son-in-law Roger (Gloria) Land; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one sister, Lorene Rowden of Missouri; and brother-in-law Steven (Pearl) Snyder.

He spent many years of his working life behind the steering wheel of semi-trucks carrying the goods for our daily lives between central Illinois and the northeastern and southern states. Then, with his wife, he fulfilled a dream in his life by opening Rowden’s Café in Elmwood, where they served some of the best fried chicken, catfish and homemade pies around.

Upon retirement from the restaurant business, they built a dream home in central Missouri, where he was born and lived his first 16 years



Rowden

of life. When macular degeneration slowly stole his sight, his ability to live the vital life he was used to was taken from him. Like anyone else, the most important things in his life were his wife, his family and his faith, but unlike everyone else he did it with every piece of his heart.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at Lord’s Table Church of God in Bartonville. Cremation rites will be accorded through Endsley-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Bartonville. Burial in Trivoli Cemetery in Trivoli will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Bright Focus Foundation for Macular Degeneration Research, Autism Speaks or to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

To leave online condolences, visit www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

Jerry Pyatt

HANNA CITY – Jerry Pyatt, 77, of Hanna City, passed away March 27, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born on April 18, 1948, in Salem, Mo., a son of Howard and Geneva (Sloan) Pyatt. He married Rhonda Bateson on Jan. 1, 1971 in Peoria. She survives.

Also surviving are his son, Chad Pyatt of Hanna City; three granddaughters, Ali (Pierce) Welch, Kylee (Nick Schmidgall) Pyatt and Alysha Pyatt; three great-grandchildren; brothers Terry (Mary) Pyatt, Dan Pyatt and Dave Pyatt; and sister,

Melba Bryant.

Preceding Jerry in death were his parents; daughter, Samantha Swearingen; and brothers Howard Pyatt Jr. and Dennis Pyatt.

Per Jerry’s wishes, there will be no services.

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Kevin J. Skaggs

FARMINGTON – Kevin J. “Griz” Skaggs, 68, passed away March 23, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria with his loving family by his side. He and his wife, Brenda, resided in Farmington for the past 21 years. They were married Oct. 24, 1998, in West Peoria.

Surviving are his wife, Brenda, of Farmington; two daughters, Alicia (Jason) Frank of Yates City and Dal-lison Vanwinkle of Pontiac; two brothers, Kimbal (Tamyra) of Bartonville and Kenny (Nancy) of Kansas City, Mo.; his sister-in-law Sharon Skaggs of Peoria; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Patricia (Comerford) Skaggs; sister Monica; and brother Keith.

A celebration of life and burial in Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria, with military honors, will take place at a later date. Cremation rites will be accorded.

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We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported us during the passing of Gus Schaub.

To the compassionate medical staff who provided care and comfort, to our family and friends who offered love, prayers and presence, to all who provided food or help at the funeral luncheon, to those who made donations in Gus’s memory to the Wounded Warriors Project or St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

For all the cards, calls, visits, memories, masses and much more.

Your kindness, support and generosity have brought us strength and comfort during this difficult time, and we will always remember the outpouring of love shown to our family.

Our sincere appreciation, Debbie Schaub, Krystal, Nick, Logan, Brady & Wyatt Zinser, Jeremy, Samantha & Haven Schaub, Nathan, Jessica, Brynlee, Brock & Blane Schaub.

Salem Township Cemeteries

Please remove all flowers and decorations from gravesites before April 1st 2026. Any decorations not removed will be disposed of beginning April 2nd.

You may resume placing flowers on graves on April 6th.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

FOURTH ANNUAL Princeville Trash Pickup

In memory of Wesley Koehler

We will be meeting in front of Town Hall

April 18th at 10am-Noon

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AREA CHURCHES

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Baptist Church of Brimfield
Pastor Doug Seeley
321 S. Jefferson St. Brimfield
(309) 678-2208
Sun. School: 9:30 am
Sun. Worship: 10:40 am
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Father Corey Krengiel
Father Deogratias Mpewo
314 W. Clay Brimfield
(309) 446-3275
incarnationcatholic.org
Sat. Confession: 4-4:45 pm
Sat. Mass: 5 pm
Daily Mass: Mon. & Thurs. 8 am
Adoration: Thursday 7 am

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Rev. Michael Wagnitz, Pastor
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(309) 446-3233
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Good Friday
7 p.m. Service of Darkness
Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Divine Service w. HC

Brimfield E-Free Church
Pastor Donald Blasing
11724 Maher Road
Brimfield IL 61517
(309) 446-3571
brimfieldfree.org
Worship: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm ages 3-12

Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ
Pastor Stephen Barch

BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Gethsemane (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What's the only book of the Bible that mentions Christ's tomb being sealed? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples
4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to in-

105 W. Clay Street Brimfield
(309) 446-3811
brimfieldunionchurch.org
Sunday Worship: 9 am
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm
• First Sunday is Communion Sunday (gluten-free offered)
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DAHINDA
Dahinda United Methodist Church
Pastor Zoila Marty
1739 Victoria St. P.O. Box 14
Dahinda IL 61428
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School during worship
Church: (309) 639-2768
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com

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

form? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers

5. From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Matthew (27:65-66), 3) An angel, 4) Disciples, 5) Thomas (called Didymus), 6) 40 days

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Sunday Worship: 8 am
(Maquon worship: 11 am)
Facebook Live is 11 am at Maquon UM Church page

EDWARDS
Baptist Church
7422 N. Heinz Ln. Edwards
(309) 692-1755
bethanycentral.org
Sun. Worship: 9 & 10:30 am
In person and livestream
(Coffee pastries 8:30-10:30 am)
Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
9910 W. Knox St. Edwards
(309) 691-2030
stmarysckapoo.org
Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm
Saturday Mass: 4 pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30 & 10 am
Mon., Wed., and Fri. Mass: 8 am
Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm

ELMWOOD
Crossroads Assembly of God
Pastor Don Nuttall
615 E. Ash St. Elmwood

(309) 742-6409
crossroadselmwood.org
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am

First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood
Reverend Marla B. Bauler
201 W. Evergreen Elmwood
(309) 742-2631
firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am
Sun. School: 9:30 am

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

United Methodist Church of Elmwood
Pastor Austin Miller
821 W. Main St. Elmwood
(309) 742-7221
elmwoodumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9 am NEW!
Youth Sunday School: 10 am

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Farmington Bible Church
Pastor Tony Severine
497 N. Elmwood Rd.
Farmington
(309) 245-9870
Sunday School: 9:30
Worship Service: 10:30

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

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

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
Pastor Cindy Bean
83 N. Cone Street Farmington
(309) 245-2914
firstpresfarmington.com
Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship: 10:30 am
Live on Facebook also
Fellowship: 11:30 am

New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God
Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
Farmington
(309) 231-8076
Sun. Worship: 10 am
Wed. Worship: 7 pm

PRINCEVILLE
Princeville United Methodist Church
Pastor David Pyell
420 E. Woertz Princeville
(309) 385-4487
princevilleumchurch.com
Sun. Worship: 8:30 am
Sunday School: 8:45 am

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
Father Corey Krengiel
Father Deogratias Mpewo
119 Saint Mary St. Princeville
(309) 385-2578
incarnationcatholic.org
Sun. Mass: 9 and 11 am
Wed. & Fri. Mass: 6:45 am
Tues. & Thurs. Mass: 8 am
Wed. Confession: 7-8 pm

TRIVOLI
Brunswick Community Church
4027 S. Stone School Rd, Trivoli
Pastor Terry England

Sunday School: 9:45 am
Sunday Worship: 10:45 am
Sunday Evening: 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 pm
(309) 403-4626

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18015 W. Smithville Rd., Trivoli
Pastor Mark Schoenhals
Pastor Jay Johnson
(309) 696-1300
zionpennridgelutheranchurch@gmail.com
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
4th Sunday of month Worship: 8 am with communion

WILLIAMSFIELD
St. James Catholic Church
Father Deogratias Mpewo
214 N. State Route 180
Williamsfield
(309) 446-3275
stjameswilliamsfield.org
Sun. Confession: 7-7:20 am
Sunday Mass: 7 am

Williamsfield United Methodist Church
Pastor Zoila Marty
430 N. Chicago Ave.
Williamsfield
(309) 639-2389
Sun. School: during worship
Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am

YATES CITY
Faith United Presbyterian Church
Reverend Marla B. Bauler
107 W. Bishop St. Yates City
(309) 358-1170
Worship: 9 am
Sunday School: 10:15 am
Thursday Choir: 7 pm

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN OF BRIMFIELD ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a tentative Budget and Ap- propriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Town of Brim- field in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026, and ending March 31, 2027, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the **Village Hall, Brimfield, Illinois, from and after 9:00 o'clock A.M., April 10, 2026.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said **Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 6:00 P.M., May 12, 2026, in the Brimfield Township Building, 315 S. Adams St., Brimfield, Illinois, in this Town of Brim- field and that final hearing, and** action on this Ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at the regular meeting of the Township Trustees at **6:00 o'clock P.M. on May 12, 2026.**

DATED: April 6, 2026.
/s/ Michele D. Karl, Clerk

Published 4/2/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a tentative Budget and Ap- propriation Ordinance for the Town of Brimfield in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026, and ending March 31, 2027, will be on file and conve- niently available to public inspection at the **Village Hall, Brim- field, Illinois, from and after 9:00 o'clock A.M., April 10, 2026.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at **6:00 P.M., May 12, 2026, at the Brimfield Township Building, 315 S. Adams St., Brimfield, Illinois,** in this Town of Brimfield and that final hearing and action on this Ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at the regular meeting of the Township Trustees at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on May 12, 2026.

DATED: April 6, 2026.
/s/ Michele D. Karl, Clerk.

Published 4/2/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FARMINGTON CENTRAL CUSD #265

On April 14th at 2:0 p.m., a meeting conducted by the Spe- cial Education Administrator will take place via Google Meets Video Conference at Farmington Central CUSD #265. The pur- pose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabili- ties who attend private schools and home school within the district. If you are a parent of a homeschooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Farmington Central CUSD #265, you are welcome to attend.

If you would like to participate in the meeting, please contact Joe Bohannan at jbohannan@seapco.org or (309) 245-1000, ext. 7071 for the link to the virtual meeting.

Published 4/2/26

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. RUBY PITTMAN A/K/A RUBY L PITTMAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025-FC-0002033
2615 WEST NEBRASKA AVENUE PEORIA, IL 61604

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 18, 2026, will on May 11, 2026, in ROOM 203 OF THE COURTHOUSE, 324 MAIN STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, at 8:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and sin- gular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
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Description of Improvements:
Brick, single family home with at- tached garage

The Judgment amount was \$99,926.06.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special as- sessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without re- course to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will enti- tle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLEC- TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR- POSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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

The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a, The Bank of New York as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association as Indenture Trustee for Noteholders and the Note Insurer of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-1; Plaintiff vs. **Jill M. Williamson; Scott R. Wil- liamson; Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants** Defendant
24 FC 280

CALENDAR NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above en- titled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on May 6,

sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evict- ing any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the sub- ject premises.

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NOTICE to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Farm- ington, in the County of Fulton and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said town will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6 o'clock p.m. at 141 E. Vernon Street, Farmington, Il- linois for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meet- ing, and especially to consider and decide the following: Set time, date, place, and salary for 2027 Annual Meeting and re- view Supervisor's annual reports.

DATED March 18, 2026
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Farmington Township Clerk.

Published 4/2/26

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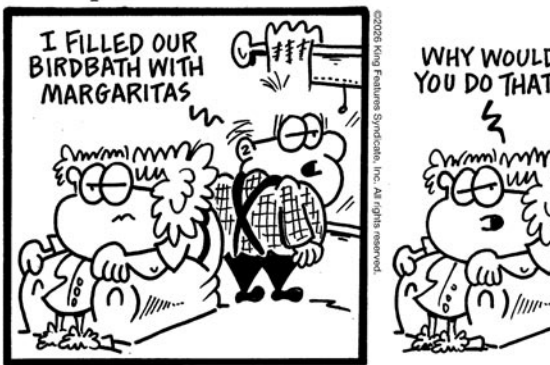
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is Ron Swanson's favorite food group in the sitcom "Parks and Recreation"?
2. GAMES: In Scrabble, how many tiles does each player get to start?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Dubai is in which Middle Eastern country?
4. MOVIES: What is Neo's real name in "The Matrix"?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was born with the name Leslie Lynch King Jr.?
6. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century English novel introduces the character Mr. Rochester?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Cornelius Rooster is the mascot of which cereal brand?
8. SCIENCE: What is the process called when water evaporates from plants?
9. CHEMISTRY: What is the most abundant metal in Earth's crust?
10. ANATOMY: How many vertebrae are in the human spine?

Answers

1. Meat.
2. Seven.
3. United Arab Emirates.
4. Thomas Anderson.
5. Gerald Ford
6. "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte.
7. Kellogg's Corn Flakes.
8. Transpiration.
9. Aluminum.
10. 33.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Project Hail Mary (PG-13)
2. Hoppers (PG)
3. Dhurandhar The Revenge (NR)
4. Ready or Not 2: Here I Come (R)
5. Reminders of Him (PG-13)
6. Scream 7 (R)
7. GOAT (PG)
8. Undertone (R)
9. The Pout-Pout Fish (PG)
10. Wuthering Heights (R)

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BASEBALL: Farmington scores 21 runs in three-game stretch

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walk and stole second, then Johnson came up with a huge hit to get us some insurance.”

The win was an important one for B-E, even this early in the campaign. Notre Dame eliminated the Indians in a Class 2A regional a year ago.

“Obviously PND had our number last year and ended our season, so everyone was pretty excited to get the win,” Sams said. “We also know that it doesn’t matter unless we take care of business in the postseason.”

B-E is off to the kind of start the team expected through the first handful of games, Sams said.

“I would’ve liked to compete in the Tremont game better,” said Sams. “We gave up too many free bases. Everyone is

healthy and Kaeden Schatsiek is still ramping up his pitch count, so we’re hoping to have him a full go by regionals.”

B-E was scheduled to play Midland on Wednesday, Illini Bluffs today and Deer Creek-Mackinaw on Friday.

• **Farmington** – Farmington plated 21 runs but allowed 25 in going 1-1-1 last week.

The Farmers (2-4-1) scored four runs in the top of the seventh to edge Stark County 8-7 on March 24. Jonah Welker had one of his three hits in the frame, but Farmington got some help from the Rebels and capitalized.

Stark County dropped a third strike, committed an error and allowed another run on a wild pitch. Landon Crawford was 2-for-4 and Braelan Kruse earned

the pitching win in relief of Brody Wilcoxon, who allowed four hits and three runs in 3½ innings with eight strikeouts.

The next day, Deer Creek-Mackinaw scored a 9-4 win over Farmington. Brady Brewer knocked in a pair of runs for Farmington.

Crawford and Welker combined for 10 strikeouts and 10 walks in a 9-9 tie with Monmouth United on March 26. Wilcoxon went 2-for-4 with two RBI and three runs scored, Brewer had two hits and Paxton Jostes singled twice in four at-bats. Brody Shepherd had three RBI.

• **Princeville** – Cayden Allen delivered a bases-clearing single in the bot-

tom of the third for a 3-2 lead en route to a 10-2 victory over Kewanee on March 24.

Princeville (2-4) piled up seven runs in the fourth as Edo Arnett had an RBI double and a run-scoring single and Noah Geiger cracked a three-run homer.

Jett Benningfield and Cooper Cox had two hits each.

Princeville was silenced the next day in a 3-0 loss to North Fulton as four pitchers combined on the two-hit shutout.

On March 28, Henry-Se-nachwine’s Carson Rowe hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the sixth inning of a 6-5 win over the Princes.

Carter Peterson had three hits, including a dou-

ble.

Benningfield went 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBI in Princeville’s 11-1, five-inning victory over Peoria Heights on Monday.

Peterson hit a two-run homer and Coley Palmer had a double and triple. Palmer also threw a one-hitter with six strikeouts.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – The Cougars fell a run short in a 6-5 setback against West Central on March 24. R-W scored three runs in the seventh to set the final margin.

Brody Lytle had three hits, including two doubles, and Austin Owens doubled and had two RBI.

R-W rallied again on Saturday, scoring four times in the top of the sixth

in a 6-3 win over Knoxville. Zander Vest had a double and an RBI for R-W, and Owens earned the pitching win with three innings of hitless ball.

The Cougars spotted Monmouth-Roseville a two-run lead in the first inning Monday, then cruised to a 14-4 run-ruled win to open a week with five games over six days.

Keagan Gerlach broke open the game with a bases-clearing single as R-W answered with seven runs in the home half of the first.

The hosts scored five runs in the fourth and ended the game with a pair of runs in the fifth. Lytle had two doubles and four RBI.

TRACK: Princeville 4x400 ahead of schedule

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medal with a time of 4:32.95.

“He ran it the way he should have. He got out and ran third to fifth the whole time,” Coach Gregg Meyers said.

Sophomore Danny Sharp qualified in the 3,200 and ran 15th (10:07.21).

Meyers said he also anticipates having a good 4x400 relay this spring and said Jake Jackson has promise in the high jump. As for E-B’s usually strong boys 4x800 relay, Meyers said time will tell.

“I think if we can put some pieces together and if we dedicate to it and get after it, we might be able to get in the 8:00s by the time it’s all said and done,” he said.

Meyers praised Cole Cahill for a strong indoor season.

For the girls team, other top prospects for the outdoor season look to be junior Ella Helms, who was 11th in the 400 (1:02.31) and sophomore pole vaulter Ashlyn Bertsch, who cleared 8 feet, 8.25 inches at Top Times to place 13th.

Hoffmann said he sees promise in the 4x400 relay and in distance runners Riley Kelly and Madalyn Ori, in addition to the 4x800 quartet.

• **Farmington** – As usual, Farmington has depth in the sprints, a pole vaulter and some strong relays.

Senior Kyle Miller finished 15th in the 200 at Top Times in 23.75 and also ran a leg on the Farmers’ 11th-

place 4x200 relay. Rounding out the quartet that posted a time of 1:36.4 were Ethan Martin, Treyven Haroldson and Gage Galyean.

Senior Dax Ulm was 15th in the 800 at Top Times in 2:04.57.

The girls are young and rebuilding, according to Coach Judd Anderson. Sophomore Camryn Emmons was on a state-qualifying relay last year and has the potential to return in the 300 hurdles, Anderson said.

He lists Raniya Taylor and Amelia Monroe as promising freshman for the relays and said Lynsey Shriber will compete in the jumping events.

• **Princeville** – Junior Jacob Bosch was seventh in the 800 at Top Times in 2:02.08 and anchored the Princes’ top relay – the 4x400 that placed fifth behind Brock Butler, James Hunt, Oliver Melick and Bosch in a season-best time of 3:32.74.

“We were not expecting to run these times this early in the season, so it’s a pleasant surprise,” Coach Jon Carruthers said. “Bosch had been running a little during basketball to get his lungs and legs underneath him.”

Princeville also qualified its 4x200 relay for Top Times, which featured Butler, Hunt, Melick and Dawson Freres in a 15th-place finish (1:37.54).

Princeville is blessed with depth in the middle-distance events and Carruthers said competition there will be

good for the team. Eli Christianson is back after missing indoor season and Collin Bowers is also a candidate for 400 and 800 races.

Collin Lowery also showed strong for Princeville, beating his seeding by three spots to finish 12th with a throw of 48 feet, 8.25 inches in shot put.

Lowery was sixth at state last year in shot and three throwers who placed ahead of him have graduated. The Princes’ other state qualifier thrower is Collin Carruthers, who has already thrown the discus 138 feet in the first of three outdoor meets for the Princes, who are at Monmouth United today for the Red Storm Invite.

For the girls, distance runner Bethany Sennett faces the loftiest expectations after placing 18th in the 800 at state last year and 27th in the 1,600.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Senior Taven Ostrander finished ninth in the 200-meter dash in 23.22 seconds and ran 12th in prelims for the 60-meter dash on Friday in 7.15. He headlines what is usually a deep and competitive boys squad for R-W. Other noteworthy athletes include Emerson Ponce in long jump, Kayden Kaufman in triple jump and Taylor Foster in throwing events.

Avery Manning (800, 1,600) is among the leaders of a girls team that has depth in the running events, solid throwers in Megyn and Ella Erlacher and several jumpers, including triple jumper Ava Storm.

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Age wrinkles the body;
quitting wrinkles the
soul.

— Douglas MacArthur

Weekly SUDOKU

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Legaspi slam powers B-E over Princes

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

Reese Legaspi had five RBI, including a grand slam, for Brimfield-Elmwood in its 11-0, five-inning softball victory Monday over Princeville.

Legaspi's big hit came in a seven-run second for B-E (5-2). She also doubled home a first-inning run. Kendyl Binder had a two-run triple in the third. B-E pitcher Schyer Meinders allowed one hit and struck out six.

B-E scored 11 in the first inning March 27 as it beat Bushnell-Prairie City 22-0 in four innings. Audrey Updyke had a double and three RBI. Meinders and Jordyn Carroll combined to allow no hits.

The previous day, Sawyer Drury struck out 11 Sciota West Prairie batters in a 14-2 five-inning victory. Drury also had a double and three RBI. B-E had five runs in the second, which featured an Anja Nelson triple.

B-E managed only two hits March 24 in a 12-0, five-inning loss to Dunlap. Meinders allowed nine runs in four innings. Dunlap led 7-0 after two. Drury had two hits, including a double.

The Indians travel today (April 2) to Manito Midwest Central, then return home Friday for a game against Heyworth.

• **Princeville** – A trip March 28 to Ottawa Marquette resulted in a double-header loss for Princeville, 8-4 and 15-8.

Princeville led 2-1 in the third inning of the first game, in which Ali Ehnle and Claire Sutherland each had an RBI. Each girl had three hits in the second game, including a two-run homer by Sutherland in the fifth. By that point, Marquette led 8-4. Makenzie Zielke had two RBI.

Kamryn Smith was 4-

for-4 in a 10-7 victory March 25 over Monmouth-Roseville. She finished a home run short of the cycle. Princeville took a lasting lead in the sixth, when it scored five times. Ehnle and Sutherland had three hits and Ella Buckley, Olivia Stone and Zielke each had two.

Princeville (3-6) is to play today against Monmouth United.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – For most of the game Monday, things looked good for ROWVA-Williamsfield. But all didn't end well for the host Cougars, who lost 8-7 to North Fulton.

R-W (2-3) led 5-0 after two innings and 7-4 after five. Ella Rigg had three RBI, all in the first two innings. Emerson Hannam also drove in three, including two on a fifth-inning single.

But after one out in the sixth, a walk and a hit-by-pitch led to four North Fulton runs. Emery Thrasher had a two-run single to tie it, then Jaycie Stambaugh's RBI single gave North Fulton the lead.

R-W pitcher Hanna Gehring struck out seven

in the final four innings but allowed seven runs, all earned.

Kewanee broke a tie March 26 by scoring twice in the fifth inning to beat R-W 4-2. Rigg and Eliza Tucker each had two hits for the Cougars, and Rigg and Hannam each had an RBI. Those came in the top of the fifth and allowed R-W to tie it.

R-W is to play today at Galva, then twice Saturday against Knoxville.

• **Farmington** – Aledo Mercer County scored five in the first inning and cruised to a 14-3 run-ruled victory Monday. Gracie Duley and Joelle Herbst each had one RBI for Farmington (1-4).

The first Farmington victory of the season came March 26, a 15-0 four-inning decision against

United. The big inning was the fourth, in which the Farmers scored seven. Cayne Lambin had a two-run double. Sophia Anderson, Nevaeh Howard and Sophia Puckett each had an RBI in the inning.

Kennedy Koenig had five RBI for Farmington, which had nine walks. Anderson and Lambin each were 2-for-3, and Duley was 2-for-2. Korynn Barton had no hits but walked and scored three times.

El Paso-Gridley led Farmington by six runs after two innings March 24, then held on to win 10-6. Farmington rallied with three seventh-inning runs. Howard was 2-for-4, and Anderson had two RBI.

Farmington is to play Friday at Canton and twice Saturday at Erie-Prophetstown.

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On track for the outdoor season

Athletes fare well at Top Times

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

Warm weather Monday made the switch even more obvious: It's time to move track athletes outside instead of indoors.

Before we spring completely to the outdoor season, a review of last weekend's 2026 Illinois Top Times Indoor Classic is in order.

That gathering of top track athletes serves as a template for some of what we can expect this spring from local teams, who had several top performances at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington.

Those results followed common themes, such as Elmwood-Brimfield doing well in distance events, Princeville producing a fast 4x400-meter relay and gifted throwers, Farmington flashing speed in the sprints and ROWVA-Williamsfield featuring depth and sprinters.

Major meets

April 10 - Lee Calhoun Invitational, WIU, Macomb

April 16 - John Livingston Invite, Lewistown

April 20 - Knoxville Invite

April 23 - Tuffy Bowen Invite, Farmington

April 24 - ICAC Conference meet, Oneida

April 27 - Elmwood Invite

May 8 - Lincoln Trail Conference meet, Galva

May 8 - Prairieland Conference meet, Elmwood

May 13 - IHSA Girls Sectionals, Farmington

May 21-23 - IHSA Girls State Meet, EIU

May 22 - IHSA Boys Sectional, Alledo

May 28-30 - IHSA Boys State Meet, EIU

Here's a team-by-team recap as track season heads outdoors.

• **Elmwood-Brimfield** – Top finisher at Top Times for the always-strong Trojans distance crews was the girls 4x800 relay of Bristol Schmidgall, Taylor Forney, Charlotte Walker and Mya Hill. E-B placed second in



Elmwood-Brimfield's 4x800 relay placed second last Friday in Class 1A at the Illinois Top Times Indoor Classic. The only team to beat E-B was defending outdoor state champion Shelbyville. From left to right are Bristol Schmidgall, Ava Forney, Charlotte Walker and Mya Hill.

Class 1A with a time of 9:55.48 in a strong field won by defending state champion Shelbyville (9:51.13). E-B was eighth last spring.

"We would have been happy if they ran another 10:15, so to beat it by 20 seconds was pretty impressive," E-B Coach Cooper Hoffmann said. "They are

really good at racing and showing off some of the strength they built from a good cross country season."

Senior Aiden Faulkner opted to run the 1,600 at Top Times instead of the 3,200 (the event he will likely focus on this spring) and earned a fifth-place

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Crowe five-hitter lifts B-E over Irish

Indians notch 5-2 baseball win over regional nemesis PND

By ANDY LATORA
For The Weekly Post

Brimfield-Elmwood split a pair of baseball games last week heading into a busy slate of games during spring break.

The Indians dropped an 11-3 decision to Tremont on March 24 when the Turks rallied for five runs in the top of the fifth inning to take a 7-3 lead, then added four in the sixth.

Kaeden Schatsiek hit a solo home run in the first inning for host B-E. He also started on the mound and struck out seven, allowing two runs and three hits in four innings.

The next day, B-E's Sean Crowe shut down Peoria Notre Dame in a 5-2 victory, scattering five hits and allowing two runs in a complete game. Crowe struck out 10 and walked two in the seven-inning gem.

"It was a big win for us," B-E Coach James Sams said. "We were sloppy offensively early, but Sean Crowe was really good on the mound and kept us in the game until the bats figured it out."

"Sean's composure on the mound is unmatched. He's never fazed and very confident. He was able to throw all of his pitches in any count and keep PND off balance."

Griffin Hougham broke a 2-2 tie in the sixth with a sacrifice fly and Layne Johnson had two hits and two RBI for the Indians (4-1).

"The bottom of the order worked a couple walks and Griff (our 9 hitter) hit a ball hard to center field to bring in a run and get it to the top of the order," Sams said. "Dane (Fagerburg) worked a 1-2 count into a

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